

HILLSDALE DANCE ASSOCIATION

Participant Name _____

Participant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____ **2007-2008 DANCE TEAM COMMITMENT**

Dear Parents & Dancers:

Competitive athletic dance is a fast-growing sport requiring a commitment on the part of the dancers and their parents. Please review what is required to will help you make a decision whether or not this is an activity you feel you can do. Our season lasts from September through April, with a minimum of seven competitions and other performances. In the past, we have maintained a waiting list. Therefore, we ask if for any reason you cannot meet the practice, performance, and behavior/attitude requirements, please do not take the place away from another person who can. In addition, you must understand the commitment required of you and your daughter – getting on the team means the hard work has just BEGUN. We try to make the dance team as fun as possible, but keep in mind that it IS a competitive endeavor.

PRACTICES:

Practices will be held weekdays, in the afternoon or evening. Attendance will be taken at each practice. If a dancer cannot attend, it is her responsibility to notify the advisor.

PERFORMANCES/COMPETITIONS:

1. Dancers **MUST ATTEND** all performances, whether exhibition or competition. You must arrive for any performance **at the time determined by the coaches**. Dancers will be notified well in advance of all performances/competitions.
2. Transportation to and from all performances and practices is the responsibility of the parents and dancers.

4 practices missed	expulsion from the team
2 exhibitions missed	expulsion from the team
1 competition missed	expulsion from the team
2 lates (after 5 minutes)	constitutes one (1) missed practice

Excusable absences are: **your** illness, **your** religious holidays, and/or **your** religious education. No one will be excused from practices/performances/competitions in order to participate in another activity. In addition, if your child misses six practices due to illness, the advisors reserve the right to place her on alternate status. Please understand that this is a team effort; when one dancer is out, the rest of the team suffers. Therefore, attendance rules will be strictly enforced. A dancer may also be placed on alternate status if the advisors feel that she is not performing up to team standards. Placing any dancer on alternate status is at the sole discretion of the advisors, who reserve the right to make this decision as they deem necessary.

Parent meetings are held periodically at the discretion of the HDA staff to provide additional information if necessary.

NO DANCER WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE OR PERFORM WITHOUT AN UPDATED PHYSICAL FORM (WITHIN SIX MONTHS) DUE TO INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS. PHYSICAL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR PHYSICIAN AND RETURNED BY THE FIRST PRACTICE DATE IN THE FALL. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

BEHAVIOR:

Proper behavior, in addition to cooperation with the team and staff, are expected at **ALL TIMES**.

Your signatures above indicate agreement with the above rules and consent for the child to participate in dance team activities under these conditions.

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