

STARZ Contract

To be signed prior to accepting placement as a member of the

STARZ Dance Team at STEPS in Atwater, CA

*Monthly STARZ Program Tuition is \$70 due by the 6th of the Month. This includes **1 Ballet Class, 1 Technique class, 1 free choice class and 1 Team Class**. Members choosing to break their contract and remove themselves from team will be subject to regular school fee's to remain in said classes*

Weekly Team Rehearsal Begin immediately following placement.

Junior Team: Thursday 6:00-7:00pm, Teen Team: Monday 6:00pm-7:30pm

I understand that I am making a commitment to STEPS, my teammates, and all students at STEPS to be a positive role model. I will be present at **all** scheduled classes, rehearsals, **master classes**, performances, competitions, and **conventions** ready to represent STEPS to the best of my ability. This includes showing respect and appreciation for all dance authority at STEPS or any other dance studio. I understand that only a doctor excuse will forgive any absence from such commitments unless otherwise discussed with STEPS studio director.

Other excused absence include: Funeral, Wedding or religious ceremony, School programs required for credit or grade.

Unexcused absence include: Family Parties or vacation (not cleared 1 month in advance), Homework, any practice or meeting for other extra-curricular activities, at home punishment. Punctuality is just as important as attendance. Please be on time and prepared for class.

I understand that I am making a season commitment to my team for the Spring and Fall Season (Aug-June). Dancers are expected to keep track of their own rehearsal schedules and weekly classes.

I understand that STARZ team takes priority over all other Extra-curricular activities. This includes School Clubs, 4H and any optional (Not for Grade) school activities. I understand that while we understand that academics are important, missing team activities due to poor time management or homework is not excused. If a dancer chooses to be absent they may be removed from competition pieces for a portion or all of the routine.

I understand that STARZ are expected to participate in required weekly technique classes and choreography classes for the full season.

I understand that I must be dressed in my team uniform during class and while representing STEPS as a team member. Current season uniform is required, however, previous season uniform may be worn for classes.

I understand that should I be removed from a routine or remove myself from routines there is a \$200 "Drop Out" charge. This fee shall be applied to choreographers and facility to re-block routines for remaining members and/or a possible rise in competition or event fee's for other dancers.

I understand that as a member of the STARZ dance team I am eligible to compete but STEPS is not obligated to register me as a competitor if my teacher or studio director feels I may not be ready. I understand that even if I am not asked to perform or compete, I will learn all routines, attend events and be ready to perform.

I understand that as a STARZ team member I will not partake in any outside dance instruction or activities without consent from the director.

I understand that I am expected to support my team members during performances. I am also expected to stay with my team during ceremonies or events honoring my team.

I understand that during such events my picture or video may be taken. I give my consent to use such images at the discretion of my studio director.

I understand that if at any time during the year I may be removed from the team due to excessive absences or bad studio/performance etiquette, this includes behavior from my parent and guardians as well. I understand that studio etiquette is extended to online activity, including all social media accounts. STEPS will remove any student partaking in online bullying or defamation of character.

I understand that when placed on a STARZ team, I represent STEPS as a role model for all students. Therefore, social media activity will be a consideration for team placement. Any student involved in online bullying, or who represents themselves in a negative manner will be subject to disciplinary actions and possible removal from STARZ team. Studio director will review complaints and questionable behavior. Studio director will consider all factors in such instance and make any final decisions. We ask parents to please monitor social media accounts. [REDACTED]

I understand that I am not to discuss choreography or competition routines outside the dance studio. This includes posting routine or practices on social media. [REDACTED]

I understand that all competition or event balance must be paid **2 (two) months prior** to first event date. An invoice will be provided for all expected costs. I agree to this payment schedule. I also acknowledge that all competitive fees, costume payments and choreography fees are non-refundable. [REDACTED]

I understand that costumes must be **paid in full 5-6 weeks before** delivery deadline (Uniform is not considered a costume) . Each routine will have a separate costume for competition. **A Late fee will be applied if deadline is not met.** All fee costume fees are non-refundable. Please Note. Team Dancers may also have the opportunity to travel to locations overnight or even throughout the weekend. Please be aware of any extra expenses that may incur. [REDACTED]

Fundraisers are held all year long. All STARZ are expected to participate and are encouraged to host a fundraiser.

At a minimum each group/team competes at 4 competition (Nov-June) Team will have a minimum of 3 group numbers in each age division/level. Students who are removed from routines due to non payment are also responsible for any fee's associated with re-blocking and choreography changes due to absence.

*****All STARZ are required to attend rehearsals and learn with their team whether or not STEPS chooses to perform their routine at any event. *****

I have provided my email address and or phone number to STEPS and acknowledge that all communications will be sent via Remind Application, Facebook Messenger, and Email communication through Akada online system. Please do not have your student contact a choreographer, staff member or coach directly before or after class time. Choreographers and STEPS Administration will communicate with parents and account holders regarding all team and class information. Images and "fun" postings can be shared on STEPS social media and "tag" staff members if desired.

I understand that business hours end at 9pm Monday-Friday. Communications after these hours will be responded to the following day after 9am or as soon as possible. Other than emergency situations, or events, no communications will be responded to on Sunday. [REDACTED]

Being part of a dance company is a privilege and comes with responsibility. Personal accountability is essential for a successful season, and commitment to other team members is a vital component of success. When a member is not present it negatively impacts the entire team and staff. Please do not consider the STARZ team if missing a BBQ, Birthday party or you expect unmanageable scheduling conflicts with another activity to be an issue for you.

Both dancer and parent/guardian have read and understand all that is expected as a member of the STARZ Team. We understand that these policies are created to provide the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experiences for everyone. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in removal from the STARZ team.

Please initial and sign where indicated.

Signed (student) _____ Date _____

Signed (Parent/Guardian) _____

Parent/Guardian (Please Print) _____