

GROOVZ COMPETITION INFO 2024 - READ BELOW FOR ASSESMENT DATES

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

COMPETITION AGE/LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Dancers Age 7+ (or by approval) are allowed to compete.

Levels 4 & 5 Classes and Levels 2+ Tap Classes will automatically be considered "competitive classes".

*If your dancer/family DOES NOT want to commit to the guidelines below, they may OPT OUT of competitions, but still participate in the classes and do local performances. If there are not enough dancers in the class who want to compete, that class will be automatically opted-out and parents will be notified. NOTE: Tap classes who attend competition and Level 4/5 Classes DO NOT have to take an additional class as listed below in "ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS", but the extra Dancer Details and/or Acro-Flexibility Classes are HIGHLY encouraged as THIS is where much of the new technique for the season will be improved. These classes will be offered at a drop-in rate of \$10 /class for Level 4/5 dancers who can't commit to the extra class consistently each month.

Dancers enrolled in class Levels 1-3 (last season and/or this season) must register online for Competition Assessments

*Dancer Levels 1-3 (Age 7+ unless approved by Michelle) must attend one of our competition assessments scheduled on **9/6/23 from 4-6pm** or **9/10/23 from 6-8pm** after which they will be assigned to **Competition ORANGE** team (levels 1-2) or **Competition BLACK** team (levels 2-3). When registering for competition assessments online, your dancer can choose to be assessed for Jazz/Lyrical (on 9/10/23 from 6-8pm) or Hip Hop (on 9/6/23 from 4-6pm) or BOTH. If a dancer registers after the assessment dates above, and is interested in competing, we will assess them individually in whatever class they are enrolled in and place them accordingly after the first week of classes.

ADDITIONAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL 1-3 COMPETITIVE DANCERS:

*Competition Black/Orange Jazz/Lyr- must also take Dancer Details Class (Discounted \$20/month fee)

*Competition Black/Orange Hip Hop-must also take Dancer Details or Acro/Flex (Discounted \$20/month fee)

*Competition Black/Orange **must take at least one other recreational class** in addition to the core competition classes they are placed in. (See next line for more info).

NOTE: This additional recreational class is necessary in order to 1) get more experience so they can progress further as a competitive dancer and

2) take part in our Winter Show since competition dances will not likely be ready to perform by December. This class will be discounted to your as a 3rd or

4th class in addition to your competition class fee and your Dancer Details or Acro/Flexibility class fee. (EXAMPLE: Dancer is taking Comp Orange Hip

Hop, Acro/Flexibility (or Dancer Details), and they are choosing Hip Hop 3 as their extra required recreational class). If you follow the class fee schedule

for the studio, 3 classes per month is \$120. Since your second class chosen is Acro Flex or Dancer Details and is discounted to \$20 (normally would have

been and extra \$40 for the second class), we subtract \$20 from your total leaving you with a **monthly tuition bill of \$100/month**. (This is the MINIMUM

monthly tuition for a level 1-3 dancer who chooses to compete this season. Any additional recreational classes you add will be an additional class fee

of \$25 each.)

*There will be an additional practice for each competition class once per month on a Saturday or Sunday. This rehearsal schedule will be set by each instructor and will be disclosed after competition assessments and placements occur. Each of these rehearsals will be \$5 per family paid directly to the instructor.

Weekly Class Attendance: (Comp Classes)

*no more than one absence per month in the core competition class (Unless its an absence due to illness communicated by a parent (not the dancer).

*full attendance the 3 classes before each competition date

*must be focused and non-disruptive in classes or instructor will let parent know that dancer may not be ready for competition this season and may be removed from class if necessary.

*must commit to minimal practice-time at home outside of studio each week (practice videos will be provided)

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS:

* Each Competition Class your dancer is enrolled in will have at least one routine and a max of two routines that will have an entry fee of \$45-\$65 per group routine depending on the competition.

*Each Comp routine will incur a costume fee of \$70. The details/plan for each comp class will be sorted out and communicated as we get classes under way and closer to competition dates, but to be safe, you should plan on expenses for 2 routines for each competition class they are registered for just in case.

*Once per month, there will be a mandatory Saturday or Sunday rehearsal scheduled with a charge of \$5 per dancer (Schedule will be handed out at the beginning of the season.

*All hotel/travel/food expenses for competitions are the responsibility of each individual family

FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES:

* ALL EXPENSES related to competition (Tuition for Comp Classes and additional required classes, Competition Entry Fees, Costumes, Travel Expense) can be fundraised for using our October Cowpie Bingo Event, our Feb/March Cowpie Bingo Event, and any other fundraisers parents want to organize throughout the season.

SCHEDULED COMPETITIONS for 2024: ALL DANCERS WHO CHOOSE TO COMPETE MUST COMMIT TO ALL COMPETITONS LISTED BELOW FOR THEIR LEVELS (PARTICIPATION IN THE CONVENTION CLASS PORTION OF THE GREAT FALLS COMPETITION IS OPTIONAL.

24seven Competition and Convention (Optional for Solos/Duos/Trios Only) NO GROUPS	Billings, MT	Jan 26-28
Solo Fee: \$195; Duo/Trio Fee: \$95/dancer; Convention Fee/Dancer: \$295 (Convention Required if attending this competition)		
GROOVE Competition (Level 4/5 Classes Only & Optional for Solos/Duos/Trios)	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Feb 23-25, 2024
Group Fee/Routine: \$64; Solo Fee: \$155; Duo/Trio Fee: \$83/dancer (FREE Optional Masterclass offered for all dancers)		
Sheer Elite International Competition and Convention (ALL 4/5 Class Levels & Competition Orange & Black Classes)	Great Falls, MT	March 8-10, 2024
Group Fee/Routine: \$58; Solo: \$125; Duo: \$150; Trio: \$180; Convention Fee/Dancer: \$75 (age 4-8) \$110 (age 9+)		
Team Dance Competition (ALL LEVELS)	Bozeman, MT	April 19-20
Group Fee/Routine: \$45; Solo Fee: \$95; Duo Fee: \$55/dancer; Trio Fee: \$40/dancer		

SOLOS/DUOS/TRIO GUIDELINES:

*All dancers interested in competing this season with a solo/duo/trio MUST take it upon themselves to contact the desired choreographer to see if they have availability in their schedule. These extra routines are available on a first come/first served basis and at the discretion of each instructor.

CHOREOGRAPHER/REHEARSAL FEES for solos/duos/trios are completely separate from and in addition to any other fees listed above and vary based on the instructor. Fees include choreography and 6-8 one-hour rehearsals in total and must be paid directly to the instructor before the first schedule lesson. Any time requested after that will be charged at a rate of \$20/hour.

**Fees for CheraLynn, McKenna & Michelle: Solo- \$250; Duo/Trio: \$150/Dancer

**Fees for Reyna, Violet: Solo-\$175; Duo/Trio: \$100/Dancer

****WE WILL NOT BE ALLOWING SELF-CHOREOGRAPHED SOLOS THIS SEASON FOR ANY DANCER THAT IS NOT ALREADY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR AT THE STUDIO. WE DO NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE WAY TO MONITOR THESE SOLOS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE COMPETITION-READY AND WE ONLY HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SPACE IN OUR SOLO SHOWCASE. THE NUMBER OF SOLOS/DUOS/TRIOS WE HAVE BEEN ALLOWING HAS BEEN GROWING EACH YEAR AND STARTING THIS SEASON WE NEED TO SET LIMITATIONS ON HOW MANY IN EACH LEVEL WE WILL ALLOW TO BE ENTERED FOR OUR STUDIO.**