

### **Sample Contract for Company Dancers**

- I. Bella Company members and their parents are held to the highest regard at Bella Via and must adhere to the policies laid out in the Student/Parent Handbook. Lack of respect for faculty, peers, facility, and these policies may result in the removal of any dancer from the team.
- II. Dancers in the Bella Company agree to compete exclusively with Bella Via Dance Studio, LLC.
- III. Bella Company members may participate in other extra curricular activities, as long as they do not interfere with class times, rehearsals, or competitions.
- IV. The Artistic Director must approve any dance, gymnastics, or physical training done outside of the Bella Via Company curriculum.
- V. Students in the Bella Company must participate in all required technique classes (at least 7hrs. per week). Beyond this, students and parents must be prepared for extra weekend rehearsals, and 3-4 weekends of competition in a given season. (Competitions and the dates they are held vary from year to year.)
- VI. Dancers are not allowed to miss more than 10% of each required technique class throughout the season.
- VII. Company dancers are required to attend, march, and perform in Mequon's Fun Before the 4<sup>th</sup> parade/festivities (the only required performance outside of competition).
- VIII. Dancer participation and attendance is required at every Competition... no exceptions.
- IX. Dancers must be prepared for a National Competition next summer (date and time TBD)
- X. Dancers are required to be present in the audience when their fellow teammates are competing onstage. As a team we support each other no matter what.
- XI. Should injury occur preventing a dancer from participating at a competition and resulting in a dance needing to be reworked, the newly reworked dance will be set and the choreography locked in. Any performance fees the studio has paid on behalf of the dancer will still need to be collected and is the responsibility of the family.
- XII. The faculty/choreographers decide who will perform in each style of dance.
- XIII. Rehearsals for group dances are scheduled and determined by the choreographer and faculty. Company members are required to be at every rehearsal for their dance... no exceptions. This is only fair to the choreographer and their fellow teammates.
- XIV. Dancers must attend ALL technique classes and final rehearsals the week prior to a competition. Failure to attend may result in the dancer being removed from the dance for the following competition. They may permanently lose their place in the dance if choreography needs to be reset and reworked.
- XV. Parents agree to, and must trust, in the faculty's years of education and experience in choreographic choices, roles delegated to each dancer, and

level placement. Failure to comply with this may not only be damaging to the dancer's participation, but the success of the team.

XVI. Company members are offered a special capped rate of 5hrs./week for unlimited hours of technical training in sectioned classes.

XVII. Large Group rehearsals outside of class will be charged a rate of \$5/hour.

XIII. Small Group rehearsals outside of class will be charged a rate of \$10/hour.

XIV. Dancers may request a solo, duet, or trio and will be allowed to do so at the discretion of the faculty and Artistic Director.

XV. Solos are \$260 for 4hrs. of rehearsal with the choreographer. (due at the time of the first rehearsal)

XVI. Duets are \$320 for 4hrs. of rehearsal split between the 2 participants. (due at the time of the first rehearsal)

XVII. Trios are \$480 for 5hrs. of rehearsal split between the 3 participants. (due at the time of the first rehearsal)

XVIII. Families are responsible for all competition entrance fees, along with food, travel and, lodging for each competition.

XIX. The Bella Company is an elite competition team who sets the example for every other family at Bella Via. Gossip, lewd comments, negativity, and inflated egos will not be tolerated by the faculty and staff from either the dancers or the parents of the Bella Company. Failure to adhere to this code of conduct, either by students or parents, may result in the removal of any dancer from the team.

***By signing this contract, I agree to the terms and conditions outlined above in order for my daughter to participate and continue to train with the Bella Company. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above mentioned policies could result in the direct removal of my daughter from the Bella Company without a monetary refund.***

***Parent/Guardian Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***(please print name clearly)*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***By signing this, I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, understand the terms, conditions and policies outlined above. I am aware that my behavior in class and at competitions is a direct reflection on Bella Via, and promise to respect the rules of the studio and its faculty.***

***Student Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_