

VANCIL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, INC.

Team Elite

This additional performance team will consist of members chosen from the current competition team who are eligible, based on below requirements, for extra routines to be performed at competition (solos, duets, trios, sm grps).

Members are chosen by an AUDITION ONLY process. Auditions will be performed for Competition Team Director & assistant. This is a strict audition process and dancers must be willing to make the commitment, not only to audition, but to be completely dedicated for the entire dance season.

ALL DANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW MUST BE MET OR STUDENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE TEAM.

About the Team:

- (1) 30-minute practice session per week
- Rehearsal for Elite is outside of regular lessons at additional monthly charge
- Dancer is responsible for extra rehearsal fees, outside of weekly class time. Group practice rate per hour \$5.00 per student.
- Dancer is responsible for all additional costumes and competition fees
- Dancers are encouraged to fundraise to cover these costs. All fundraising events must be organized by team parents, but must be approved through the studio.
- Anyone that is a member of a high school pom squad competing under IHSA is not allowed to participate due to competition event conflicts.
- Dancer must be on Production and Competition Teams

About the Audition Process:

- Each dance requirement below (in terms of Ability) must be executed cleanly and correctly with few errors
- Perform a 1 min 30 sec piece of choreography (1st 30 seconds choreographed by student, 1 min to be choreographed by director)
- Short interview

Dance & behavior Requirements:

1. **TECHNIQUE**

- a. **Flexibility**
- b. Posture
- c. Turnout
- d. Lines (arms, legs)
- e. Feet

2. **STAGE PRESENCE**

- a. Confidence
- b. Energy
- c. Focus

3. **PERFORMANCE CAPABILITY**

- a. Facials
- b. Expression
- c. Attitude
- d. Ability to connect with other dancers during performance

4. **EFFORT**

- a. Practices outside of studio & comes prepared for new choreography
- b. **ATTENDANCE:** May not exceed 4 absences. This is a combined total of 30 minute weekly sessions AND competition weekend rehearsals in the spring. **Regular attendance**

in troupe level classes is also a requirement. The same attendance policy is now in place for all competitive team dancers in their troupe level classes. If you exceed, you are no longer eligible to continue on competitive teams.

c. Full out rehearsals

d. ATTITUDE

- i. Respectful of Instructor, Assistants, AND other team members
- ii. **SUPPORTIVE TEAM MEMBER**
- iii. Ability to take constructive criticism in a positive way
- iv. There is a zero-tolerance policy in regard to bullying. Belittling and bullying other team members will result in IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION from the team.
- v. Inappropriate language and/or photos on social media will NOT be tolerated.

5. CHOREOGRAPHY

- a. Memorization
- b. Timing
- c. Grace/flow

6. ABILITY

- a. Full right leg split
- b. Extended leg hold and battement
- c. Clean double AND triple turns
 - i. Pirouette
 - ii. Pique
- d. Correct execution of standard turns
 - i. Chaines
 - ii. Pique
 - iii. Arabesque
 - iv. Attitude
 - v. Coupe
 - vi. Leg hold turn
- e. Leaps (must be fully extended)
 - i. Grande jete
 - ii. Saute de chat
 - iii. Calypso
 - iv. Straddle
 - v. Back attitude
- f. Jumps
 - i. Sissone
 - ii. C-pop
 - iii. Sauté de bas

Note, if students do not go through this audition process and meet ALL requirements, they will not be invited to be a member of Team Elite and thus will NOT be eligible to perform extra routines at competition.

*A limited number of solos will be available. All solos must take private lessons (at dancer's cost) to learn choreography.

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- ✓ I understand that being a part of this team is a privilege and an opportunity and will treat it as such. I will act as a good role model for other students and not use my opportunity to make other students feel like any less of a dancer.

Student signature

Parent signature

- ✓ I understand that if all attendance requirements are not met, I will be disqualified from the team.

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- ✓ I understand that if I cannot abide by all behavior requirements, I will be immediately disqualified from the Team.

Student signature

Parent signature