

Dance Fusion Studios

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YOUTH PROGRAMME HANDBOOK - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

FEES:

The **2016/17 Youth Programme** runs from September 6th to June 10th, and students are expected to commit to the full year. The fees for each class will vary depending on the level, length of class, and number of classes. We offer discounts to students taking multiple classes and a family discount for siblings. The total fees are split into four payments. The first is due at registration, along with a \$30 registration fee. The next three payments are due November 1st, February 1st, and April 1st. Payment can also be made for the whole year at time of registration. All prices include HST. We accept cash, cheques (made out to "Dance Fusion Studios"), or e-transfers (sent to info.dancefusionstudios@gmail.com). No refunds will be given on fees paid but post-dated cheques can be returned.

DRESS CODE:

We have a dress code for our youth classes for several reasons: it allows teachers to see the dancer's body (it's hard to tell if a dancer is going to hurt their knees if we can't see their legs), it's necessary for dance exams, and it gives the dancers a sense of professionalism and team spirit. Students must be in their dance uniform in order to participate in class. Please keep your dancer's hair out of their face. Hair doesn't have to be in a bun, but it should be pulled back – it's far more comfortable, and a lot easier to dance in. **Upon registration, students will receive one bodysuit and one pair of tights!** (colour according to dress code below) Costs for dance shoes, extra bodysuits/tights if required, and any optional dancewear are supplemental.

Infant Ballet: pink tights & pink bodysuit, pink ballet slippers (OPTIONAL: pink ballet skirt or pink tutu dress)

Pre-Primary & Primary Ballet: pink tights & pink bodysuit, pink ballet skirt, pink leather ballet shoes

Grade 1 to 4 Ballet: pink tights & peacock blue bodysuit, pink leather ballet shoes (OPTIONAL: pink or black ballet skirt)

Highland: beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black highland ghillies - Primary Highland may wear black ballet shoes instead (OPTIONAL: black dance shorts)

Jazz: beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black jazz shoes - Primary Jazz may wear black ballet shoes instead (OPTIONAL: black dance shorts)

Modern: footless beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit (OPTIONAL: beige sole shields or half soled shoes, black dance shorts)

Tap: beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black tap shoes

Boys: white t-shirt & black shorts, pants, leggings or dance tights, shoes as above

At the teachers' discretion, appropriate warm-up wear can be worn for the beginning of class when it is needed.

DANCEWEAR:

We are proud retailers of Revolution Dancewear. We can order anything in their dancewear catalogue for lower than retail prices! Payment for dance wear must be made when placing the order. Orders will be placed at the start of every session and at other times only if there is enough demand. We also have a small selection of used dance shoes for sale. Please speak to someone in the office for more information.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- The dress code is to be followed for all classes.
- Chewing gum is not permitted in class.
- No food or drink in the studios except water bottles.
- Any items left in the studios will be placed in the Lost & Found in the changing area. Unclaimed items in the Lost & Found will periodically be donated.
- No outdoor shoes are permitted in the studios or changing area.
- Students should be on time for class so that they are properly warmed up. If you are late, please enter quietly. If you know that you will be absent, please let your teacher know or call the office.
- Studio doors will be kept closed during classes to reduce noise and allow students to concentrate on the lesson. Parents are invited to watch class the last week in December at Open House.
- Students may post videos or photographs of themselves on the internet but not without the approval of other students in the videos or photographs.
- The studio will not reimburse for classes missed or for cancellations due to inclement weather or other reasons beyond their control.

STUDIO CLOSURES:

- Thanksgiving - Friday, October 7th to Monday, October 10th
- Holiday Season - Monday, December 19th to Sunday, January 1st
- Family Day - Monday, February 20th
- March Break - Monday, March 13th to Saturday, March 18th
- Easter - Friday, April 14th to Monday, April 17th
- Victoria Day - Friday, May 19th to Monday, May 22nd

RECITAL:

Our end-of-year recital is usually held on the second weekend of June. We rent a local theatre for the event and each class performs a choreography on stage. Costumes are ordered through Revolution Dancewear or made by a local seamstress. We use part of the class fees to cover some of the costume costs (no refunds will be provided if your child is unable to participate in the recital or if their class does not order a costume). This keeps the additional expense to approximately \$25-\$50 per costume, due at the end of February. Recital tickets cost generally cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for children/students/seniors, and \$10 for DFS dancers, and go on sale in mid-May.

EXAMS:

Dance examinations are held in the spring through the British Association of Teachers of Dancing for students that have attained the proper level. Students are not required to take exams but it is a good way to track progress and working on the syllabus helps provide a clear goal for the class. For the most part, we do not charge extra for exams, however highland students that wish to take multiple exams may need to cover the cost.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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