

NW Dance and Acro Competition Team
Addendum B
Parent Code of Conduct
August 1, 2022 – June 30th, 2023

Parents: “We’re in this together!”

We believe that children's success depends on the support of their parents or guardians. Because your commitment to the process makes an enormous difference, we encourage you to be a part of your child's dance education.

Our program relies on a positive atmosphere for our faculty, team members, and their parents; it promotes a positive learning experience for all involved. Cooperation between all parents is expected. Showing respect for the other parents and the students (including dancers and parents from other studios) and faculty makes an important impression on the children. You are a role model for your child in how to interact with others in a professional setting.

Because I am a role model for my child and the other dancers, my personal conduct at the studio, performances, competitions, and other studio events must be above reproach and represent the highest morality, teamwork, and sportsmanship standards. Therefore, I pledge that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all dancers, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition, convention, recital and other dance or studio-related event, as well as in the general public.
2. I will encourage my child to dance in a safe and healthy environment that is free from drugs and alcohol. I will not use or abuse them in the presence of dancers or at any events attended by the studio. I will not provide alcohol or drugs to, or condone the use of alcohol or drugs by minors.
3. I will inform my child’s coach of any injuries that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others
4. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.

5. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake, or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
7. I will do my best to make dancing fun and will remember that my child participates in dance for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction—not mine.
8. I will ask my child to treat other dancers, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
9. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat.
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and other dancers.
12. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other dancers during competitions and practices, because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
13. I will not solicit the professional services of another coach, without first conferring with my child's existing coach.
14. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and teach my child to do likewise.
15. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and office staff.
16. I will study the rules of competitive dance and teach my child accordingly, so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of competition.
17. I will support all the opponents in my child's competition and respect the rights of all dancers to participate.
18. I will at all times control my emotions and will be considerate of all dancers' and parents' collective emotions.
19. I will make an appointment to speak directly with my child's teachers should a question arise about my child's dance education. I recognize that discussion of my child's dance education with other parents will not accurately reflect his/her course or progress. Such insight can only be gained through my child's teacher. I will

conduct all such communication through a mutually agreed upon time with the teacher, rather than approaching my child's teacher between or during classes/rehearsals, or calling them at home.

20. I will be a non-gossip parent; spreading gossip or rumors creates a negative atmosphere and negatively impacts productivity, both in and out of the classroom.
21. I will conduct appropriate quiet conversations in the hallways so as to not disrupt classes in session.
22. I will not speak negatively about my child's teachers, fellow dancers, or other parents in front of my child or other students. This could result in problems far beyond my original concerns. My child may react in a way that imitates my behavior with other adults or authority figures. Children learn important lessons from their teachers and parents, acquiring important behavior patterns through their example. NWDA faculty takes that responsibility seriously, and as an NWDA parent, I will as well. I agree with a philosophy that encourages students to feel, think, and act respectfully to their peers, the adults in their lives, and themselves.

Violation Procedure:

Step One: At the first violation of the Parent Code of Conduct, the parent will receive verbal counseling followed by written notification of the offense.

Step Two: At the second violation of the Parent Code of Conduct, the parent will be required to have a meeting with the director and a member of the staff.

Step Three: A third violation from the parent will result in the dancer being removed from the team and the \$600 drop fee will be charged to the card on file.

Printed Name of Parent

Parent Signature

Date