

# MHDC Team Information Packet 2024-2025

Thank you for your interest in joining Mile High Dance Center's teams! Mile High Dance Center is unique in that we are dedicated to ensuring a healthy, happy environment for our dancers. Although we strive to be the best we can be, we also find that it is even more important to respect one another and allow each other to grow. We expect this from not only our dancers but also from the parents, family and friends of those involved in our program. Each dancer is important and it is our mission to make each of them feel that way – loved and supported by their teammates and teachers. Thank you in your ongoing effort to help us promote this philosophy to our kids.

Our staff at Mile High Dance Center has grown to include some amazing, experienced and talented staff, teachers and choreographers. All of us at Mile High Dance Center have a simple mission – to encourage growth and passion for dance in a safe, fun environment. Our company teams are a great way for your dancer to make new friends who also share in their love of dance and to express themselves on stage in a supportive environment. Our “Teams” at Mile High Dance Center are outlined below:

## Mini Team:

Mini Team is the youngest team within our company and is recommended for dancers ages 6 and under. It is the perfect way to start as a team member with Mile High Dance Center! Mini Team will practice for 1 hour per week and will work on 2 dance routines in two different styles of dance. In addition to their one hour per week team requirement, they are also required to take 1 additional dance class (2 total hours per week). (Page 2)

## Petite Team:

Petite Team is one step up from our mini program and recommended for dancers ages 7-8. Petite Team will practice for 1 hour per week and will work on 2 dance routines in two different styles of dance. In addition to their one hour per week team requirement, they are also required to take 2 additional dance class (3 total hours per week). (Page 3)

## Company:

Company teams are for dancers who are interested in taking their dance training to the next level! Each competition team will perform their dance routine at 3-4 local dance competitions and will be required to attend 1 dance convention (a weekend of classes and training). Each team will be made up of students who best fit the technique and style of that particular routine. Routines will vary in style and choices will include: hip hop, jazz, pom, musical theater, acrobatics, tap, lyrical, contemporary and/or ballet. Each team routine will have either a 30 minute or hour per week practice requirement. In addition, each member will have required classes each week. Please review the breakdown by age below. Company members are invited to apply for a solo, duet or trio in addition to their team routines. (Page 4-5)

**Parent Information Meeting: Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm – 7:30pm**

If meeting in person – please meet in Studio C (back classroom)

If wanting to join us on zoom, please contact the studio for the meeting code!

# MINI TEAM BREAKDOWN:

## Required Classes for Mini Team Members by Age (Age as of January 1, 2025)

1 hr. Combination Class OR your choice of 1 hr. of Ballet, Jazz/Pom or Turns & Jumps Class

**Mini Team Members are NOT required to audition. However, if you are in town, it is a great way for your dancer to begin the try-out process and grow in confidence!**

## **Audition Dates (\$20 Cash per Student):**

All Participants Must Pre-Register for Company Auditions. *All pre-registered participants will receive more information through email once registered!* Please pre-register here: <https://forms.gle/WipEHW7JbxCZy6TBA>

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 11:30am

## What to Wear to Auditions

- All black clothing
- Dance/yoga pants, leggings or shorts & a fitted t-shirt or tank top (MHDC tanks are o.k.)
- Bare feet are preferred, but feel free to bring jazz or ballet shoes if your dancer has them
- Hair style of your choice!

## Tuition & Team Fees

**Your monthly fees are made up of two charges: Tuition (based on total # of hours) & Team Fees. You have an 8 month team requirement and no refunds will be issued.**

**Tuition:** Your tuition is based off of the total number of hours you take of dance per week. If you choose to do 1 combination class plus your one hour of mini team rehearsal, your total number of hours per week would be 2. The price for 2 hours per week will be \$145 per month. [Click here](#) to view the breakdown if you choose to do more than two hours per week.

**Team Fees:** Mini Team is required to do TWO routines. **The price for 2 routines is \$95/month**

## Performance Requirements

- Mini Team will perform both of their competition routines at 3-4 local dance competitions
- Mini Team will perform both of their competition routines in the summer dance recital (June 2025)

## Other Fees

In addition to your tuition and team fees, there are a few other fees your dancer will have outlined below:

**Choreography:** There is a \$25 choreography fee per dance routine. This covers the instructor's time outside of the classroom to choose music, edit music, create the dance routine and choose and order a costume. These fees are split between two months and **\$25 will be due on August 1<sup>st</sup> and the remaining \$25 will be due on September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Costume:** You will be required to pay for a costume for EACH of your two dance routines. The price per costume will be around \$150 (see costume details on page 5). Dance shoes will also be required for purchase. **There is a non-refundable costume deposit of \$125 per routine (so \$250 total) due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The remaining costume balance will be due on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.**

# PETITE TEAM BREAKDOWN:

## Required Classes for Petite Team Members by Age (Age as of January 1, 2025)

1 Ballet Class + 1 Other Technique Class of Choice (Turns and Jumps, Jazz, Pom or Strength and Flex)

## **Audition Dates (\$20 Cash per Student):**

All Participants Must Pre-Register for Company Auditions. *All pre-registered participants will receive more information through email once registered!* Please pre-register here: <https://forms.gle/WipEHW7JbxCZy6TBA>

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 11:30am

## What to Wear to Auditions

- All black clothing
- Dance/yoga pants, leggings or shorts & a fitted t-shirt or tank top (MHDC tanks are o.k.)
- Bare feet are preferred, but feel free to bring jazz or ballet shoes if your dancer has them
- Hair style of your choice!

## Tuition & Team Fees

**Your monthly fees are made up of two charges: Tuition (based on total # of hours) & Team Fees. You have an 8 month team requirement and no refunds will be issued.**

**Tuition:** Your tuition is based off of the total number of hours you take of dance per week. If you choose to do the required 2 hours of dance classes per week plus your one hour of petite team rehearsal, your total number of hours per week would be 3. The price for 3 hours per week will be \$195 per month. [Click here](#) to view the breakdown if you choose to do more than two hours per week.

**Team Fees:** Petite Team is required to do TWO routines. **The price for 2 routines is \$95/month**

## Performance Requirements

- Petite Team will perform both of their competition routines at 3-4 local dance competitions
- Petite Team will perform both of their competition routines in the summer dance recital (June 2025)

## Other Fees

In addition to your tuition and team fees, there are a few other fees your dancer will have outlined below:

**Choreography:** There is a \$25 choreography fee per dance routine. This covers the instructor's time outside of the classroom to choose music, edit music, create the dance routine and choose and order a costume. These fees are split between two months and **\$25 will be due on August 1<sup>st</sup> and the remaining \$25 will be due on September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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# COMPANY BREAKDOWN:

## Class/Hour Requirements:

### **Required Technique Classes for Company Members by Age** (Age as of January 1, 2025)

- Ages 6 and under – 1 Combination Class OR 1 Ballet, Jazz/Pom or Turns & Jumps Class
- Ages 7 to 8 – 1 Ballet Class + 1 Other Technique Class of Choice
- Ages 9 to 11 – 1 Ballet Class + 2 Other Technique Classes of Choice
- Ages 12 and up – 2 Ballet Classes + 2 Other Technique Classes of Choice
- High School Dancers – For any dancers who are currently on their high school dance teams, we will make special accommodations for all technique class requirements.

“Technique Class of Choice” can include: Turns & Jumps, Ballet, Jazz, Pom or Strength and Flex

## Auditions:

Dancers will be evaluated in groups based off their age. Age is determined by the dancer’s age as of January 1, 2025. There is a small fee in order to audition for Mile High Dance Center’s team programs. This fee helps make sure that we have enough staffing at each audition to best place your child. Auditions will cost \$20 per dancer and must be paid the day of the audition using cash only.

### **Audition Dates (\$20 Cash per Student):**

All Participants Must Pre-Register for Company Auditions. *All pre-registered participants will receive more information through email once registered!* Please pre-register here: <https://forms.gle/WipEHW7JbxCZy6TBA>

### **Saturday, May 4th**

**Ages 8-10: 9:00am - 10:30am**

**Mini Team & Petite Team Audition (roughly age 8 and under depending on invitations): 10:30-11:30am**

**Ages 11-12: 12:00pm – 1:30pm**

**Ages 13+: 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

## What to Wear to Auditions

- All black clothing
- Dance/yoga pants, leggings or shorts
- Fitted t-shirt or tank top (MHDC tanks are o.k.)
- Jazz shoes or Pirouettes are preferred (make sure to also bring tap shoes, hip hop/tennis shoes, and/or ballet shoes if you are interested in auditioning for other styles of dance)
- Hair needs to be slicked back into a low pony tail with center part ([click here for hair detail](#))

## Placement Process

During the audition, dancers will stretch, go across the floor doing specific technical skills and will be taught 1 or 2 short combinations that will be performed at the end of their session. Team Rosters will be posted to the “teams” section on our website no later than **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** and will remain posted for one week.

## Important Dates & Information

April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm – 8:00pm = Parent Information Meeting (Recommended)

May 4<sup>th</sup> = Team Auditions!!

Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> (or earlier) = Team Announcements Emailed to Registered Students

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> = Commitment Contract Due

July 1<sup>st</sup> = Costume Deposit Due (Non-Refundable), \$125 per routine

August 1<sup>st</sup> = First month of team fees due (Team Fees run from August 1<sup>st</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> – 8 month commitment) & First Half of Choreography

August 5<sup>th</sup> = Classes and Team Rehearsals Begin

September 1<sup>st</sup> = Second Half of Choreography Payment Due

November 1<sup>st</sup> = Merchandise Fees Due (tank top & team jacket required for new members)

December 1<sup>st</sup> = Convention Fees Due

February 1<sup>st</sup> = Remaining Costume Balance Due

- Those selected for a team will need to complete and return the commitment contract no later than **June 17th**. The contract will be sent via email after auditions.
- Payments for the 2024-2025 season will begin July 1st, 2024 with your non-refundable costume deposit
- Team Fees begin on August 1st, 2024 and continue for 8 months until March 1st, 2025. Team Fees breakdown is below.
- Choreography sessions will be held the beginning of August. All classes will begin on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please arrange your schedules to be in town during this first week of rehearsals.
- Official team practices begin the first week of classes, which is Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Team members must be enrolled in their required classes (see top of page 3).

## Financial Responsibilities

At Mile High Dance Center, we have a Team Fee that covers the competition expenses that your dancer will incur throughout the year for teams. Team Fees cover local competitions and numerous other expenses such as music editing, routine props, choreographer and instructor background checks and more.

Team Fees will begin on August 1st, 2024 and continue through March 1, 2025. The monthly team fee for the 2024-2025 season is outlined below. Once selected for a team, each dancer is financially committing to the 8-month season. Team fees are non-refundable for any reason, and no other discounts or credits can be applied. Your monthly recurring fees will be made up of Tuition and Team Fees. Tuition is calculated by the total amount of hours your dancer is with us each week (including Team Practices and all classes). Please see our current [Tuition Rates form](#) on our website or ask the front desk.

## Team Fee Breakdown

### COMPANY TEAM FEES

Team Fees: Varies depending on number of routines (8 months starting August 1, 2023 through March 1, 2024)

- 1 routine = \$60/month
- 2 routines = \$95/month
- 3 routines - \$135/month
- 4 routines = \$180/month
- 5 routines = \$225/month
- 6 routines = \$270/month
- 7 routines = \$315/month

**Your dancer is only eligible for 7 Teams max!**

## *Fees by Category*

### **COSTUMES & MERCHANDISE:**

- Each dancer is required to purchase his or her own costumes. Any shoes and tights must be purchased separately. You will be given instructions on what type, brand and color to purchase.
- We will be charging all families a \$125 deposit per costume (due July 1<sup>st</sup>). Once the costume has been finalized, altered to fit your dancer, bedazzled and accessorized, then we will evaluate the final cost. Most costumes will come in right around \$125 but a class might receive a refund or need to spend a little bit additional. We will have the final totals to everyone by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- A costume deposit of \$125 per costume will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will serve as a non-refundable deposit for your dancer's routines.
- Team Make-Up is separate and you will be given a complete list of items to purchase and have inside of your make up bag.
- Every team member is required to purchase a team jacket (same as previous years and can be re-used), and a pair of matching team earrings (same as previous years and can be re-used).
- Costumes and all related accessories are non-refundable for any reason.
- Solo, duet and/or trio costumes will be ordered on an individual basis.

### **CHOREOGRAPHY:**

- In addition to your costumes and monthly team fees, you will be assessed a one-time fee to cover all of your choreography fees. This fee will be split into two even payments, due August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- The fees will range from \$100-\$200 per routine depending on the specific choreographer.
- If you are choosing to do a solo, duet or trio, the fees will range from \$250 - \$500 per dancer depending on the choreographer and style of dance.

## *Tuition*

Your "Tuition" is separate from your Team Fee and is based on how many hours per week your dancer is enrolled in classes and team practices. The tuition fee schedule can be found on our website (<http://www.milehighdancecenter.com/tuition-and-policies/>).

## *Commitment Agreement*

Following team announcements, dancers and parents will be required to sign the Mile High Dance Teams Commitment Agreement for the 2024-2025 season. By signing this agreement, dancers are accepting their position onto a dance team, and both the parents and dancers are committing to the expectations required of being on a Mile High Dance Center competitive dance team. The team commitment (regardless of which team you choose) runs from August 2024 through June 2025. Dancers who break this commitment are still required to complete the financial components through June of 2025.

## *Payments*

All team families are required to have a credit card on file for the upcoming team season. This credit card will be used for all payments including tuition, team fees, choreography and all costume fees. Each family has the opportunity to pay prior to all due dates with any other form of payment. For tuition and team fees, your card will be charged on the 1st of each month. All other payments will be processed on the due date specified on your monthly statement. Charges that are more than 30 days past due are subject to a \$30 late fee.

## Discounts

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th siblings enrolled in the program will each receive 10% off their monthly tuition. (The first sibling is considered the sibling with the highest monthly tuition fee and will not be eligible for the discount). Discounts are not applicable for “unlimited” students, even if they are siblings. Team Fees cannot be discounted for any reason.

## Travel Expenses & National Competitions

Our competition team travels for Nationals every other season. This season IS a travel year, meaning you will have the option to participate in a travel trip taking place in June of 2025. Once we make a decision on which Nationals event to attend, we will have a better idea of the exact dates and fee structure based on the number of students participating. I would temporarily block off June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> in your calendars if you are wanting to attend. Although we would like to encourage all team members to attend, it is not a requirement. Travel and Nationals fees would be approximately \$1200 - \$1800 per dancer.

**OFFICIAL PRACTICE BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024!**



## Mile High Dance Center Information for Competition Team 2024-2025 Registration Checklist

- ✓ Read Information Packet thoroughly!
- ✓ Pre-Register for Audition through the google form  
<https://forms.gle/WipEHW7JbxCZy6TBA>
- ✓ Team Registration Form (Page 8) – Don't forget to bring this with you to the audition
- ✓ Audition Fee – \$20 cash only during time of audition
- ✓ Pay Outstanding Balances – all accounts must be paid in full prior to auditioning in order to receive placement on a 2024-2025 team.
- ✓ Attend an Informational Meeting (highly recommended)

# Mile High Dance Teams

## 2024-2025 AUDITION APPLICATION



*\*Please make sure your dancer has a copy of this form for his or her audition. Don't forget to pay your audition fee of \$20 per dancer, this helps make sure we have enough staffing at each audition to best place your child. Cash only, please!*

DANCER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT(S) NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

DANCER BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ DANCER'S AGE AS OF JAN. 1, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

IN A FEW SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US WHY YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE A GREAT TEAM MEMBER.

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I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyrical/Contemporary                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pom     | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theater  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hip Hop | <input type="checkbox"/> Tap  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acro    | <input type="checkbox"/> Production – Please consider casting me for lead role! |

I WOULD PREFER FOR MY DANCER TO BE IN \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF TEAM DANCES THIS SEASON (check below).

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like my child to be considered for Mini Team or Petite Team (2 dances)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1-2 company dances would be great!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3-4 company dances would be great!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Whatever you think is best based off our style considerations. We are game for anything!
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would also like my child to be considered for a solo, duet or trio this season

I understand the commitment required for each team. I understand that I must sign a TEAM COMMITMENT CONTRACT once I have been selected for a team. I understand the time and financial obligations required as part of Mile High Dance Teams. I am prepared to be positive and accepting of my Team placement and I understand that any negativity regarding placements will result in my spot on any team being revoked. I understand that all communication should be in the form of writing and that I may request a private meeting to talk about my audition and results.

*As the legal parent or guardian, I release and hold harmless Mile High Dance Center, its owners and operators from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the participant while in or upon the premises or any premises under the control and supervision of MHDC, LLC, its owners and operators or in route to or from any of said premises.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_