

**Competition Commitment Handbook 2025/2026**

Broadway Dance Company Co. was created for the dancer who loves to dance and wants to grow technically in their art form. Our goal at BDC is to provide students, from beginners to advanced, with the classes they deserve and continue to stand as a leader in dance training in the Lake Orion area.

Broadway Dance Co. offers dancers a full schedule of weekly classes, guest choreographers, and auditioning opportunities. All of our offerings embrace ballet, the foundation of dance, and incorporate our Broadway Dance Co. commitment to excellence.

Our studio has a competition team that feels like family; friendly, college educated, professional instructors who will push a student to their potential and not give up on them and a community of parents who support their dancer in our nurturing and fun environment.

Thank you,

Michelle Larnard

Owner/Artistic Director

***Life Is Not a Dress Rehearsal, so pick the BEST studio for your dancer the first time…..Broadway Dance Co.!***

**Why be a part of BDC’s award winning Competition Team?**

On competition teams, dancers work on steps until mastered. This leads to a feeling of accomplishment and self-esteem. Also, attendance is more important and, at times, mandatory. Since everyone is present in class nearly every week, there is faster progress.

Most importantly, the opportunity to be challenged! There is a great feeling of accomplishment by doing quality work. Teamwork encourages strong social contacts/friendships, which can last a lifetime. And watching the routine unfold throughout the year is a fascinating process.

Things to consider:

**Time**

* Your studio time will be increased. There may be more classes per week than you are used to taking with recreational classes. Some teams require more than one practice a week; others require extra classes like leaps & turns, ballet, technique, or acro.
* You will be committed to 4 regional competitions, 1 in studio dance convention & 1 Ignite Convention
* Parents must attend periodic team meetings (i.e. make up, hair clinic). Team meetings also allow you to meet other parents, so you can get to know them
* Competition team members MUST (Junior Elite, Pre-Teen Elite, Teen & Senior) take classes during the summer.

**Cost**

* Consider the tuition for the number of hours that will be required. (See tuition section)
* Consider the cost of costumes, which can range from $125 to $250 each.
* Costumes must be of a higher quality because (1) they are judged for excellence and originality and (2) they will be worn many times throughout the season.
* Competition Fees are approximately $65-$160 per routine per competition. Fees are due 6 weeks before each competition.
There are extra studio fees: Prop/Transportation Fee
* Consider travel expenses, for example, gas to go to competitions, hotels.
* Make-Up (approx. $75): Everyone’s make-up must match.
Team Jackets, Back Packs, and leggings

**A. BDC Dress Code:**

Broadway Dance Co. believes that a student’s attire greatly determines the attitude she/he holds regarding work rehearsal and recital. Therefore, we require that the standard of appropriate neatness and class-designated dress be observed at all times. General guidelines are as follows:

* Students dancewear should fit properly, it should not be too revealing or have any inappropriate message on it.
* Student’s underwear should not be visible beneath his/her dance clothes. I.E. no bras showing, underwear, etc.
* Hair should be pulled away from the face; **mandatory bun/no bangs for all ballet classes.**
* Mandatory black leotard, pink tights and split sole ballet shoes (leather or canvas) for all ballet classes.
* Dance attire for all other classes should be leotard, tights, booty shorts, or dance top and pants.
* **No jewelry** may be worn in dance class, small stud earrings acceptable.
* Dance shoes should only be worn in dance class, they must be clean and debris free so as not to track dirt into the dance rooms.

**B. BDC Studio Rules and Policies:**

* Dancers will respect the studio by not eating in the dance rooms. Designated areas are made available.
* Dancers will arrive at **least 10 minutes early** to all classes and rehearsals, so they are prepared to start when class begins
* Dancers will not engage in any curse language or bring any inappropriate material to the studio. This includes images on their phone.
* Anyone caught drinking alcohol, vaping or using any illegal drugs will be removed from the premises and the team.
* Dancers are not permitted to leave the building and walk to local restaurants unless a signed permission slip has been turned into the front desk.
* **Dancers will submit a vacation notification form, 2 weeks prior to dancer missing a rehearsal due to a vacation.**
* Dancers understand that if he/she does not attend the last rehearsal before a competition they **will not** be able to perform at that competition. No refunds will be provided.
* Dancers will attend all dance classes at a convention and realize while in those classes, that he/she is expected to act respectfully because they represent Broadway Dance Co.
* Teachers have final judgments to remove a dance from competing if it is not technically ready.
* Dancers will wear team sweats at all competition/conventions/awards ceremony and other venues when representing BDC.
* Dancers will give all teachers respect during class, by not talking back, coming prepared, having hair secured away from my face and in the proper dance clothes.
* Dancers will respect their teammates by not talking and/or gossiping about each other. This will not be tolerated. We are a team.
* Social media posting without the consent of the person being recorded will not be tolerated. Dancer will not post anything on social media without the consent of the dancer being photographed or recorded.
* Dancers will not go into anyone’s locker except their own without permission. Lockers are personal property no one should be touching each other’s personal property.

**C. BDC Competition Team Descriptions and Dance Requirements:**

1. **BDC Senior & Senior Elite Competition Team ages 14 +**This is our team for the dancer that excels in all areas of dance, has solid turns, flexibility and can pick up choreography quickly. Solos are by invitation only. Graduating seniors ONLY may have one or two solos choreographed by either a guest choreographer or a BDC teacher. Senior Team will attend 1 in studio dance convention, 1 Ignite Convention & 4 regional competitions. This team may be considered for a guest choreographer.

To see a breakdown for the entire year, click [HERE](NEW%20Senior%20Team%20Dancer%20Budget%202025%20%281%29.docx)

**Weekly Required Fall Classes**

Ballet V 2 hours

Pointe II 1 hour

Acro 45 Minutes

Tap 45 minute

Leaps & Turns 1 hour

Stretch 1 Hour

Core, Stretch & Conditioning 1 hour

Total =3 Hours 30 Minutes+ $90 Ballet Program + $40 Pointe + $50 core +monthly Comp Fees

**2. BDC Teen & Teen Elite Competition Team (ages 11-14)**

This is our team for the dancer that excels in all areas of dance, has solid turns, flexibility and can pick up choreography quickly. Solos are by invitation only. Teen Solos will compete at the Intermediate level. Teen Elite will compete at the advance level. Teens & Teen Elite will attend 1 in studio dance convention, 1 Ignite Convention & 4 regional competitions. These teams may be considered for a guest choreographer.

To see a break down for the entire year, click on the team below

[Teen Elite](NEW%20PTE%20Team%20Dancer%20Budget%202025%20%281%29.docx)

[Teen](NEW%20Teen%20Team%20Dancer%20Budget%202025%20%281%29.docx)

**Weekly Required PTE/Teen Fall Classes**

Ballet IV/V 2 hours

Pointe I/II 1 hour

Acro 45 Minutes

Tap 45 Minutes

Leaps & Turns 1 Hour

Stretch 45 Minutes

Core, Stretch & Conditioning 1 Hour

Total = 3 Hours 15 minutes+ $90 Ballet Program + $40 Pointe + $50 Core & Tone +Monthly Comp Fees

1. **BDC Junior & Junior Elite Competition Team (ages 9-11)**

This is our team for dancers who excel in all areas of dance & have a strong technique. They will attend 4 regional competitions, 1 in studio convention & 1 Ignite Convention. These team may be considered for a guest choreographer

To see a breakdown for the entire year, click [HERE](NEW%20JE%20Team%20Dancer%20Budget%202025%20%281%29.docx)

**Required Junior Elite Fall Classes**

Ballet 2 Hour

 Acro 45 Minutes

 Leaps & Turns 1 Hour

Stretch 45 Minutes

 Hip Hop 45 Minutes

 Tap 45 Minutes

 Total 6 Hours + Monthly Comp Fees

**D. BDC Costumes and Props:**

Competition costumes will be no more than $250. I understand a $100 per competition costume deposit will be due August 1, 2025. The balance will be collected Oct. 1, 2025. Costumes will be catalog or custom made, and will be used at our 4 regional competitions, as well as our June 2026 recital.

Required recreational class costumes will be $95 (child) $105 (adult) each. I understand that a $95 or $105 per costume fee will be due November 1, 2025. Costumes will be used for our June recital 2026.

If a teacher uses a prop in their dance, the fees for building the prop, as well as the transportation of the prop, will be evenly split among the dancers in that dance. This is a fee in addition to the costume and monthly choreography fee. This fee will be billed to my May 2026 account.

**E. BDC Team Sweat, Back packs, Make up Kits, Jewelry:**

I have been made aware that I am responsible to purchase a BDC team sweat suit, team backpack and make up kit, which is made available through BDC.

 It is mandatory that my child’s name be printed on the front. My child’s name and studio logo will be printed on the backpack.

Team sweats will be used for many years. Team sweat payment of $240, is due in full July 1, 2025. Team backpack payment of $90 is due in full July 1, 2025.

Make up kits are $75. Payment is due in full By July 1, 2025. (Same kits from last year will be used, if you need a full replacement or replacement items those can be added for a fee).

**F. Payment Policies and Fees:**

I am aware that my competition payments are in addition to my monthly tuition fees. All of these payments are due in full by the 10th of the month. If my payments are late by 10 days, I will be charged a $20 late fee. If your credit card is declined, you will have 2 business days to rectify the situation. If the payment is not rectified your dancer WILL NOT be able to attend classes or rehearsal until you are paid in full.

There will be a $35 returned check fee.

If you choose to withdraw your dancer for any reason**, you WILL be subject to a re-choreography fee of $250** for extra rehearsals and re-costuming an additional dancer. When joining the team, you are committing to the full year, including recital.

There will be no refunds for missed classes or missed privates. You are responsible for the tuition regardless of absences.

I also realize I will pay an additional $5 per entry fee. This is an admin fee to cover the time to enter, change, email and coordinate all things associated with the competition. There will also be a $20 credit card processing fee per dancer for competition entries. This covers the credit card fees charged by the competitions to register.

Effective June 1, 2025, a 3% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

**Dance Class Tuition September 2025-May 2026 (9 months)**

**Hours per week Tuition Per month**

30 mins $60

45 Min $70

1 Hour $75

1.50 Hours $85

2 Hours $95

2.50 $105

3.00 $115

3.50 $125

4.00 $135

4.50 $145

5.00 $155

5.50 $165

6.00 $175

6.50 $185

7.00 $195

**Additonal Fees**

**Ballet Program**

**Ballet IV/V $90 Per Month**

**Pointe I/II $40 Per Month**

**Core, Strength, & Conditioning**

**Senior, PTE, Teen Teams Only $50 Per Month**

**Privates**

**30 Minutes: $40.00**

1 Family dancer will pay full tuition (recreational classes only)

1st sibling will receive 20% discount

2nd sibling will receive 30% discount

$35 Registration Fee non-refundable ($50 Family)

A 3 % surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions

**Competition Group Fees August 2025- May 2026 (10 months)**

**Additional Monthly Charges for Competition Team**

**GROUPS Fee Per Month**

**1 Group $160 $16.00**

**2 Groups $320 $32.00**

**3 Groups $480 $48.00**

**4 Groups $640 $64.00**

**5 Groups $800 $80.00**

**6 Groups $960 $96.00**

**7 Groups $1120 $112.00**

**SOLOS Choreography Fee Each 15 minute Private**

 **$250 $20**

**G. Solos**

\*NEW\*

BDC solos are by invitation only. When you receive your email stating your dancer has made one of our teams, there will also be a message if they received a solo or not. If they do receive a solo, you may accept or deny the invitation. If you accept you will also let us know if you would like your dancer to receive weekly or biweekly privates for their solo. Once you make your decision your dancer will be added to the schedule, and you cannot change. You will only pay for privates when your dancer attends their weekly or bimonthly rehearsal.

If you accept, your dancer will learn the choreography to their solo in August 2025. A $250 fee will be added to your July 2025 account to pay for the solo choreography.

Privates will begin in September and will be added to days your dancer is already at the studio.

Solo costumes can be bought on your own or through your choreographer. Please make sure you have your choreographer’s approval before purchasing a costume on your own.

**H. Leveled Acro**

We will be leveling our Acro classes for our competition teams’ Mini level and higher. Dancers will be tested this summer, June 26th. See Times [HERE](../BDC%20Acro%20Testing%202025%20Schedule.docx)

Acrobatics Arts is a structured Acro syllabus which prepares a dancer for advance Acro moves through strength, flexibility, and technique. A book with details on skills needed to be in each level will be at the front desk to view prior to the test dates. Students must obtain at least an 85% or higher to be placed into the tested level.

**I. Guest Choreographers**

BDC will hire several guest choreographers to work with our competition dancers. These choreographers will create group pieces. Solos are reserved ONLY for graduating seniors. The fees for the choreographers vary depending on their traveling fees and per dance/dancer fee.

You will be responsible to pay the fee up front, it is not part of your monthly group fees. Rehearsals for the group will take place weekly and there is no additional fee for their rehearsal.

If you have a guest choreographer for your solo, you will pay up front for your solo. You will need to either practice on your own or schedule a weekly private with a BDC teacher to run your solo.

**J. Nationals**

BDC competition team attends nationals every other year. We will NOT attend a national in the 2025/2026 season.

**K. In-Studio Dance Convention, Ignite, BDC Choreography Week**

BDC will host a 3 day, in-studio dance convention, for dancers on the Mini- Senior team. Times, cost, and class description of the in-studio convention will be released at our ZOOM parent meeting July 7th. It will include 3 days of classes with guest choreographers. More information about teachers will be released at the parent meeting.

The choreographers teaching our in-studio dance convention will also be choregraphing, small groups, solos, large groups, and super lines for our dancers. If your dancer is chosen to be in one, or several of the guest chorographer’s pieces, they must attend the rehearsals this week.

[Ignite Dance Convention](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignite-dance-intensive-is-a-one-day-unique-inspiring-dance-intensive-tickets-904799408387) is a 1-day convention. It allows are dancer to be taught by some great of Michigan choreographers. Laura Standlick, one of our BDC teachers, owns Ignite and we have been attending since the first year. All teams, Mini-Senior, will be required to attend Ignite Dance Convention at Eisenhower High School, Sunday, October 26th.

\*NEW\*

BDC will begin choreography for all groups in the month of September. Each Saturday of September we will schedule several groups to meet with their choreographer to work on the dances for the new season. In October those dances will be put into a weekly schedule meeting 15- 30 minutes.

**L. Teaching Assistant Program**

We will begin our teaching assistant program this summer. We will be selecting advanced dancers to assist in camps or clinics in the summer (2025) and into the full year (2025/2026). If your dancer is interested, please have them fill out the google doc. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9a323c39Z3K7faNCNMdx4h4K1ZtLp6H5JQ98fIYyESUXI1g/viewform>

**M. Private Dance Lessons**

Private dance instruction is available at BDC with BDC teachers weekly or bimonthly. To schedule a private please contact the instructor you want to schedule a private with. They will then coordinate times and days which work for both of you as well as available studio space. Fees for privates are $40 per ½ hour. Only able to schedule if your bill is not past due.

**N. Closing/Cancellations:**

BDC follows the Lake Orion school district holiday calendar. We do not always follow their school closings due to inclement weather. We alert our team member of studio closures through the Remind App. We will also send an email about our closure as well as post on social media, Facebook & Instagram. There are no makeup classes for studio closure due to inclement weather or holidays.

**O. BDC Training ONLY**

If you are a part of our 2025/2026 season you are required to only receive training at BDC. You may not be a part of another competitive team. You may be on a dance team or cheer team. BDC will need to be provided your teams schedule if there are too many dates which conflict with your training at BDC you may have to schedule privates or be dropped from competitive dances.

**P. Extra Competitions for Soloist**

Dancers who have a solo may compete their solo at additional competitions which do not conflict with BDC’s set competitive schedule. Requests to attend those competition should be submitted to Jennifer Adair no later than 45 days BEFORE the competition.

**Q. Sign Up Genius for Title or Extra Comps**

Before each competition Jennifer Adair will create a sign-up genius asking if your dancer would like to be added for Title. Title at a competition is a separate adjudication and results in being crowed a winner or runner up. Only dancers with a solo can run for Title.

**R. Fund Raising:**

BDC offers a Booster club for all families at BDC, called Broadway Dance Boosters (BDB). The goal is to raise money to support our dancers.

Participation is individually based and not mandatory. Board elections take place at the beginning of the season. This will be discussed at our new competition parent meeting via Zoom July 7th.

**S. Calendar of events:**

 I have been made aware of the calendar of events planned for the 2025/2026 year.

**Calendar of Dance Events:**

**June 2025**

26 Auditions/Acro Testing

28 All Placements Emailed

**JULY**

7 Zoom Parent Meeting

8 first day of summer classes

31 Last Day of Classes

**August**

ALL Solo Choreography

**September**

8-Fall Classes begin

20 Big/Little Match up

**October**

6 Big Little Exchange Begins

26 Ignite Dance Convention

31 No class Halloween

**November**

1Big/Little Reveal Party

26-28 No Class Thanksgiving

**December**

6 LO Lighted Holiday Parade

19 last day of classes

**January 2026**

5- Classes resume

**February**

13-17 No Class Mid-Winter Break

Dress Rehearsal TBA

**March**

TBA hair & Make up Clinic

1 Competition TBA

27- April 6 No Classes Spring Break

**April**

2 Competitions TBA

Picture Day TBA

**May**

1 Competitions TBA

25 NO Class Memorial Day

**June**

5 Last Day of Classes

6 Dress Rehearsal LOHS

7 Recital LOHS



I have read this document, BDC Competition 2025/2026 Handbook, I understand its contents and meaning, and freely agree to its terms and conditions.

Please fill out this google doc [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfspeJlqSeuxb_1DYqVOKwSd83Zx9aDp_qPIIFROmpMGV5OuQ/viewform) to commit to the new season.

To View the Summer schedule Click on the link below

[**Summer Competition 2025.docx**](Summer%20Competition%202025.docx)

**BDC Fall Schedule**

**September 8th, 2025- June 5th, 2026**

**Monday**

**Studio 1 Studio 2**

6:15-7:15 TEEN Core, Strength 4:30-5:15 Acro 8-Pre-Pro 2

 6:30-7:30 Junior Elite Ballet

**Studio 3 Studio 4**

 4:30-5:15 Acro Level 5-7

6:00-7:00 PTE Leaps & Turns 7:15-8:00 Teen Stretch

7:00-8:00 Senior Leaps & Turns

**Tuesday**

**Studio 1 Studio 3**

5:00-6:00. PTE Core, Strength & Conditioning 3:30-4:30 Ballet V

6:00-7:00 Senior Core, Strength & Conditioning 4:30-5:00 Pointe II

 5:15-6:15 Mini Ballet

 6:15-7:15 Ballet IV

 7:15-7:45 Pointe I

**Studio 4 Studio 2**

 4:15-5:15 Teen Leaps and Turns

4:30-5:15 Mini Tap 6:30-7:15 Mini Stretch

5:15-6:00 Senior Tap

**Wednesday**

**Studio 1 Studio 2**

 3:45-4:30 Senior Stretch

5:30-6:15 PTE Tap 4:45-5:30 Mini Elite Leaps & Turns

6:15-7:00 Teen Tap 5:30-6:30 Mini Elite Ballet

 7:00-7:45 PTE Stretch

**Studio 3 Studio 4.**

3:15-4:15 Ballet IV 4:45-5:30 Junior Elite Tap

4:15-4:45 Pointe I 5:30-6:15 Mini Elite Tap

4:45-5:45 Ballet V 6:15-7:00 PTE Hip Hop

5:45-6:15 Pointe II 7:15-8:00 JE/ME Hip Hop

6:15-7:15 Junior Elite Ballet 8:00-8:45 Teen Hip Hop

**Thursday**

**Studio 1 Studio 2**

5:15-5:45 Petite Acro

5:45-6:45 Petite Team

**Studio 3 Studio 4**

 5:00-5:45 Mini Leaps & Turns

 5:45-6:30 Mini Acro level 1-3

7:15-8:00 Mini Hip Hop

**Friday**

**Studio 1 Studio 4**

6:00-6:45 Mini Elite Stretch

 6:45-7:30 Acro Level 3-5

 7:30-8:15 Acro Level 6-8+

**Studio 3 Studio 2**

5:15-6:15 Junior Elite Leaps & Turns

6:00-6:45 Junior Elite Stretch

**Saturday**

Rehearsals TBD