



## **2020/2021 STUDENT AGREEMENT**

Dance is a beautiful art form and a fun pastime, however it is also a physically demanding discipline. While we strive to make class activities as accessible and safe as we possibly can, we cannot guarantee against the risk of injury that may occur during class, rehearsal, or performance. By registering for and participating in a Sundance offering, the student accepts responsibility for their own physical health and safety, and will hold Sundance Studios & Productions harmless in the event of injury or accident.

Some factors that help decrease the likelihood of injury include maintaining proper hydration and nutrition, a regular practice of stretching and strengthening exercises, and getting plenty of rest when not in rehearsal.

Our instructors will maintain a close eye on the physical health of students during classes with proper warm-up and stretch out routines. Additionally, students are expected to follow rules and guidance of instructors to further ensure optimal health. For example, while younger or less-experienced students may be shown more advanced choreography, they may not be permitted to attempt to execute said choreography because they haven't received significant training and muscle building to safely execute certain movements.

### **COVID-19 Guidelines**

While there are many differing opinions and family practices surrounding COVID-19, Sundance insists on maintaining and enforcing guidelines to keep this virus from spreading to those who may be more susceptible, such as beloved grandparents, newborn babies, and other special friends. Even though COVID-19 symptoms may not be extreme for all, there are still some who could suffer greatly if they contract the virus. We ask, no matter your belief on the situation, you practice these guidelines out of respect for your teammates, friends, their family members, and our extended studio family. We surely don't want others to suffer hardship or loss when we could've taken a small step to prevent the viral spread. At least, until our world learns more about this issue.

- Face masks will be worn by all entering the studio (instructors, students, and family members).
- Students will wear face masks upon entering the studio and until they take their socially-distanced spaces on the dance floor, at which point, masks can be removed.

- Students will be encouraged and reminded to maintain social distancing as much as possible while in the studio.
- Students are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to class.
- Hand sanitizer is also provided in the sitting area at the studio.
- Parents who can drop children off and remain in their car are encouraged to do so unless they need to speak with the class instructor or guide small children into the studio.
- While water will still be available in our fridge for emergencies, please bring your own water bottle to avoid germ spread.
- Surfaces will be disinfected before each class day starts.
- Students will not make contact in any routines at this time.
- When the weather is appropriate, we will open our garage door to encourage healthier air movement.

### Studio Rules and Regulations

#### 1. CLASS & STUDIO RULES

- Students are expected to be present and on-time for class and rehearsal, particularly during performance season. Unless in a case of emergency, discuss any and all absences beforehand with your class instructor.
- Students are expected to leave their cell phones, homework, and other possible distractions in the designated area with their belongings during class time and are not permitted to engage in other activities during class.
- ~~NO CONTACT AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID-19~~ There may be times in class when students will be in physical contact with one another. Particularly for partnering and lifting, it is very important we approach this contact with respect and wait for acknowledgment and consent before proceeding with rehearsal. This is not an invitation to engage in horseplay. In general, if it is not part of the instructions, students should keep their bodies to themselves.
- Each Sundance instructor may set expectations specific to their classes that may not be reflected in this list. It is expected of the students to follow such regulations.
- **IN ADDITION TO RESPECTING STUDIO STAFF AND FELLOW DANCERS, STUDENTS MUST RESPECT THEIR PARENTS AT ALL TIMES DURING ALL SUNDANCE ACTIVITIES!!!!** If a student severely disrespects Studio Staff, fellow dancers, OR the student's parents, Sundance Studios & Productions reserves the right to extend disciplinary action to the student. Disciplinary actions can include: class suspension, performance suspension, or complete studio suspension either permanently or for a time

period set at the discretion of the Studio Director. **Studio Staff and especially your parents are your biggest supporters!! DO NOT be disrespectful to them.**

## **2. PAYMENTS & CLASS FEES:**

- All students must sign-up for automatic credit/debit withdrawals via our Sundance Studio PaySimple platform. No checks or cash accepted.
- Class fees will be automatically deducted from credit/debit cards on the 1<sup>st</sup> or every month, and a reminder about the deduction will be sent exactly three days before.
- **All class fees are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or a \$5 late fee will be added.**
- If a student falls behind in their class fees by two consecutive months, Sundance Studios & Productions has the right to refuse service to a student until payment is received or refuse services to a student indefinitely.
- Additionally, if a student develops a habit of late payments, Sundance Studios & Productions reserves the right to suspend said student for one month or an additional time period, which will be upon the discretion of the Studio Director.

## **3. CANCELED CLASSES, WEATHER, ABSENTEES, & REFUNDS**

- Sundance classes follow the same weather advisories for Highland County Public Schools in the case of weather issues. If school classes are canceled, Sundance classes are canceled.
- When classes are canceled, instructors have the option to set up a virtual class during the regularly-scheduled class time OR send out an instructional video for all students to learn that week and before the next class. Virtual classes or videos sent home due to weather cancellations will be mandatory.
- In general, if students are unable to make it to already scheduled classes, no refunds or exchanges will be permitted.
- With that being said, we greatly value our students and the development of their skills and will do what we can, within reason, to help students who are unable to make it to class due to an EXCUSED absence.
- Excused absences include family emergencies, doctor appointments, and sickness. All other absences MUST be approved by your Instructor or the Studio Director beforehand to request extra help. In such cases, Instructors will try to work with students; however if an Instructor isn't available, a Junior Instructor, Junior-Instructor-In-Training, or an excelling classmate may be assigned to help said student.
- Refunds and/or credits will ONLY be given at the discretion of the Studio Director. Instructors are not permitted to give such permissions. Additionally, refunds and credits are rarely given, because we will establish make-up classes (via video) or arrange extra help for EXCUSED absences. However, if special circumstances arise that cause us to cancel a regularly-scheduled

class for an extended period of time or multiple weeks, it is at the discretion of the Studio Owner to make arrangements for refunds and/or credits.

- We value your time, commitment, and funds, so we will always do what we can for you to receive the full benefits of your investment. With that being said, we can not entertain the request of a refund or credit if a student simply misses classes without alerting their Instructor or the Studio Director. If a student misses classes without notification to their Instructor or the Studio Director, private lessons are available at a cost to students for additional tutelage.
  - **All canceled classes, class announcements, or make-up class dates will be posted on the Sundance Studio & Productions Facebook page, so please follow-us!**
4. Only students acknowledging and committing to this agreement will be eligible to attend classes at Sundance Studios & Productions.

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