

PARENT AND STUDENT STARLINE DANCE COMPANY RULE BOOK

PLEASE READ ALL THE WAY THROUGH!!!! AND READ TO YOUR STUDENT!!!

1. **ATTENDANCE** – Being a member of the StarLine Dance Company is a commitment – Attendance is important. If too many absences occur, the teacher and or myself have the right to pull said student from any routine the student is not ready to perform/ compete.
2. **COMMITMENT** – Dancers cannot have conflicting activities that would hinder attendance in dance class, competition, convention or performances. Every year I work hard in accommodating extra activities in and out of school. The MDA student and parent must make every effort to meet me half way with any conflicting rehearsals that may occur. If you miss a class or rehearsal for another activity, this will count as an absent and it is up to the individual student to learn the choreography before the next class. We are trusting the parent and student that they will fulfill their position of being a StarLine Dance Member and make the commitment for the year.
3. **ABSENCE FORMS** – If you know you are going to be absent (a pre – arranged absence), **an absent form must be filled out and turned in to the absence form mailbox.** If you are a soloist you **MUST TEXT ME 244-787-1866 to let me know so I can notify the teacher.**
4. **COMPETITIONS** – All Competitions are mandatory for all StarLine Members. You must always be at a competition **2 hours ahead** of your scheduled performance time.
5. **WEEK OF COMPETITION** – All StarLine students must be present the week of competition. This means all rehearsal classes for all dances that they participate in. There will be no exceptions to this rule unless authorized by me.
6. **DRESS REHEARSALS / SPECIAL REHEARSALS** - ALL Dress Rehearsals and special rehearsals will be mandatory for all StarLine Members
7. **TEAM SUPPORT** – It is very important for all members and parents to support their team and respect each other. Any negativity that may occur, will be discussed with all involved parents and any and all involved students.
8. **BALLET TECH.** – Each student will be allowed two excused absences. All other absences **MUST BE MADE UP BY MAY 30TH.** If a student does not attend all their make – ups, this may result in not advancing and will not be considered for STUDENT OF THE YEAR. Assisting a Ballet Class does not count.
9. **JAZZ TECH.** – Each student will be allowed two excused absences. All other absences **MUST BE MADE UP BY MAY 30TH.** If a student does not attend all their make – ups, this may result in not advancing and will not be considered for STUDENT OF THE YEAR. Assisting a Jazz Class does not count.
10. **STUDENT OF THE YEAR** – THE TOP 3 nominees for STUDENT OF THE YEAR will get their photo taken for IN STUDIO PHOTOS with their warm – ups. The STUDENT OF THE YEAR – will not be announced until AWARDS NIGHT. (STARLINE BANQUET). **ALL NOMINEES WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE HONOR OF STUDENT OF THE YEAR IF ALL BALLET & JAZZ TECH. CLASSES ARE MADE UP BEFORE RECITAL.**
11. **ACRO/GYMNASTIC CLASS** – We will provide a STARLINE Arco class once a month during our company rehearsal routine. A fee of \$12.50 per month will be added to your bill. If we do not schedule an acro class for that month no additional cost will be added and or will be credited.

12. **OUTSIDE TRAINING** – StarLine Students are not allowed to attend any other classes or dance instruction from another studio. Doing this, can result in termination of being a Member of The StarLine Dance Team. Attending conventions, UDA workshops or attending master classes at a convention is allowed.
13. **RESPECT / CONDUCT** – All students and parents must respect our Teachers/Dance Coaches at all times. If a student is being disrespectful during class, they will be asked to leave for the day and that will count as an absence and no refund will be given. This applies also at competitions, backstage, dressing rooms and at any competition/convention venue. If MDA Teachers or myself are being disrespected at an event such as competition, the student will be given a warning, if the bad behavior continues, the student will be asked to leave that competition and there are no refunds for competitions. Dancers and Parents must maintain appropriate etiquette in and out of class and at any competition/convention event. If this policy (by parent or dancer) is broken on a continuous basis, the dancer along with the parent will be asked to leave Milford Dance Academy. This applies in the studio and at any event we participate in. **IF there is any negativity about MDA, Myself or any MDA Teacher posted on social media or discussed in the MDA lobby, you and your student will be asked to leave the studio.**
14. **DRUGS** – Any use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco use or drug paraphernalia will be automatic termination of the StarLine Dance Company and Milford Dance Academy. This includes – Vaping, smoking of cigarettes and marijuana. Although marijuana is legal in the state of Michigan it is illegal for any minor to be using these substances mentioned. As a StarLine Dance Company member you are representing MDA in and out of the studio. If there is reason to believe that a student is using, we will call the parent and there will be further investigation.
15. **WARM – UPS** – We like to look like a team from head to toe - All StarLine Members are required to purchase and own a StarLine Warm Up. These warm – ups must be worn during awards at every competition and when walking around the competition/performance area, along with the required shoes.
16. **DRESS CODE** – LOOK AT THE STARLINE DRESS ATTIRE. We will have special color days and spirit/holiday weeks where the girls can dress outside of their required dress code.
17. **COMMUNICATION** – I do my very best in keeping communication open with you. Communication is very important to us. We take the time to keep you informed through memos and social media. We would appreciate for you to **READ ALL INFORMATION THROUGH ITS ENTIRETY**. If you are confused by any communication from us, it would once again be greatly appreciated for you to contact us and not ask others. We would not want anyone to cause more confusion among the parents or team. **You can contact the STUDIO or me anytime through email, however please do not contact me personally after 9:00p.m. by phone or text, unless it is an emergency**
18. **FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM** - Milford Dance Academy has a Facebook page and an Instagram page. These pages are to stay positive. Any complaints or concerns or negative comments should not be posted on social media and should be addressed to me or the front desk.
19. **PARENTS** – I need all parents support in following and supporting these rules along with your student.
20. **ROUTINES** – Members may not drop a routine that they are placed in or auditioned for.
21. **FEE'S** – Any and all fee's are NON – REFUNDABLE. This includes Costume Deposits, Commitment fee, Competition fees, Costume Fee's ect.....

Thank You,
Kristen L. Knight
Owner & Artistic Director
Milford Dance Academy

STARLINE MEMBER/PARENT COMMITMENT AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE IN FALL _____
BIRTHDATE _____ AGE AS OF JAN. 1ST. 2027 _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____

MOST OF OUR COMMUNICATION IS THROUGH EMAIL – TO SAVE PAPER, PLEASE LIST ALL EMAILS ON YOUR PERSONAL STUDIO PRO PORTAL ACCOUNTS.

I _____ **STUDENT AND MEMBER OF THE MDA STARLINE DANCE COMPANY**
have read the above rules and promise to make a commitment to *THE STARLINE DANCE COMPANY* and understand that if I am unable to comply with these rules that I may no longer be a member.

I _____ **PARENT OF ABOVE MDA STARLINE DANCE COMPNAY MEMBER**
have read the above rules and promise to make a commitment as a parent to *THE STARLINE DANCE COMPANY* and understand that if I do not follow these rules that my son/ daughter's membership with *THE STARLINE DANCE COMPANY* will be terminated. I also understand that the \$100.00 commitment fee or any other fee's paid for costumes and or future payments for Competitions are NON – REFUNDABLE.