

DDC Studio Policies

Desert Dance Collective Waiver of Liability

REGISTRATION IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT DIGITAL SIGNATURE AND MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE START OF CLASS.

I understand and agree that by participating in any dance class, workshop, rehearsal or performance, there is a possibility of physical injury or death during classes held at Desert Dance Collective. I understand participating in such activities constitutes vigorous physical exercise and requires that a person certify that I/my child is physically able to meet the demands of participation for such activity. I voluntarily agree, therefore, to assume all risks and responsibility for any such injury or accident, which might occur to my child or me during any Desert Dance Collective classes, rehearsals, performances, or activities, whether on-site at Desert Dance Collective or offsite while participating in an online class or forum. I also exempt, release, and indemnify Desert Dance Collective, its owners, agents, volunteers, assistants, employees, guest artists, faculty members, and/or students from any and all liability claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever from any damage, loss, injury, or death to me, my children, or property, which may arise out of or in connection with participation in any classes or activities conducted by Desert Dance Collective. I further hereby voluntarily agree to waive my rights and that of my heirs and assigns to hold Desert Dance Collective, its owners, agents, volunteers, assistants, employees, guest artists, faculty members, and/or students liable for such damage, loss, injury, or death. I understand that I should be aware of my physical limitations and agree not to exceed them. If I am signing this waiver for my children, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian and have the right to waive these rights.

I, the parent and or guardian of the below listed child/children, understand the potential of a health crisis in our country due to Covid-19 and any other potential viruses, disease, etc. and agree to hold Desert Dance Collective harmless of any contracted virus, disease, etc. and or injury during participation in dance classes and all activities relating to participating at Desert Dance Collective, including but not limited to, performing in the dance recital, sitting in the lobby, attending classes, and spending time at the studio. I understand the inherent risks of group settings and the possibility of getting sick. I waive my right to legally pursue Desert Dance Collective or any of its members and or staff in any way, including the filing of any legal judgment or accusations. This right is waived for my child and family, including my extended family. I also understand that Desert Dance Collective is not responsible for any students, siblings, or anyone else that may leave the premises and incur any kind of injury, loss, damage, or death. This includes but is not limited to waiting outside, the general parking lot, and all surrounding areas.

I have read, understood, and agree to be bound by the above statement: **BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I UNDERSTAND I AM WAIVING MY LEGAL RIGHT TO FILE A LAWSUIT BY PARTICIPATING IN DESERT DANCE COLLECTIVE CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES.**

Tuition & Refunds/Credits

All students must have an online account with DDC, a signed waiver, and debit/credit card on file to participate in classes. Fees are collected prior to class and will send a virtual receipt upon completed transactions.

Monthly tuition is calculated on a per hour basis. Tuition is due on the 1st of every month and is automatically charged via the card on the family account. Every student account must have a credit/debit card on file; however payment can be made by check, exact cash, or card. If paying by check, please contact the front desk **in writing** prior to the 1st of the month to prevent your card from getting automatically charged. A \$15 late fee is added to outstanding accounts if a card has declined or payment has not been made by the 5th of the respective month. If a check bounces, a \$25 fee will be added to the account and your checks will not be accepted in the future.

For students who sign up in the middle of the month, tuition will be prorated. **Tuition is non-refundable and non-creditable, even for absences.** In the event that a student is unable to attend a special pre-paid class, special workshop, or fall/spring/summer camp, studio credit will be provided in lieu of a refund. Tuition is the same each month no matter how many weeks of classes there are in the month (i.e. five-week months, shortened months due to observed holidays).

Enrollment

Enrollment for the 23/24 Season is based on age as of September 1st, 2023. All students must be potty-trained before attending DDC.

Certain dance styles may require students to be enrolled in an additional corresponding class. This is to ensure that students have the appropriate knowledge for learning sub-styles of dance. It is recommended that students who are enrolled in lyrical also enroll in ballet. Students may not join pre-pointe or pointe without also enrolling in an appropriate level ballet class.

Every class must have at least four students enrolled or the class may be canceled or rescheduled. Adult classes run on a month-to-month basis and will only be held with at least four students enrolled. If a class will be rescheduled due to enrollment, the front desk will reach out to those already enrolled with available options prior to the class starting.

Registration & Discounts

Registration fees are required for every student/family each season (school year), which are \$25 per student or \$50 max per family.

We offer a 5% discount for siblings who also want to take class! This discount is automatically applied to family accounts during registration.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are available for 30-minute or 1-hour increments. These individual sessions are excellent for improving specific skills, practicing for an audition, or working to get into the next level class. Private lessons can also be arranged for two or three students at one time, with the cost split evenly between the amount of students. Contact the front desk for more information.

Absences

Students who miss a class due to illness or vacation can take a makeup class at some point within the season (school year). It is important that one student misses no more than five classes in a season. This allows the entire class to continue learning at a steady pace and is imperative for learning recital dances.

Refunds are not available for any classes, including missed classes. Contact the front office for a personalized list of classes that your student can choose from to make up for their missed class.

Drop/Change Class Policy

Not every style of dance is for every child, so we recommend students try out a variety of styles to see which ones suit them the best! Reach out to the front desk to see options for changing classes. If your dancer is in multiple classes, they may drop from classes effective immediately with credit placed on your account as long as they are still enrolled in at least one class. **Dropping from all registered classes requires a 30-day written notice that can be sent to info@desertdancecollective.com.**

Outstanding balances within this date range will be prorated accordingly and charged to the student's account.

Class Placement and Dress Code Policy

We will recommend beginning level classes for new students. Students are placed in classes where they can successfully develop their movement skills and technique. Acro has three different levels that require specific skills to be able to enroll. Ballet has five levels depending on years of ballet experience and some

technical elements. Pointe has three levels depending on pointework abilities. Students can move up to a higher level during the season if they become eligible. Level eligibility is dependent upon the instructor's judgment of the student's appropriate abilities. We require specific dress codes for clothing and shoes for optimal performance and safety. Dress codes for each class are listed on our website. Students who arrive in incorrect attire may be asked to sit out of class.

Class Observation

To prevent distractions and allow students to perform their best in class, parents, siblings, and friends are not permitted to sit in and watch class. We invite you to watch our live feed of the class located in the lobby (Oro Valley location) or through the viewing windows of the lobby (Twin Peaks location). Once per quarter, Observation Week is offered in the last ten minutes of every class so that families and friends can see their student's progress firsthand!

Safety

Your child's safety is very important to us. Be aware that we are unable to watch students in front of and on the side of the studio lobby. It works best for everyone if you drop off and pick up on time. Students may check outside for their ride when class is over, however if you are late, your child will be asked to wait in the lobby. This will require you to park and walk into the studio to pick them up. This is for the safety of our students. We are not responsible for students who choose to wait outside without permission.

Recitals and Recital Fee

An annual spring recital for all students is held in June. Performing in the recital is optional. If you do not want your dancer to participate in the recital, you must opt-out prior to **January 22, 2024**. There are NO refunds for students that decide not to be in the recital after the fee has been paid.

Services

Desert Dance Collective has the right to refuse service to any student, parent, or patron at any time for any reason.

Printed Name of Dancer:

Printed name of Guardian (if under 18):

Dancer/Guardian Signature:

Date:
