

## **Southern Rhythm Dance Academy Policies.**

### **Tuition:**

Tuition is paid in 10 installments that are due the 1st day of each month from August to May. Tuition is based on a yearly rate, including recital and weather emergency cancellations. We do not prorate tuition for any reason. Holidays and closures are already calculated into your nine payments. See calendar for all holiday closures.

\*\*Payments are due on the 1st day of each month. If your payment is received after the 10th day of each month a late fee of \$15.00 will be added to your account. An additional \$25 late fee will be added to your account on the last day of the month if there is still a balance on your account. Students who fall two months behind on payments will not be allowed to take dance class until the account is paid in full with cash or credit card, including late fees.

Any account with a balance remaining on April 15th will be subject to a \$50 late fee. No exceptions. All accounts must be paid in full, including late fees, by April 15th, in order to participate in the recital.

There are no refunds for missed classes. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted via the online portal. We also offer an automatic credit card or bank draft payment plan. We offer a 5% family discounts (siblings only) living in the same household. All others are treated as individual accounts.

We offer a 10% recreational dance class discount when tuition for the entire year is paid by your first class of the season (does not include clogging teams, costumes, shoes, pictures, etc).

### **Payment, Refunds, & Class Drops:**

Southern Rhythm requires families to make monthly payments by the use of automatic payment via credit/debit cards or bank draft via our studio portal. Your monthly installment will be charged on the 1st day of every month beginning in August and ending May 1st. We do not send out monthly statements. Monthly tuition is required until the studio has received a written email request of cancellation. If for some reason a card or bank draft is declined, you will receive an email from the studio notifying you of the incident and any additional information associated.

Any balances not paid by the 10th of the month will incur a \$15 late fee. Registration Fees and Costume Fees are non-refundable and non- transferrable. In order to be registered, you must complete the online registration and pay the registration fee.

Tuition is non-refundable except in the case of major injury that has been verified by a physician's note or due to a move out of state.

### **Costumes:**

In order to participate in the recital, a Costume Fee of \$90.00 (per student, per class) will be charged to your account. Costume fees are broken down into three easy payments. A 25% non-refundable costume deposit per student, per class, will be charged/due on September 1st. A 25% costume fee per student, per class, will be charged/due on October 1st. The remaining balance (50%) of all costumes will be charged/due on November 1st. Dance shoes are an

additional charge - dancers will be fitted for proper shoes at Shoe Days in July. Because costumes cannot be returned, costume payments are non-refundable.

NOTE: Costume deposits are also non- transferrable (costume deposits for a dropped class cannot be applied to the remaining balance for a student or family member).

### **Showcase:**

The recital will tentatively be held on May 11th, 2024 at Christian Fellowship Church. Costume pictures are optional to purchase. Exact details for pictures will be released in January and details for the recital will be released in March.

### **Parental Responsibility to be Aware of Dates and Events:**

It is the responsibility of the parents to be aware of all dance studio activities, such as recitals, openings or closings, and picture days. The studio notices are posted on the website, social media pages, and in notes periodically sent home with the students. Monthly Newsletters are sent through e-mail as well. Please notify us in writing if your address, e-mail address, or telephone number changes.

### **Levels and Placement:**

Class placement is at the discretion of our studio staff. Each student is closely evaluated by the faculty and director. Once the dancers progress beyond the combo classes, students do not move up to the next level according to age or the amount of years that they have studied dance. Levels are designed to be repeated for multiple years. They must be able to execute proper technique of each movement for that level. It is extremely important that dancers are placed in a level that is appropriate for each of them to ensure a strong foundation for the skills necessary for the next level. Our staff is highly trained and educated to make the best possible placement for each dancer enrolled at our studio. We look forward to helping them learn and grow in, and through, dance!

### **Attendance:**

Attendance and participation is imperative for a dance student to progress. Proper technique and dance skills are accomplished through practice and patience. Advancement to the next level may not be possible due to poor attendance. IF a dancer has inconsistent attendance (including tardiness), participation in the recital is solely at the discretion of the teachers and the studio director. No refunds on missed classes nor costume purchases.

### **Dress Code:**

Dress code will be enforced for all classes. All students may be asked to sit out if they are not dressed appropriately. Hair needs to be tightly secured away from the face for all classes. No gum is allowed in the studio. For the most up-to-date dance attire requirements, please view our Attire Policy.

**Weather:**

In the event of inclement weather and/or poor road conditions, classes may be canceled for the safety of our students and staff. Southern Rhythm will make our own independent decision regarding weather closings. If the decision to cancel classes is made, we will send out an email and text message to let families know by 12:00. You can also check social media to receive weather updates. As weather related closings are outside of the control of Southern Rhythm, we do not credit, refund, or prorate tuition for classes canceled due to inclement weather.

**Addressing Concerns:**

Southern Rhythm encourages open communication between teachers, staff members, students and parents. We welcome feedback from our families. At the right time, do not hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns you have regarding your child's dance experience. However, to honor the time and responsibilities of others, please do not bring up concerns to the teacher before, during, or after class, rehearsal, or performance. Parents should email Dalita.srda@gmail.com to set up an appropriate time to address questions, concerns, and/or provide feedback.

**Multimedia:**

Any and all photos/videos taken by our staff are the property of Southern Rhythm and are for studio and/or advertisement purposes only

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We will have a policy & safety waiver to be signed by parent/guardians during shoe days. Together we are going to have a wonderful year! If you have a question, please do not hesitate to call and we will figure it out together.

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*\* See class price list & Studio procedures below*

## **Studio Class Price List**

<b>1st Class</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>2nd Class</b>	<b>\$97.50</b>
<b>3rd Class</b>	<b>\$113.75</b>
<b>4th Class</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>5th Class</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>
<b>6th Class</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

*1st class has a flat rate of \$65.00, each classes added after is 1/2 price.  
Our Show Team & Competition Teams are not eligible for yearly discount.*

### **STUDIO PROCEDURES:**

- ◆ Class observers tend to be distracting, especially to our younger students. Only students, instructors, and SRDA teaching assistants are permitted inside during classes. Visitors and siblings are NOT allowed to wait inside during classes.
- ◆ NO food, candy, gum or drink allowed in the dance rooms (including in their dance bags)
- ◆ Please have your child use the bathroom BEFORE dance class.
- ◆ No cell phones or smart watches allowed in the dance rooms. They are a distraction and must be left in a cubby during class.
- ◆ No students, siblings, friends, etc should be left unattended on the premises for any reason unless they are participating in the class currently in session.
- ◆ Cubbies in the lobby are to be used for storing anything they do not need during dance classes.
- ◆ Our parking lot is active between classes. Dancers will NOT be permitted to leave the building without an adult coming to pick them up and walk back to your vehicle.
- ◆ Please be on-time to drop off/pick up dancers. Our staff is needed inside to assist dancers in the current dance classes.

The lobby will remain closed to parents/visitors/ students waiting.

### **Message for Our Customers**

\*\*Do NOT enroll students in classes until you are ready to submit registration fees. If you wish to pay registration fees by cash and/ or check, you must drop payment off at SRDA within 48 hours of submitting registration form. Otherwise, your registration will be dropped.