



San Clemente High School
2024-2025 Dance Team Informational Meeting
Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 7pm

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Dance Team Administrator	Matthew Reid
Dance Program Advisor	Amie Pekarek
Director/ Head Coach	Kelley King
Technical Director/ Assistant Coach	Savannah Hooks
Assistant Coach	Domenica Isola
Encore President	Gretchen Akers

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Encore Club, I wish to extend a warm welcome to our organization as we prepare to support our fabulous Dance Team for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be an exciting year with many tremendous growth opportunities for your dancer as well as a lot of fun. As members of the Encore Club, we provide funding and volunteer support to the Team, its Advisor, and Coaches.

The Dance Team is an extraordinary and challenging program that will become a meaningful part of your dancer's high school experience. Your participation in the Encore Club will be a fun and rewarding way for you to stay connected to your dancer during this school year. Over the course of the year, you will have the opportunity to learn about many different aspects of the Team as well as volunteer your time and talents. Our program is designed so that all parents have a chance to provide behind-the-scenes support in specific areas while working together with other parents. We rely on everyone's participation. The goal of the Encore Club is to involve everyone as much as possible and distribute the workload, with every parent involved in a meaningful way.

This packet is a useful tool for you to refer to when you have a question or are unclear about a policy, the Team timeline, etc. Unlike many sports, which are seasonal, the Dance Team is a year-round team and you will want to review the enclosed materials to really help you get a sense of what to expect.

Keep in mind that the top priority of our Coaches is to make the time on the Dance Team an amazing experience for each dancer. It is our role to be supportive of their decisions, with the understanding that their focus is to always do the best for the team. With such a tight-knit group, it is important to remain positive and supportive of one another.

I look forward to working with each of you and getting to know your family this coming year. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Again, welcome!!

Gretchen Akers

Encore Board President

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Encore Club 2024-2025

The Encore Club is the parent booster club of the San Clemente High School Dance Team that assists in providing funding and volunteer support to the Team, its Director, Advisor and Coaches.

Parents and families contribute their time and talent to help raise funds for the team, work with the Director and Coaches to provide volunteer support throughout the year, and provide manpower for team events.

Encore Club does NOT make decisions on choreography, costumes, performances, competitions or any other elements of curriculum. The role of parents and family members is to be helpful behind the scenes and support decisions of the Coaches and Director.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings to hear from our Director and Coaches about calendar updates and program information, and other Encore Club members regarding fundraising and volunteer support needs. The President, Coaches and Director make every effort to keep the meetings brief and informative.

Encore Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month year-round, unless otherwise specified.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Encore Club has Board positions, along with a number of opportunities that are designed to suit the many talents of our families. One parent of each dancer is recommended to commit to a position for the year. In addition, families participate in all events by providing manpower and/or donated goods. We are a small organization and one of the keys to our success is strong parent participation.

COSTUMES

Costumes purchased for competition or concerts are property of the Dance Team unless otherwise specified. Costumes owned by the team will be returned clean and in good condition by the dancer. If a costume is lost or damaged, the dancer will be responsible to replace the costume. In most cases, costumes to be kept by the team will be paid for by the Encore Club. In cases where costumes are to be kept by the dancer, the dancer will be asked to pay.

CONCERTS

The Dance Team will produce two concerts: Winter 2024 and Spring 2025. Attendance is mandatory both nights of Spring Concert for all dancers. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in a support function.

OTHER EVENTS

The Dance Team participates in many on-campus events over the course of the school year, including Spirit Assemblies, Football Games, 8th Grade Expo, Basketball Games, and Homecoming. We have also been invited to participate in community events such as the Sheriff's Red Ribbon Parade, Hunger Walk, Character Counts, and Relay for Life. Parent volunteers may be needed to provide transportation to these events, and are always welcome as fans.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Dance Team is a year-round commitment on the part of each dancer. Your family's enthusiastic commitment to the Encore Club is what makes it possible to provide such an elite program for our dancers.

Family Fundraising & Target Dates

In order to maintain the current standards and level of accomplishment of the Dance Team, annual and monthly Fundraising Drives and suggested goals have been created. The Fundraising Drives and goals are established to ensure a steady cash flow to the team to cover cost of choreography, coaching, costuming, competition entry fees, concert expenses and other associated team costs.

FAMILY FUNDRAISING

Opportunities are available to help each dance team family raise money to achieve its donation goal for the season. Fundraisers currently include: Concert program ad sales in the form of business ads and Dancer Dedications, and letter writing/direct donations from businesses or other family members. Direct donations from participant families are always welcome as well.

Events or fundraisers may be added or dropped, as determined by the budget. To provide the same quality program as we currently have, the goal is to have each family donate/fundraise \$4500 for 2024-2025.

Costs associated with mandatory team activities are covered by Family Fundraising and Team Fundraising. Optional fundraising activities will be charged on an activity by activity basis as needed to cover costs. *Note that donations cannot be required for participation in the Dance Team.*

TIMING OF FAMILY FUNDRAISING

Like many sports, our program's cash demands are heaviest at the beginning of the season and are needed for choreography, costuming, competition entry fees and related expenses to get our season off to a strong start. Therefore, we request that each family donate or fundraise as much as they can as early as possible. Please reach out to Encore President, Gretchen Akers or Treasurer, Lindsey Veale if you have any questions or need help with fundraising. We realize that each family is different. Accordingly, attached is an example of the various ways each family might accomplish its fundraising goals. Individual Dance Team Family Suggested Monthly Goal per Fundraising Drive: June 2024 through March 2025: \$450 per month

Monthly Donation Target Dates: The first of each month

- Venmo: TBC-Encore

- Mail Check: Lindsey Veale (Encore Treasurer)
104 Via Sabinas San Clemente, CA 92673

Each dance team family may use a combination of up-front, monthly donations and personal fundraising to achieve its annual donation/fundraising goal. See attached worksheet entitled *Annual Fundraising Examples*.

TEAM FUNDRAISING

In addition to Family Fundraising, the Team is supported by Team Fundraising events. Dancers are expected to participate in team fundraising programs including dance clinics, workshops, Community Restaurant "Night Out", Clothing for a Cause collections, product sales, summer and winter boutiques, and other events sponsored by the Encore Club. Proceeds from Team Fundraisers go to the team program as a whole and do not count towards an individual dance team family's fundraising goal.

SOLOIST OPPORTUNITIES

Competition soloists will be given the opportunity to audition for a solo for the competition season. They will perform a 2-minute or less solo along with having an interview with the Coaches. Soloists will then be selected by the coaches based on exceptional technical ability and character. As this is an optional program, all targeted fundraising/donations must be current and all expenses relating to the solo (choreography, music, rehearsal time, costuming, and competition entry fees) will be donated by the soloist's family.

USA ELITE DANCE TEAM CAMP (4 DAYS - RENAISSANCE ESERALDA INDIAN WELLS)

The United Spirit Association, the organization under which we compete, hosts an elite dance camp each summer that we are invited to attend. This is an optional but highly encouraged activity, not just because of the amazing team bonding experience, but dancers learn material we use all season for football games, spirit assemblies and basketball games. The cost is approximately \$550 per dancer and covers registration, camp instruction, transportation, lodging, and food for all 4 days.

A LA CARTE ITEMS (SPIRIT WEAR, TRANSPORTATION, BANQUET, MEMORY BOOK)

Costs are to be determined in advance of each item and must be donated by each dance family separately. See attached Spirit Wear order form for Spirit Wear ordering information. Other items will be communicated to the team as they become available.

MASTER CLASSES

Guest artists will be invited to hold a Master Class for the Team and other dancers in the community. Donation is typically \$30 per Master Class depending on the guest.

Constitution of the State of California

Please note that the Constitution of the State of California requires that we provide a public education to you free of charge. Your right to a free education is for all school/ educational activities, whether curricular or extracurricular, and whether you get a grade for the activity or class. Subject to certain exceptions, your right to a free public education means that we cannot require you or your family to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, or uniforms for any school activity, nor can we require you or your family to pay security deposits for access, participation, materials, or equipment.

_____ By checking here I authorize Encore Club to track donations and funds submitted in my dancer's name and will receive a summary of those items for use in sending acknowledgement thank you's to those supporters as well as monitoring fundraising and donation goals.

Dancer Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EXAMPLES					
Fundraising examples 4/2024	Example	Example	Example	Example	Example
	A	B	C	D	E
Personal Donations					
06/1/24	\$450		\$475	\$400	\$2250
07/1/24	\$450		\$390	\$400	
08/1/24	\$450		\$390	\$400	
09/1/24	\$450		\$390	\$400	
10/1/24	\$450		\$390	\$400	
11/1/24	\$450		\$390	\$400	\$2250
12/1/24	\$450		\$390	\$400	
01/1/25	\$450		\$390	\$400	
02/1/25	\$450		\$390	\$400	
03/1/25	\$75		\$390	\$475	
Personal fundraiser					
Auntie May		\$100			
Nellie Neighbor		\$100			
Friends and Family		\$150			
Company Charitable Match		\$375		\$300	
Company Paid Volunteer Hours			\$390		
Letter Writing Campaign					
Granny		\$150			
Generous relatives		\$375			
Concert Program Ads					
July		\$1375			
August		\$750			
September	\$125	\$1000			
Dancer Dedication (½ Page- 2 Dedications Max)	\$250	\$125	\$125	\$125	
Total fundraising 2024-2025	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500

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SCHS Dance Team 2024-2025

Tentative Calendar of Events

*Tentative Schedule, Dates/Times May Change

May

2023-2024 Spring Dance Concert	May 11th	
2024-2025 Team Tryouts	May 13th-15th	
2024-2025 Team Announced	May 17th	
24/25 First Team Practice	May 20th	4-5:30pm
Rose Ceremony	May 20th	5:30- 6pm
New Parent Meeting	May 20th	6-6:30pm

June

Team Practice *Optional	June 24th	10-12pm
Team Practice *Optional	June 26th	10-12pm

July

Team Practice *Optional	July 1st	10-12pm
Team Practice *Optional	July 8th	10-12pm
Team Practice *Optional	July 10th	10-12pm
Team Practice *Optional	July 15th	10-12pm
Team Practice *Optional	July 17th	10-12pm
USA Officers Camp (24-25 Officers Only)	July 20th-21st	TBA
Team Practice *Optional	July 22nd	10-12pm
Team Practice *Optional	July 24th	10-12pm
USA Elite Dance Camp (Indian Wells)	July 28th-31st	TBA

August

Home Camp (Mandatory)	Aug 5th-9th	8-5pm
Team Showcase	Aug 9th	TBA
Team Bonding Event	TBA	TBA
SCHS Registration		
First Day of School/ First Team Practice	Aug 20th	

September*

Football Game Performance
Fundraiser

October*

Fall Kid's Dance Clinic
Fall Spirit Assembly
Red Ribbon Week Parade
Homecoming Parade
Football Game Performance

November*

Team Fundraiser
Fall Skills Clinic

December*

Winter Assembly
Winter Showcase
Team Community Service Performance
CADTD Competition

January*

Competition Season begins through March
Winter Spirit Assembly
Basketball Game Performance

February*

Competition Season
8th Grade Expo

March*

Competition Season
USA Dance Nationals (Anaheim)
Skills Clinic/ New Team Interest Meeting

April*

Spring Kid's Dance Clinic
Spring Dance Concert
Spring Spirit Assembly

May*

Tryouts
Team Banquet
Achievement Awards

**Encore Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month year-round (unless otherwise specified)*

Dance Team Tryout Checklist

The tryout process consists of the timely completion of all required paperwork, 10 minute Interview with every dancer trying out with the Director and Technical Director, two days of instruction, and a performance audition. Register for trouts at schsdanceteam.com by Sunday, May 12th, 2024.

- I. **First Day of Try-Outs-** SCHS Dance Room- Check in begins at 3:15pm.
Complete and return these items on May 13th, 2024:
 - _____Dance Team Application
 - _____Dance Team Code of Conduct
 - _____Current Unofficial Transcript (get form Academic Advisor at school)
 - _____Current Semester Progress Report (Print from School Loop within 3 days of interview. Academic GPA must be at least 2.0)
 - _____Media Usage & Release
 - _____Athletic Packet/Physical Examination Clearance (see information on physicals below)
 - _____SCHS Dance Team Candidate Interview Questionnaire

- II. **3 Teacher Evaluations** - Due Day 1 of Try-Outs

All dancers are required to have 3 Teacher Evaluations submitted via Google Form; 2 from Academic teachers and 1 from a Dance teacher. These forms can be submitted to your teachers via email so they can complete and submit the evaluation. Please confirm with all teachers a few days before the deadline of Monday, May 13th, that they have completed and submitted. Please give your teachers proper time to complete the evaluation of at least a week prior to the due date. Evaluations consist of attendance, work ethic, commitment, attitude and demeanor in class, and teamwork.

<https://forms.gle/PMvTvEJ9SpwF6r2M6>

- III. **Physical Examination/Clearance** -Due Day 1 of Try-Outs

All dancers are required to provide health history and receive medical clearance to participate in the Dance Team. You may schedule an appointment with your family doctor or take advantage of the SCHS Athletic Department physicals (if offered prior to interviews) to get clearance.

- IV. **Instruction & Audition**

Monday, May 13th	Check In begins at 3:45pm Learn Audition Material/ Interview 4:15-6:15, Interviews 6:15-7:30 (Dancers can leave after their 5 minute interview)
Tuesday, May 14th	Learn Audition Material 4-7pm
Wednesday, May 15th	Performance Audition (Dancer's time will be scheduled between 4-7 and emailed Monday, May 8th at 8pm)

Arrive On Time and Ready to Dance!!!

Bring 1/2 shoe/lyrical shoe & Hip Hop Shoes on all dance days. Wear black fitted dance attire. Please do not dress in any team or studio wear. Hair back in a ponytail. No Jewelry at All.

ONLY DANCERS ARE PERMITTED IN THE SCHS DANCE ROOM DURING REHEARSAL AND AUDITIONS-NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOTAPING

Results will be posted schsdanceteam.com Friday, May 17th

SCHS DANCE TEAM APPLICATION

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Current School & Grade: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Please Outline your current dance training

(Studio/School, Years of Study, Instructor/ Coach- Attach additional pages if needed):

Ballet _____

Lyrical/ Contemporary _____

Hip Hip _____

Modern _____

Gymnastics/ Cheer _____

Special Dance Skills (Tumbling, Pointe, Advanced Tap, Break Dancing):

Please list any dance awards you've received: _____

Why do you want to be on dance team? _____

Share your goals for after SCHS?

I hereby give my consent for the above named dancer to audition for the 2024-2025 SCHS Dance Team. I realize that there is a risk of injury from participation in all dance activities. To the best of my knowledge, this student does not currently have any injury or medical condition that would put them at risk for further injury. It is understood that the Capistrano Unified School District, San Clemente High School, SCHS Dance Team Encore Club, its Director, Coaches, and Choreographers are not financially responsible in the event of accident or injury. I hereby give my consent for the SCHS Dance Team Encore Club to publish photographs and video taken during the audition process. Permission is given to use these items on the Dance Team Website (www.schsdanceteam.com), in newspaper articles, on fliers and other promotional materials on campus and in the community. I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve any photographs or video, and I release the SCHS Dance Department and Encore Club from all liability which could result from its use.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



SCHS DANCE TEAM CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

This form is to be filled out by the dancer only. It is to be signed by the dancer and parent. It will be due on the first day of try-outs . Please answer all questions fully and honestly. You can fill out on separate page if you need more room)

- 1. What does it mean to you to be part of a team (not just the SCHS Dance Team, but any team)?**

- 2. Anyone who is invited to be a member of the SCHS Dance Team is only guaranteed to be in two routines throughout the entirety of the competition season. If you were selected to join the 24-25 SCHS Dance Team, what are your thoughts about being selected in only two routines for the entirety of the competition season regardless of grade?**

- 3. As an individual (not as a dancer), what qualities would you bring to the team? (i.e. leadership qualities, hard work ethic, positivity, team spirit, etc).**

- 4. What are your goals as a dancer?**

- 5. If you were selected to join the SCHS Dance Team, do you understand your commitment to your team includes MANDATORY Home Camp full-day practices?**

- 6. Do you understand your social media outlets are a direct reflection of the SCHS Dance Team, and that any violation of the rules listed in the Dance Team Code of Conduct can result in ineligibility to audition for the SCHS Dance Team, and/or immediate removal from the SCHS Dance Team?**

- 7. If you were selected to join the SCHS Dance Team, do you understand you must maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to try-out and stay as a member of the SCHS Dance Team?**

- 8. If you were invited to join the SCHS Dance Team, and were placed in the back of a formation in any routine regardless of grade, how would that affect you?**

- 9. If you were selected to be an alternate in a routine, what would that mean to you and what do you feel the importance of that position is?**

- 10. If you were invited to join the SCHS Dance Team, do you understand that your commitment to the team, including it's weekly practice and competition schedule(s) come first above all other commitments?**

Dancer Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

SCHS Dance Team 2024-2025

Dance Team Code of Conduct

It is essential that both dancers and parents review the responsibilities of becoming a member of the San Clemente High School Dance Team. The dedication and time commitment obligations are substantial. This document clarifies expectations and outlines rules and consequences. The items listed in this contract are applied uniformly to all dancers. They are in place to ensure dancer safety, consistency of the team, and appearance for community performances/events, competitions, and concerts.

As a member of the SCHS Dance Team, I acknowledge and agree to:

- a. Maintain a positive attitude at all times.
- b. Be respectful toward the Director, Coaches, Advisor, Parents, and fellow team members at all times.
- c. Maintain inclusivity amongst the team at all times.*Probation/ Removal from Competition Routine/ School Performance will occur if you engage in and/ or create exclusivity on the team.
- d. Conduct myself in a suitable manner as a member of the SCHS Dance Team at all times, on and off campus, and on social media sites.
- e. Arrive at all practices, concerts, competitions, and other events on time, in proper attire, and with all supplies needed.
- f. Accept and apply constructive correction.
- g. Wear appropriate SCHS Dance Team attire at all games, events, and specific school days when not in costume.
- h. Remain with the dance team in the stands or other designated areas at games, competitions, and other events unless given permission by the Director or Coaches to do otherwise.

I understand that Dancers must commit a great deal of time throughout the year. Other school activities, social or family plans, and job schedules cannot conflict or interfere with scheduled after school practices, performances, competitions, fundraising, or community service events. This includes but is not limited to school field trips, membership in clubs or taking classes that regularly meet during scheduled rehearsal times, and participation in other sports or performance groups.

I understand that I **must** attend the team's Home Camp, **August 5th- 9th, 2024**. Home Camp times 8-5pm.

Mandatory Home Camp Dates: Dancer _____ / Parent _____

I understand that I must maintain an academic GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to stay on the team. In addition, I know I must maintain citizenship and work habits of "S" or better. Two consecutive semesters of below a 2.0 academic GPA will disqualify me from the team and render me ineligible to try out for the SCHS Dance Team the following year.

I understand that my attitude, dedication and enthusiasm are just as important as the technical and athletic skills involved in dancing. I will represent my school/team in the best way possible and be a good example to my classmates.

I understand that my social media pages and entries reflect upon the team and are subject to review by the Coaches and Director at any time. Members will conduct themselves in accordance with the rules, expectations and will conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and expectations set by SCHS. Evidence presented on the internet using social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok etc. will be considered a violation of this rule. In addition I will not post pictures or videos of any competition dances or costumes on social media sites during the competition season, and after that only with the approval of the Coaches and Director.

I understand that I must adhere to the District, school, dance team, practice, performance, competition, and community dress code. Ballet classes must be performed in ballet shoes, black leotard, pink tights, hair pulled back into a tight bun, no jewelry. No extreme hair styles (no unnatural hair color, no shaved head) for competition season; hair must be able to be styled in a pulled back low/ high ponytail or bun. Consider timing when getting ear piercings as all jewelry must be removed for competitions and concerts.

I understand that Team Spirit Wear is to be worn only by members of the Dance Team. I will not loan items imprinted with SCHS Dance Team to non-team members. I will not wear my Team Spirit Wear in any personal social media videos with inappropriate conduct.

I understand that quitting the team is final. If I am dismissed or decide to quit, there will be no refunds. Choosing to leave the team immediately excludes me from all dance team activities, materials, and events.

I understand that the practice schedule changes periodically and that practice hours are flexible, but will include Monday 2:30-7:30 pm; Tuesday 1:30-6 p.m./ & 7:30-9:00 p.m.; Thursday 1:30-4 p.m.; and Friday 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Team Attendance/ Grades/ Social Media Requirements: Dancer _____ / Parent _____

I understand that extra practices on evenings and weekends are scheduled prior to competitions and concerts. Dance Team obligations include 3-4 Sunday commitments as needed for choreography, concert and competitions.

Seniors will be excused from a maximum of three (3) Team Practices for college visits with prior approval by the Coach/ Director. (30 Days Prior)

Senior Dancers Please Initial: Dancer_____ / Parent_____

Appointments with dentists, chiropractors, doctors, orthodontists, the DMV, work, family vacations or other practices/competitions with other dance studios are not allowable excused absences. Please schedule them on Wednesdays.

AP/IB review sessions and tests, illness with fever or vomiting, and death of an immediate family member are the **only** allowable excused absences. Dancers with injury are still required to sit and observe rehearsals in order to keep up with changes to choreography.

- a. All practices are mandatory. The practice schedule will be determined at the beginning of the week on Sunday. The Director and Coaches reserve the right to call extra practices as often as needed.
- b. All performances are mandatory. This includes, but is not limited to competitions, concerts, games, school activities, parades, and other community events.
- c. All dancers are required to ride the team bus, or with Coaches and District approved parents to and from all competitions, unless otherwise notified. Teammates are not approved drivers to and from any events.
- d. If the Director or Coaches choose any other activities, the Director and/or Coaches shall determine if the event is mandatory or optional.
- e. Any dancers selected to be an alternate for any competition routine is to remain an alternate for the entirety of the year. See excused absence policy. No other exceptions will be made with regards to missing rehearsals if placed as an alternate. An alternate dancer is vital to the success of any competitive routine in the event of injury, illness, etc.
- f. All competition decisions are made by the Coaches. This includes but is not limited to: choosing competition routine divisions, competition schedule, dropping routines from competition, changing routine divisions or changing number of dancers in a routine, etc.
- g. Competition routines are cast through an audition process by the routine choreographer for the desired number of dancers along with the casting of any alternates. Dancers must be present to be considered for the routine. In the case of illness, dancer may submit video to be considered in an alternate position.

- h. No placement in any routine is final. Any dancer can be replaced at any time throughout the season with an alternate dancer if that dancer is not upholding the competitive needs of any competitive routine. This includes but is not limited to too many missed practices/rehearsals, lack of performance quality, poor attitude, failure to execute choreography, lack of work ethic, not being a team player, etc

Attendance/ Competition Season Expectations: Dancer_____/Parent_____

Attendance of Dance Classes at Outside Studios/Participation in Teams with Outside Studios

Participation at outside dance studios is allowed **provided that** such attendance does not conflict or interfere with scheduled after school practices, performances, competitions, or fundraising. All outside participation should be communicated to the Director in order to have an open dialogue of the dancer's scheduled commitments.

I understand that my commitments to the SCHS Dance Team are required to come first, and, as such, will take priority over any other outside activity I participate in. Failure to meet Dance Team commitments may result in performance suspensions and/or dismissal from the team.

I understand that the inability to adhere to this contract is cause for suspension or dismissal from competitions, concerts, or the Dance Team. I understand that I may be removed from a dance if my academic GPA falls below a 2.0 during a semester or if I have an "F" in any academic class. Warnings are not required before enforcing rules.

Competition/ School Performance Suspensions/ Removal will be imposed for:

- a. Disrespect toward the Director, Coaches, Captains, other team members, or other authorities.
- b. Unexcused absence from dance rehearsal, mandatory activities or school.
- c. Excessive absences or tardiness to dance or school.
- d. Failure to cooperate with the Director, Coaches, Captains, other team members, or other authorities.
- e. Failure to abide by team rules and regulations as outlined in this contract.
- f. Academic GPA below 2.0 for one semester.

- g. Failure to complete assigned duties, team times, written assignments.
- h. Forming exclusivity amongst the dance team. Leaving team members out via social media, team practices, and at team events.
- i. Accumulation of disciplinary problems.
- j. 5 unexcused absences from school.
- k. GPA below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters.
- l. Repeated insubordination toward the Director, Coaches, Captains, or other authorities.
- m. Any illegal activity, including but not limited to use of tobacco, vaping, drugs, alcohol, etc.

Consequences for Rule Infractions Dancer _____ / Parent _____

Parent Responsibilities

- a. Parents are highly encouraged to volunteer and fundraise with the Encore Club (the booster club for the SCHS Dance Team).
- b. Parents understand that the Coaches and Director are responsible for all decisions related to all performances, competitions, practice, and technical matters.
- c. Parents understand to be positive and encouraging of the program in the community and social media.
- d. Parents understand all comments made about the program, families and team members should always be made with kindness and respect.
- e. Parents should maintain open communication with the Advisor/ Director/ Coaches at all times and address concerns directly with Advisor/ Director/ Coaches.
- f. Parents are encouraged to attend the Encore Club meetings and be informed about upcoming events and activities on the BAND app.

We have reviewed and discussed this Contract and agree to abide by all the rules, regulations, and expectations of the San Clemente High School Dance Team as set forth in this Contract.

Dancer Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

SCHS Dance Team 2024-2025

Media Usage & Release

I hereby give my consent for the SCHS Dance Department and Encore Club to publish photographs, video, and name of Dance Team members.

Permission is given to use these items on the Dance Team website (www.schsdanceteam.com), facebook, instagram, newspaper articles, flyers and other promotional items on campus and in the community. I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve any photographs or video, and I release the SCHS Dance Department and Encore Club from all liability which could result from its use.

Dancer Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Athletic Packet and Clearance

The 2024-2025 San Clemente High School Dance Athletic Clearance Packet is available on the SCHS Dance Team website www.schsdanceteam.com under forms, password therose. You may see your own doctor for a physical, or take advantage of the SCHS physicals.

The Packet will need to be completed by a doctor and parent/ guardian, then submitted to the SCHS Dance Team no later than Monday, May 13th, 2024.

Your dancer will NOT be permitted to try out for the team without a completed and signed Athletic Clearance Packet.

