



2018-19

COMPANY HANDBOOK

Dates at a Glance:

- September 4 – Classes Start
- October 31 – **Solos, Duets/Trios Deadline**
- November 17 – Thanksgiving Parade
- December 8 – Winter Showcase Rehearsal
- December 15 – Winter Showcase
- February 15-17 – Kids Artistic Revue Competition
 - Baltimore, Maryland
- March 15-17 – Groove Competition
 - Woodbridge, Virginia
- April 4-7 – Beyond the Stars Competition
 - Brooklyn Park, Maryland
- April 26-28 – Starquest Dance Competition
 - Baltimore, Maryland
- May 27 – Memorial Day Parade
- June 1 – Spring Showcase Rehearsal
- June 8 – Spring Showcase
- June 10 – Company Auditions

IMPORTANT!: Please block off ALL dates until we know the final schedule. Usually the schedule is posted one to two weeks prior to the competition weekend.

Classes

Classes and rehearsals are closed. We will have a "Parent Watch Day" where you can come and view what the girls have been working on.

All dancers are expected to attend their regularly scheduled classes, rehearsals, showcase performances, competitions, and parades. **Any team member with poor attendance risks being prohibited from participating in any upcoming competition and may also be released from the competition team.**

Dancers must be present at the last two consecutive classes and/or rehearsals before a competition.

Attire: solid black leotard, black shorts/capris, skin toned tights optional, hair tied back

Shoes: ballet shoes, jazz shoes

These are the jazz shoes that we wear, in tan:

- https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0495G.html
- https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_JS39C.html

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are an important part of the commitment to the Competition Team. All dancers are expected to work hard and arrive early.

Additional rehearsals may be scheduled at the discretion of the teacher/choreographer. In these instances, you will be notified within 7 calendar days of additional rehearsals.

All members must attend rehearsals in the proper dance attire and appropriate dance shoes.

Note: Dancers are not allowed to use choreography for any performances or competitions outside of POM Squad events, without permission from the Director.

Placement:

We will have 4-5 teams based on skill level as follows:

Rookies (less than two years of experience)	Vets (two or more years of experience)
Pearls (Ages 5-7) - Beginner Sapphires (Ages 8-9) – Beginner Emeralds (Ages 8-12) - Beginner	Diamonds (Ages 9-11) – Adv. Beginner Rubies (Ages 11-18) – Beg. Intermediate

Fall Class/Rehearsal Schedule:

Until further notice, classes will be held at Glenallan Elementary School (12520 Heurich Road Silver Spring, MD) on the following days starting in September

Mondays	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Saturdays
Diamonds 6:30-8:30	Rubies 6:30-8:30	Pearls 6:00-8:00	Company 10-1 pm
	Emeralds 6:30-8:30	Sapphire 6:00-8:00	

Tuition:

	COMPETITION FEES				COSTUMES	EDUCATION		Yearly Total	Monthly Fee
# Of Dances	KAR	Groove	Beyond	Starquest		Class	Rehearsal		
3	\$132	\$192	\$120	\$210	\$135 ¹	\$630 ²	\$320 ³	\$1,739	\$174 ⁴

*Please see footnotes for further breakdown of the pricing.

Tuition Policies:

It is assumed that all company dancers are committed to perform three routines (jazz, hip-hop and lyrical) in four competitions this season: KAR, Groove, Beyond the Stars and Starquest.

Monthly tuition includes costumes, competition fees for four (4) regional competitions, and classes/rehearsals from September to June.

Invoices will be sent on the 1st of every month. It's the responsibility of the parent to login to their ActivityHero account and pay by the 15th of every month (September – June). Any payment received after the deadline is subject to 10% of your balance late fee.

If we don't receive payment in a timely manner, your child will **either** no longer be able to attend class, will not receive any costumes/shoes, or will not be permitted to perform in showcase or competition.

Family Pricing:

One Child: \$174/monthly

Two or More Children: \$164/monthly

Note: Tuition is not prorated when your child is absent.

Inclement Weather: We follow MCPS. If MCPS is still open, we will have class. A remake class will be scheduled and you will be informed of that date as soon as possible.

¹ Three costumes and any necessary props - \$45/each

² Class fee is \$63/monthly and includes unlimited classes for company members. Includes jazz, ballet, acro and stretch/conditioning, parade, and Wizards classes

³ Rehearsal fee is \$32/monthly and includes Saturday rehearsals for three competition routines

⁴ Monthly fee beginning September 15th and ending June 15th

Costumes for Performances/Competitions

- Always have two pairs of "dance tights" that are your complexion.
- Always have the company selected earrings and accessories
- Finger nails and toenails should be clear polish only. No French Tips.
- Make-up should look natural. Always use false eyelashes!
- Place costumes in a garment bag for travel
- If your costume has a hat, place it in a hatbox to prevent damage
- Hang costumes before each performance. Check label before ironing/ washing.
- Place your name in all costumes, accessories and shoes

Image:

As a member of POM Squad (girls and parents), you will be a representation of the organization and our philosophy. Please keep the following in mind:

- Never speak negatively about teachers, dancers or parents of our school or other schools.
- No foul language. We will not tolerate any swearing or rude behavior
- Never mistreat your parents, coaches or your teammates at events
- Never bring down your teammates with your negative thinking. Always try to have a positive disposition, even when things or the competition appear tough.

Parent/Coach Communication Agreement:

- There is a "proper time and place" for communication: not during practice, not at competitions/performances, and not in front of the team
- Coaches are open to input and parents understand that coach has final say
- Parents and Coaches refrain from disrespectful interactions, in words or actions

Fundraisers:

As a member of the team, you are expected to participate in **ALL** fundraisers. We will decide as a group how the funds will be allocated.

- **Fall/Spring Fundraiser Catalog:** Each family is required to sell a minimum of \$50 (\$75 for families with more than one dancer) from the catalog or donate a minimum of \$50 (\$75 for families with more than one dancer).

P.O.M. Squad Company Contract 2018-19

I, (parent) _____ and

I, (student) _____ have read, understand, and agree to comply with the 2018/2019 Company Rules and Policies. Also understand that this is a yearlong commitment and I have every intention to remain on the team until the end of the school year.

Signature: (parent) _____ Date: _____

Signature: (student) _____ Date: _____