

Costume, Competition, & Convention Payment Information Sheet

COSTUMES:

Why are my costume payments due so early?

The studio must order costumes no later than November to ensure costumes are in on time. Even with ordering in November we often have to pick different costumes because they will not be in on time. Costume Companies require FULL payment at the time of an order. Our costume payment plan allows you to pay a portion of your costumes over four months so that you do not have to pay a large bill right before the Holidays and the costumes can still be ordered on time.

Can I pay all at once for costumes?

Yes! You may pay all at once for costumes. Full payment is due by November 10th. If you make an arrangement with the studio you may pay your costume bill in any way you choose up through November 10th. Just remember you must pay by November 10th.

What happens if I can't or do not want to pay my costume bill by November 10th?

Your dancer's costume(s) will not be ordered. When you choose to pay there will be additional fees for shipping, administrator work, and rush fees.

Why are my competition costumes so much?

A Competitive Costume gives a Competitive Edge. We want our dancers to have the best chance at competition possible and this means spending a little more on costumes. We will offset this cost by finding less expensive or reusable recital costumes.

COMPETITIONS & CONVENTIONS

Why do I have to pay a commitment fee? You know we are committed to competition.

Actually, we don't know that. We have had many people say they were committed and decide last minute not to compete. The commitment fee gives the teachers and other students some assurance that their dance will not be messed up by someone who decides last minute not to come to class. The fee also includes a required/helpful item for competition, the media/registration fees the competitions require, and all extra rehearsals needed.

Why do I have to pay Competition fees so early?

The studio pays a large nonrefundable deposit to each competition we attend to ensure that our dancers have a spot. The studio also needs time to process payments and submit the payment to the competition.

Why pay the deposit? The competition website says you can enter and pay 25 days before the competition.

All competitions are first come first serve. Most of the competitions we have attended the last few years were sold out months prior to the event. Had we not paid the deposit we would not have been able to participate in the competition. Unfortunately, we do not know which competitions will sell out and which will not so we must pay these deposits so we have a guaranteed spot.

Why do we do conventions?

Conventions give dancers the opportunity to learn how others teach. They help dancers learn to pick up choreography and move quickly. They give dancers the opportunity to meet other dancers, possible judges, and other dance professionals.