

The Naples School of Irish Dance Policies and Procedures

Competitive Dance

Policies are subject to change. Changes/updates will be sent out by email. The Naples School of Irish Dance offers **competitive** Irish Dance, affiliated with Drake School of Irish Dance. All classes run year round and you may register at any time. Classes are offered for students four years of age to adult.

All registered students who are currently registered with the Drake School location in Ft Lauderdale will have to remain in that school location. Anyone who wishes to transfer to the Drake School location in Naples will have to get a release signed by Christina Deacy, TCRG stating that she is releasing you from her Ft Lauderdale school.

We will not allow attendance at both locations. The exception to this policy would be an invitation to an individual feis, workshop, or grade exams being held at the Ft Lauderdale location.

Preschool Dance

Dance education can begin at the age of three, in our Preschool program, at which time students will begin training to improve balance and coordination. Students will learn the meaning of rhythm, listening to music and learn to accept discipline. Class sizes range from four to twenty students. If enrollment drops below four students, The Naples School of Irish Dance and its affiliates reserve the right to change class times or combine classes.

Class Rates: All class rates are monthly. There are no additional charges for months with 5 weeks.

*******Monthly Rate Info*******

Pre-school Level

- * One class per week \$50/month

Beginner Level

- * One class per week \$85/month
- * Two classes per week \$120/month

Advanced Beginner Level

- * One Class per week \$100/month
- * Two Classes per week \$135/month

If you are only registered for one class per week, you can attend an additional class at anytime for a \$20 drop-in fee per class.

Novice/Prizewinner Level

- * Two classes per week \$150/month

Preliminary

- * Two classes per week \$175/month

Open Championship Level

- * Three classes per week \$250/week

All **Oireachtas Level Dancers are required to attend a minimum of 2 classes per week, but recommended to attend 3 a week.

Adult Classes

- * Please see Patricia Oxx

DANCERS RESPONSIBILITIES:

By signing this contract, the dancer is agreeing to the terms set forth in our competitive dance program. After reading through this document, each member needs to initial each item and then sign the document at the end. Then return it to the instructor. A copy will be given on request.

New Beginner classes are offered one day a week.

Beginner/Advanced Beginner dancers may attend up to two classes a week. It is highly recommended they attend both classes each week. That are taught by our competitive instructors.

Prizewinner/Novice it is mandatory for them to attend two classes a week to compete. It is highly recommended if they miss too many consecutive classes they take a private lesson with one of our instructors.

Prelim/Open Champion it is mandatory for them to attend three classes per week to compete. It is highly recommended if they miss too many consecutive classes they take a private lesson with one of our instructors.

We do understand that within our school we have students who are not competing and mandatory class attendance does not apply to them. Dancers will be placed into an appropriate level so that we may place them in our Performance Group accordingly. In the event they decide to compete, they will already have the choreography to perform and or compete at that level.

Dancers will show up to practice dressed in their Drake attire and be ready to practice.

***Initials: _____

Be on time. Students are allowed inside the studio 5-10 minutes before their scheduled dance time. Students may use that time to quietly stretch and get their shoes on without disrupting the private or class in progress.

***Initials: _____

Cell phone usage is **NOT** permitted in the classroom for any reason until the end of class.

***Initials: _____

Dancers agree to compete in three Feis' a year, one being a Drake-run Feis.

***Initials: _____

Members agree to be supportive of other members and to treat one another with respect. Respect includes no name-calling. In the event that a group member treats someone inappropriately, they will be dismissed from the class. In practice and competitions, do not offer unsolicited advice or corrections to other dancers.

***Initials: _____

Excessive talking and misbehavior may result in students being asked to leave the classroom.

***Initials: _____

Mr. Karl visits monthly to work with our competitive dancers. This is a mandatory workshop. There will be no charge for his visit.

***Initials: _____

In order for a dancer to move up a level per the Southern Region Commission Rules. The rules are you need to get two 1st places in all your dances or a 1st, and then a 2nd or 3rd in one of those dances. This is also at the discretion of the TCRG.

For Preliminary Champions to move to Open, you need to place 1st in the two competitions in the same calendar.

Each dancer and parent will print their name & then sign:

Print Dancer Name: _____ Signature: _____

Print Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Registration Fees: Annual registration fees are due July/August for new and returning students. The class year runs from August-July. The annual registration fee per family \$35. Registration fees are non refundable. If a student discontinues their dance for more then a month, the registration fee will have to be paid again upon reenrollment. New students will receive a complimentary month of class free. Thereafter, students will not be allowed to attend class unless registered.

Private Lessons with a TCRG (Certified Teacher): Private lessons are offered Ipoh availability. The one-on-one lessons are \$100 per hour. A semiprivate lesson (two people share an hour) is only \$50 per student. A semiprivate lesson (three people sharing the hour) is only \$40 per student. Payment for private lessons are due the day of the lesson. Full payment will be expected for all lessons cancelled with less then 24 hours.

Payment Policy: Payments may be mailed to 875 94th Ave N. Naples, FL 34108 or hand delivered to class. All payments are due on the 1st of the month for that current month. A late fee of \$15 will be applied to your account on the 8th of each month if tuition has not been received. After 20 days, an additional \$5.00 will be added for every day the account remains overdue. Accounts are also liable for all legal and collection fees. Partial payment will not be accepted without prior arrangements. No refunds/discounts will be given for holidays or missed lessons. We accept cash or check payments. BE SURE TO GET A RECEIPT IF YOU PAY BY CASH. Returned Checks will be charged a \$25 fee. Always remember to put your child's name on the bottom of the check. **Please make checks payable to Naples School of Irish Dance. Venmo and Zelle are also acceptable ways for payment.

Dropping a Class: You cannot drop a class by simply not attending. Notice is required upon paying your monthly tuition to drop a class. You are responsible for your regular monthly tuition if no written notice is given.

General Policies: The Naples School of Irish Dance and it's affiliates are not responsible for personal articles lost or misplaced in the studio.

Substitute : The school reserves the right to provide a substitute teacher if the regularly scheduled teacher is ill or otherwise unable to teach. If a teacher is ill and the school cannot arrange a substitute, the missed class will be made up.

Attendance: Regular attendance is important for the progress of your child. No deduction of tuition will be given for missed classes.

Inclement Weather Closings and Acts of God: If Collier or Lee County schools close due to inclement weather, or any other catastrophe occur, The Naples School of Irish Dance and it's affiliates will close. No makeup or prorating of tuition will be given.

Holidays: The Naples School of Irish Dance and it's affiliates will be closed for the following holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Week. Memorial Day. Full Tuition will be due for these months.

Parking: Abundant free parking is available at our studio.

Release Statement: I fully understand that due to the very nature of the activity, dance, there is a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the student and coach are, the risk cannot be eliminated. Reduced, yes, but not eliminated. Any activity involving motion creates the possibility of minor as well as catastrophic injuries. In the event of an injury, I do hereby hold The Naples School of Irish Dance and its affiliates, or any staff member or owner, harmless of any liability. I, as the parent/guardian, understand that it is my responsibility to carry adequate health insurance. I hereby give my consent for The Naples School of Irish Dance and it's affiliates to notify any necessary medical personnel to provide emergency medical treatment or transport to a health facility in the case of a medical emergency involving my child.

Communication: The Naples School of Irish Dance news, updates to policies and procedures, and general information will be communicated by emails. Please check your emails often. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE US WITH CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBER. If you have any questions please contact Robin or Caroline.

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