

**Congratulations to our 2023 NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPS!!**  
**We are looking forward to another successful competition season!**

## **DANCE FX 2023-2024 INFORMATION**

**Pre-Audition Workshop: Aug 14 ([2023 Pre-Audition Workshop](#))**

**Team Audition Date: Aug 21 ([Audition Info](#))**

### **2023-2024 INFORMATION:**

#### ***General Commitment and Financial Responsibility:***

Dance FX Competition Team is a competitive performance environment for any performer wanting a more advanced level of competitive dance. This is an audition-based team that requires a COMMITMENT that runs a FULL YEAR (from auditions on August 21, to a hopeful Nationals July (14-19).

We have 4 current levels of competitors:

- Dazzle: ages 5-9, will compete in Hip Hop (and option to compete in FX Production, and/or Color Wars)
- Force: ages 10-13, Force will compete with independent teams by selection in Jazz Hip-Hop and/or Lyrical (and options to compete in Production and Color Wars for Dance Nationals)
- Fierce: ages 9-13, Fierce will compete with independent teams by selection in Jazz, Hip Hop and/or \*Lyrical Additional options to compete in \*Contemporary/Lyrical Line, Production, Color Wars, and Specialty Small Groups and/or Duos by Audition
- Ignite: ages 13-18, Ignite will compete with independent teams by selection in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical and/or options to compete in \*Contemporary/Lyrical Line, Specialty Small Groups, FX Production, Color Wars and Solos by Audition
- (FX Production is a large group number with selected members from Dazzle through Ignite groups)
- (FX Color Wars is open to ALL FX members and is part of our Dance Nationals Team Experience \*this competition fee is covered by AOM)

**FX Class Registration:** We ask all competition auditionees to actually **NOT USE ICLASSPRO** for registration **IF they believe they would be in more than 6 classes.**

- If registering for 6 or fewer classes you should register immediately for your rec classes. Your FX Team classes will be available for registration on 8/23/23.
- If registering for 6+ classes, the dancer becomes eligible for the **EXTREME DANCER DISCOUNT**. In order to take advantage of this discount registrants must use this [Extreme Dancer Form](#) to register once teams have been selected. Once the form is submitted, **The Registrar** will manually enter all of these Extreme Dancer Registrations. All competition registrations for the Extreme Discount will be accepted from **August 23-25**. \*EXTREME DANCER PARAMETERS. The discount is for students who are taking more than 6+ classes. IT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL CLASSES IF AVAILABILITY REMAINS IN THE CLASS AT THE TIME WE RECEIVE AND PROCESS THE FORM. If you neglect to include a required class it will be added for you.

### **General FX Class Requirements 2023-2024:**

The requirements for all FX members are as follows:

#### **FX Dazzle members:**

FX Dazzle Team Class, FX Dazzle Ballet, FX Dazzle Ballet Technique. Additionally, age-level rec classes are highly encouraged for added choreography and performance experience..

#### **FX Force and Fierce members:**

FX Force and/or Fierce Team classes, FX F/F Ballet, FX F/F Ballet Technique, FX F/F Team Turns, FX F/F Team Flexibility, FX Force Tumble or FX Fierce Tumble. Additionally, age-level rec classes are highly encouraged for added choreography and performance experience.

#### **FX Ignite members:**

- **Ignite Hip Hop ONLY:** must be enrolled in FX Ignite Hip Hop Team class as well as the age level Hip Hop rec class (Teen Hip Hop or Boys Break it Down). Additionally, FX Tumble, FX Ignite Flexibility and other rec classes are highly encouraged for additional training.
- **Ignite Jazz, Lyrical and/or Contemporary Line members:** must be enrolled in the selected FX team classes, FX Ignite Ballet, Ignite Ballet Technique, FX Ignite Team Turns, FX Ignite Team Flexibility. Additionally, selected members will be invited to Ballet 5 Pre-Pointe class. FX Ignite Tumble and age-level rec classes are highly encouraged for additional training.

## **FX Production and FX Colorwars:**

These are optional Competition classes/experiences.

**\*Here is the 2023 [FALL SCHEDULE MATRIX](#) for your review.**

### **General FX Responsibilities:**

The dancer contract will be reviewed at the TEAM BOOTCAMP Tuesday-Thursday **THURSDAY SEPT 5-7 6-8pm** (Contract includes a strict social media policy and will be brought home to be reviewed and signed by a parent as well.)

### **Financial FX Parent Responsibilities:**

**ALL COMPETITION FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO EACH COMPETITION.**

We offer Multiple Team and Individual Fundraisers per year!

### **General FX Costs:**

- The cost of the competition “FX classes” are all regular tuition prices.
- Competition classes are all eligible for the 6+ class [Extreme Dancer Discount](#)
- Competition Fees are in addition to FX Class Tuition. (3-4 competitions per year)
- Competition Class Costumes start \$85 each and are NOT eligible for costume discounts (custom Solo costumes vary \$85 +)
- Competition Shoes and sneakers are regular class shoes and vary by style \$30-\$85
- Each new member must purchase a personalized Team Jacket by first competition \$80
- We have a Parent Fundraising Group we encourage all parents to be involved in!

### **Average Competition Fees (Nationals usually \$5 higher) :**

**Group Dances \$80**

**Solos \$135**

**Duos \$95**

Examples:

A student competing in one class would total \$80 in competition registration fees/comp.

A student competing in 3 group dances would total \$240/comp

A student competing in 4 group dances and a solo would total \$455/comp

We do approximately 3 to 4 competitions a year. A practice regional, a qualifying regional, and 2024 Dance Nationals! There may be an additional **optional** regional competition for soloists and groups based on cost, interest, and location. All competition students will be invited to an OPTIONAL but encouraged, EXCEL IN MOTION choreography clinic held in Lancaster PA. January 5-7. (This is a great

Holiday gift) All ages from beginner to advanced. We also have the optional Phil Wright Hip Hop Convention in Philly for Dazzle, Force, Fierce, and Ignite and we also added the Option of the JUMP convention and competition for IGNITE team members from Feb 2-4.

### **Tentative Commitment Dates: (Save the Dates!)**

<b>TEAM BOOT CAMP</b>	September 5-8 6-8pm @ AOM
Phil Wright Hip Hop Master Class (optional)	October 22, 2023 Philadelphia, PA
Excel in Motion Convention (optional)	January 5-7 2024 Lancaster, PA
<b>*Winter AOM Recital</b>	January 13/14 2024 Tent.
JUMP Convention/Solo Competition (optional)	February 2-4 (Ignite Only) KOP, PA
<b>*Backstage Regional Competition</b>	March 1-3 2024 Lancaster, PA
<b>*Elevate Regional Competition</b>	March 23-24 Lancaster, PA
Dancing with The Reading Stars (Teams TBA)	April 2024 ,*Double Tree Hotel TBA
<b>*Elevate Regional Competition</b>	April 6-7 King of Prussia
<b>*Summer AOM Recital</b>	June 8/9 2024 Tent.
<b>*Backstage Dance Nationals</b> Kalahari Resort	July 14-19 2024 Pocono PA

**Assistant Instructors** will be chosen from FX IGNITE MEMBERS. We ask that if you would like to be a volunteer, assistant instructor, you fill out this [Assistant Instructor Form](#) (application). You must have been enrolled at AOM for at least 1 full year. Assistant Instructors are selected based on the needs of each individual class. If selected to be an assistant, one recreational class costume will be paid for by AOM for each full hour of assisting per semester. Assistant instructors will be announced after the FX teams have been chosen based on availability /scheduling, application form, and need.

**\*Audit:** If your dancer was selected as an audit it means that scores were extremely close, and while it didn't meet a full-time placement, we would like them to have the opportunity to train at the competitive level for a full year in hopes of improving technique and skill. This is a training position, not a performance position. There is no obligation to accept as it is an optional opportunity to just train with higher-level choreography. There will be no costume or competition fees. Regular class tuition applies and is still eligible for the Extreme Dancer Discount. *(If invited by an instructor at any point throughout the season, costume and comp fees would apply if accepted)*

## HOW DANCE CLASS BENEFITS EARLY DEVELOPMENT