



Competition Lines—Basic Information for 2019-20

Welcome Back! Summer flew by with Nationals in Wisconsin Dells, the Rivertown Days Parade, and summer classes. Congratulations dancers for your performances at Midwest Starz Nationals 2019 in the Wisconsin Dells. Over 175 dancers earned 1st place and/or platinum awards at the biggest nationals event ever! Over 50 of you earned Grand National awards, including: Diamond Clog, Turquoise Clog, and Giant Clog. Congratulations to everyone – you performed your best under the national spotlight!

The Rivertown Days Parade was well-attended and provided great family fun!

Fall Classes resume Monday, September 9th.

FALL OPEN HOUSE & SHOE SWAP: Wednesday, August 21st at the studio from 5 – 8 pm (in-person registration). All dancers may register by mail if they prefer. Registration forms and information were emailed and are available online. **Selling used shoes?** Bring in your previously worn shoes to the shoe swap so you can try to sell them. Do not just drop them off to sell as we have no one to supervise the sale of them. You may also list them in the “Used Shoes for Sale” book.

VACATION SCHEDULE:

Thanksgiving: No classes Wed., November 27 through Friday, November 29. Classes resume Mon., Dec. 2nd.

Christmas: No classes Thurs., December 19 through Wed., January 1. Classes resume Thurs., January 2nd.

Spring Break: No classes Mon., March 16 through Fri., March 20. Classes resume Mon., March 23rd.

Last Week of Classes: Mon., May 18 through Fri., May 22.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Costume Measuring: During your class time the week of October 1-8. **Wear your leotard – No shorts and tees!**

Christmas Show & Nutcracker: to be determined.

TENTATIVE REVUE DATES: Friday, May 29th through Sunday, May 31st.

AUDITIONS 2020: All dancers are expected to attend auditions **July 20 – 23, 2020**. For those who are unable to attend, video auditions requests must state the reason and be **preapproved by Jan BEFORE June 10, 2020**.

TECHNIQUE CLASSES: All students on a Competition Line grades 5 and up must attend technique classes weekly. Comp line students grades 3 and 4 must attend 3 classes of technique per month. **THIS INCLUDES STUDENTS IN CLOGGING only.** You may attend as many technique classes as you want for the same fee!

BALLET CLASSES: Ballet classes are recommended for all dancers; however, **ALL solo, duet, trio, Turquoise Jazz, Blue Jazz & Lyrical, Gem Jazz, Teen Lyrical, and Ruby Jazz & Lyrical dancers are REQUIRED to take a ballet class in addition to technique.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY: All missed classes must be made up by attending an additional technique class to prevent suspension from a line. For example, if you miss a jazz, clogging and technique class on Monday, you must make up those classes by attending 3 additional technique classes. You can attend any technique class for the makeup.

DANCE ATTIRE AND DRESS: GIRLS: All girls must wear a leotard. Jan will place an order for any leotards you want. See desk. If you want to layer a tight fitting tank top **OVER THE LEOTARD** with shorts or leggings, that is fine. Please NO T-shirts over the leotard, we need to see body lines to correct the dancers. As always, tights and kneepads are recommended for floor work (standard volleyball type is fine or even a thinner variety). All hair must be pulled back in a ponytail/bun and off the face. **BOYS:** Wear knit shorts and T-shirts or sweats. Kneepads are recommended for floor work (standard volleyball type is fine or even a thinner variety).

SHOES NEEDED:

Technique classes: All silver and coral competition line dancers **MUST** wear ballet shoes to technique class (any color, canvas/leather); other lines can wear Paul Wright 1/2 ballets to technique.

Ballet classes: All dancers **MUST** wear ballet shoes. This includes Nutcracker dancers!

Jazz, Novelty, Contemporary, and Lyrical classes: Paul Wright half ballet in tan.

Clogging Shoes by Line: (Dancer's feet must be sized by Oct. 1st; the sample sizers must be returned to the manufacturer)

Pre-Comp Clog Girls:	White 12F Tap Shoes
Purple	White 20W Graduated Taps
Coral, Silver, Diamond, Turquoise	White 720s with Steven Stompers
Super Clog, Blue, Copper, and Giant Clog	Black 720s with Steven Stompers

Boys:

Pre-Comp Clog Boys:	Black 12F Tap Shoes
All other clogging lines:	Black 720s with Steven Stompers

Hip Hop: Clean tennis shoes

Pointe: See your teacher, I can order for you if you know the brand and style number.

2019-2020 Estimated Expenses:

Costume down payments will be \$75 per costume per dancer with the first payment due October 1st. If you are in more than one routine, you may pay the \$75 in installments, but all down payments must be received by December 1st. The cost per costume averages between \$110-\$240 for beginning lines and \$125-\$300 for intermediate and advanced lines. A second down payment of \$25 per costume is due March 1. **Competition Line costumes are ordered October 1. No refunds will be given if you drop after Oct. 1st. (Reminder: Dropping classes requires written notice.)**

Competition Entry Fees average \$40-\$55 per routine/competition. These fees include 4 regional competitions as well as Nationals entry fees and rehearsal fees. We have broken the entry fees into 2 installments. The first payment of \$100 per routine per dancer is due with your November tuition. You may pay in installments, but all down payments must be received by Dec. 1st. The final installment is due with your Feb tuition. You will be entered in all competitions regardless of whether you attend. The amount of the second installment will be finalized later. Nationals are for everyone on a line. National dates are not yet available, but will be in either June or July.

2019-2020 Competition Line Payment Schedule

Payments are due to Jan in the Studio on the first week of each month. Your class tuition is broken into 9 equal payments. If you are paying by check, note the student name and line on the check. Also note what the check is for and attach the month's voucher from your payment book.

Month	Fees Due
Sept	Tuition, Registration (\$15), Technique Fees – ½ year (\$65)
Oct	Tuition, Costume down payment (\$75/ costume)
Nov	Tuition, Competition entry fee down payment (\$100/ routine)
Dec	Tuition (All costume & entry fee down payments are due)
Jan	Tuition, Technique Fee – 2nd ½ year (\$65)
Feb	Tuition, Competition entry fee final balance (Jan will notify you of amount)
Mar	Tuition, Costume 2nd payment (\$25/ costume)
Apr	Tuition, Costume final balance (Jan will notify you of final balance due)
May	Tuition

REMINDER: If you intend to drop a class or quit, you must send **WRITTEN NOTIFICATION** to Jan. If you do not send a notice, you will be billed for classes until this notification is received. Calling, leaving a message or not attending class is not sufficient. Costumes are ordered Oct.1st. **Costume fees will not be refunded for students dropping after Oct. 1st.**

During the year: We communicate all registration forms, newsletters, and handouts via email. Please contact the studio if you are not receiving these. Studio: (651) 438-3690. It is **your** responsibility to keep up on extra practices and information. Check out our website at www.jansschoolofdance.com, look for Jan's School of Dance, Inc. on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram at [jans_school_of_dance_inc](https://www.instagram.com/jans_school_of_dance_inc).