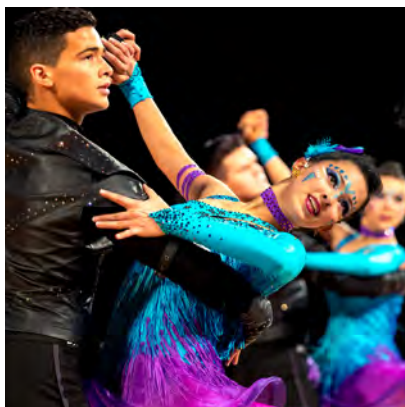




PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE



Family Welcome Packet



GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION 2023

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WELCOME TO *Pacific Ballroom Dance*

We are so grateful you have chosen to be part of the PBD family.

We believe that PBD is a special organization that seeks to empower young people to transform their lives. We know that we could not do this alone, and we are grateful to you as parents for all that you do to partner with us in this work. Our mission statement, “building character in youth by providing a positive ballroom dance experience” is not just a statement but a call to action that we work toward every day.

In this handbook, there is a lot of information to absorb, and we know you will likely have questions. Please reach out to your team coaches, or anyone on the administrative staff when you do.

No matter if you are a new student or a returning one, I want you to know that you are valued and appreciated. My door is always open and I am always available to answer questions or hear concerns.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Nielsen
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WELCOME
LETTER

PBD VALUES & EXPECTATIONS



Values:

- FITNESS
- LEADERSHIP
- INCLUSIVENESS
- RESPECT
- TEAMWORK
- EXCELLENCE
- DEDICATION

Expectations

FOR STUDENTS:

Be **respectful** at all times to all people, both in the studio and elsewhere; demonstrate **teamwork** and **dedication** by being present at all practices and rehearsals; demonstrate **excellence** and **dedication** by practicing outside of team times and giving your all when in class; continuously work on **fitness** of body and mind so you are prepared for anything that might be asked of you; be a **leader** by making sure everyone in your group, or any one new to the studio is always **included**.

Expectations

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Be **respectful** at all times to all people, both in the studio and elsewhere; demonstrate **teamwork** by keeping in communication with your coaches and studio staff; practice **dedication** by making sure your students are at the studio on time and prepared to work; be a **leader** by always demonstrating **excellence** and **inclusivity**; help us by helping your child understand what **fitness** of mind and body looks like and that means something different to everyone.



Registration & Orientation

Registration is done online through the Wellness Living secure client portal. Our website provides links to each Team and Class registration tab in Wellness Living. You can also go directly to Wellness Living by clicking "Wellness Living Login" in the upper right corner of our homepage. If you are new to PBD, create an account in the STUDENT'S NAME.

Wellness Living Tabs that you will frequent will be:

- **BOOK NOW** which takes you to registration tabs for teams and classes. Teams can be found underneath the Performing Company tab, Syllabus Classes under the Youth Academy tab, and Stars Classes under the Stars tab. Booking Private Lessons is done under the Private Lessons tab. Competition Teams can be found under the Competition Teams tab.
- **ONLINE STORE** where you will find items like competition fees, annual membership fees, tickets to events, etc.
- **MY PROFILE** is where you update addresses, credit card information, and can make payments on your account.

A **Family Orientation** will take place at the beginning of the season. Please see the Key Dates page for exact date. The open house format will allow you to visit areas of interest to you.

- Q & A
- Meet Coaches
- Information on Classes, Teams
- Parent Committee & Volunteer Opportunities
- Dance Attire
- Registration Assistance

Studio Primary Communication

Band: A BAND invitation link should be presented to you at registration for each class & team you sign up for. Please join each page as soon as possible. If you missed this opportunity you can ask the front desk for assistance. You will also need to join the Studio News & Events Band Page.

- 1 - BAND pages (access by phone app/computer)
- 2 - Email Updates
- 3 - Website: www.pacificballroom.org

GETTING
STARTED



JOIN THE PBD STUDIO NEWS
& EVENTS BAND HERE



FIND OUR KEY DATES
INFO HERE

Contact & Questions

For Registration or Wellness Living Questions please contact: **secretary@pacificballroom.org**

You can contact any staff member directly by going to our website About Us section or by emailing the first name of the staff member @pacificballroom.org. (exception: hbryant@pacificballroom.org)

- Example: name@pacificballroom.org

Lobby & Drop-Off

Arrival/Exit - Students arrive through the #110 door to check in at the front desk. They are dismissed out the back doors of #110 or #109 after class. Be prompt in picking up your students. We are not responsible for students outside of teaching hours. Loitering in the lobby is not permitted. The wait time for a student to be picked up after their class should not exceed 30 minutes.

Parking Lot - To ensure safety of our students, do not stop your vehicle in the driving lanes to drop off/pick up students. Pull into a parking spot and let students walk on the sidewalk into the studio. When leaving the back area after pickup, watch carefully for students going to vehicles. Some of our students are very small and hard to see, especially at night. Meeting your student at the back door and walking them to your vehicle is the safest way to exit.

Kitchen - Use by students is restricted - Up to 4 students at a time may eat in the kitchen, but are not permitted to cook. Non-messy snacks are preferred. Eating is not allowed in the lobby.

Scholarships

As a non-profit organization, we want all dancers to have access to our programs. Scholarship opportunities for those who need financial assistance are available. Scholarship applications can be found at the front desk. We make these scholarship determinations mid-September.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend rehearsals and performances as scheduled throughout the season. Coaches should be notified in advance if student cannot attend due to illness or emergency.

Practice Space

Practice space is available when the studio is open but space is not guaranteed as classes, teams and private lessons take priority. Four couples per practice space is the acceptable capacity level. Professional courtesy is expected from students in this regard.

Family Support

Family support is important to the success of each student. We provide opportunities for families to volunteer at events and interact with coaches on an individual basis. Classes are open to observers ONLY when invited by the instructor. Private lessons can be observed when studio capacity allows. Observers are not coaches, and must refrain from talking or communicating with students while observing. Communicating with an instructor privately after class is the avenue used to address concerns in a timely manner.

Conduct

Students are expected to be attentive and respectful in class. Behavior management strategies are outlined in the PBD Behavior Management Tool. Strategies include a warning, removal from class, and parent involvement when needed.

PBD Gear & Shop

Watch our BAND pages for information on ordering online, and adhere to the order deadline.

A dance attire shop, WDHT Ballroom, is housed in our studio and is available to purchase shoes, basics, etc. Contact **Katie Mecham** (425.358.0924) to make an appointment.

Emergency / Weather Closures

Our complete Emergency Procedure will be released mid-October for reference, and instructs patrons to watch email, BAND, and social media for closure updates.

MY CHECKLIST TO DANCE



- ☐ Enroll for my Classes & Teams
- ☐ Join Team/Academy Class
BAND Pages (*upon registration*)
- ☐ Join Studio News & Events
Band Page (*All band invitations
are on our website under the tab,
"Programs and Registration"*)
- ☐ Receive and Read Class &
Team Letters
- ☐ Put Key Dates on my Calendar
- ☐ Get my Ballroom Dance Attire
- ☐ Find a Dance Bag &
Dance Bag Items

DANCE BAG NECESSITIES

(please label all the things)

- *Water bottle*
- *Deodorant*
- *Dance shoes*
- *Leotard (girls)*
- *Band-aids*
- *Hair ties*
- *Black Socks (boys)*
- *Emergency Snack*

- ☐ Locate information and
handbooks on PBD's Website
under the Information Tab for
future reference
- ☐ Meet my Coaches &
Instructors
- ☐ Have Fun!



JOIN ALL CLASS/TEAM
BAND PAGES HERE



FIND OUR KEY DATES
INFO HERE



DRESS CODE

When students come to class, practice or a lesson, they should be dressed in clothes that are comfortable, allow freedom of movement, and are appropriate to the demands of the session. Some classes/teams require dancewear for each class and some classes allow students to wear appropriate street clothes. At PBD, we try to incorporate our core values into all that we do and adherence to the dress code is a demonstration of **respect**, **excellence**, and **dedication**. Thank you for coming prepared to dance.

Approved Dance Attire

ACADEMY CLASSES

NEWCOMER LEVEL: Clothes that you are comfortable moving in and that allow ease of movement, such as athletic wear (leggings, t-shirts, etc).

ALL OTHER LEVELS:

- **LEOTARDS** (*at least 1" strap, no cutouts or sheer material*)
- **BLACK DANCE PANTS/LEGGINGS**
- **BLACK SKIRT** (*latin/ballroom*)
- **BUTTON UP SHIRTS**
- **BLOUSES**
- **TEAM SHIRTS**
- **DANCE SHOES** (*non-rubber soled shoes*)

PERFORMING/COMPETITION TEAMS

- **BLACK DANCE PANTS/LEGGINGS**
- **TEAM SHIRTS** (*Gray = Leads, Black = Follows*)
- **DANCE SHOES** (*as specified by team director*)
- **LEOTARDS** (*as needed*)
- **TENNIS SHOES** (*as needed*)

NOT APPROPRIATE FOR ANY BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

- *Shorts*
- *Hoodies*
- *Overly Baggy Clothing*
- *Flip Flops*
- *Shirts or Leotards open below sternum*
- *Midriff Shirts*
- *Hats*

PERFORMANCE ITEMS



Team Performances

FOLLOWS

- Fishnets - Toffee Color
- Suntan Dance Tights (sheer to waist)
- Nude Leotard w/ Bra Cups
- Dance Kit

LEADS

- White T-Shirt (under costume, v-neck)
- Black Biker Shorts (under costume)
- Black socks
- Dance Kit

Individual Syllabus Competition

FOLLOWS

- Black Long sleeve turtleneck or round neck leotard
- Black latin skirt (if competing latin)
- Black ballroom skirt (if competing ballroom)
- Fishnets with optional tights
- Preteen Category: opaque tights OR white Bobby Socks

LEADS

- Black latin pants
- White button up dress shirt
- Black Socks
- Black Tie (bow ties are allowed at some competitions, straight ties are allowed at all competitions)

Dance Kit

FOLLOWS

- Hairspray
- Bobby pins
- Hair Gel
- Hairnets
- Hair ties/elastics
- comb/brush
- Blush
- Liquid base
- Bronzer
- Mascara
- Eyeshadow
- Lipstick
- False eyelashes
- Eyelash glue
- Mirror
- Clear deodorant
- Bandages
- Safety pins

LEADS

- Hairspray/Gel
- Brush/comb
- Hand towel
- Clear deodorant
- Bandages
- Safety pins
- Extra black socks
- Extra Black tie
- Extra Shoe laces
- Contact cement (shoe repair)

RESOURCES



All informational handbooks, including this Welcome packet can be found on PBD's Website under the "Information Tab"

- **PERFORMING & COMPETITION TEAMS**

- **ACADEMY & COMPETITIONS**

- **VOLUNTEERING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Please refer to PBD communication avenues - BAND, email, social media, website.



**JOIN THE PBD STUDIO NEWS
& EVENTS BAND HERE**

Links to the following resources can be found on our website by going to:

Pacificballroom.org
Information
Resources

Locations

WDHT BALLROOM

1604 15th St SW #109, Auburn, WA
(425) 358-0924

CENTERSTAGE DANCE SHOP

5261 University Way NE, Seattle, WA
(206) 527-4697

STAR DANCE SHOP

6911 216th St SW Suite C, Lynnwood, WA
(425) 697-4708

PETTICOAT JUNCTION

14523 WA-99 #1, Lynnwood, WA
(425) 743-9513

DANCE TRENDZ

4798 Auburn Way N, Auburn, WA
(206) 922-7878

Online Shopping

- Discount Dance Supply
- Amazon
- Capezio
- Dance Shopper
- Red Tango
- Star Dance Provo
- PBD Facebook – Buy Sell Trade Page

**MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND AT
PACIFICBALLROOM.ORG**

PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE SHOE EXAMPLES

KIDS	 <p>KIDS JAZZ SHOE</p>	 <p>BOYS LATIN/BALLROOM</p>	 <p>GIRLS LATIN BLOCK HEEL</p>
SANDALS	 <p>LATIN SANDAL 1.5" HEEL</p>	 <p>LATIN SANDAL 2" HEEL</p>	 <p>LATIN SANDAL 2.5" HEEL</p>
PUMPS	 <p>BALLROOM 1.5" HEEL</p>	 <p>BALLROOM 2.5" HEEL</p>	 <p>SMOOTH 2.5" HEEL</p>
PRACTICE	 <p>2.5" THIN HEEL</p>	 <p>1.5" CUBAN HEEL</p>	
MENS	 <p>BALLROOM/LATIN 1" HEEL</p>	 <p>PATENT BALLROOM 1" HEEL</p>	 <p>CUBAN LATIN 1.5" HEEL</p>

PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE CLOTHING EXAMPLES

PANTS	 <p>BLACK LEGGINGS</p>	SKIRTS	   <p>BALLROOM LATIN FRINGE</p>
BLACK LEOTARDS	   <p>L/S TURTLENECK S/S OR L/S SCOOPNECK</p>	NUDE LEOTARDS	   <p>CAMISOLE BRA-TECH FULL SUPPORT</p>
TIGHTS	  <p>FOOTED TIGHTS (SUNTAN) SEAMLESS FISHNETS (TOFFEE)</p>	BOYS/MENS	    <p>BLACK BIKER SHORTS WHITE BUTTON-UP L/S SHIRT & BLACK TIE WHITE UNDER SHIRT HIGH-WAISTED LATIN PANTS</p>



PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE

KEY DATES 2023-24

THESE DATES MAY BE ADJUSTED TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGING COMMUNITY CONDITIONS

Competitions, special events, and performances will be added as they are scheduled.

JULY

- 05 • Beginning of Summer Team
- 08 • Free Youth Workshop @ 5:30pm

AUGUST

- 07-11 • Dance Camp - American
- 08-10 • Stars Kids Camp Week 1
- 14-18 • Dance Camp - International
- 15-17 • Stars Kids Camp Week 2
- 21-25 • Team Kickstart Sessions
- 25 • Team Socials, Orientation & Welcome Dance
- 28 • 23-24 Full Season Schedule Begins

SEPTEMBER

- 04 • No Classes - Holiday Break
- 09 • PBD Family Mixer & Annual Garage Sale 2-4pm
- 11-16 • Competition Team Auditions
- 17 • National Dance Day
- 22 • Donor Appreciation Dinner
- 28-30 • Summit DanceSport - Seattle, WA
- 30 • Open Enrollment Ends - Performing Teams

OCTOBER

- 02 • Competition Teams Begin
- 14 • Quest for the Best Competition
- 20 • Youth Costume Ball/Fundraiser (Grades 4-12)
- 21 • Competition Information Fair
- 23-27 • Friends Week
- 28 • BYU Ballroom Exchange
- 28 • Halloween Party/Social (Adults)

NOVEMBER

- 04 • Stars Kids Imagination & Dance Camp
- 10-11 • BYU Dancesport Championships - Provo, UT
- 18 • Academy Harvest Ball
- 22-25 • No Classes - Holiday Break
- 28 • Full Performing Team Rehearsal - Winter
- 29 • Winter Concert - Rehearsal @ APAC
- 30 • Winter Concert - Show #1

DECEMBER

- 01 • Winter Concert - Show #2
- 02 • Open Enrollment Begins - Performing Teams
- 09 • Free Workshop (Grades 4-12)
- 15 • Adult Winter Showcase
- 16 • Stars Kids Imagination & Dance Camp
- 16 • Medals Exams
- 18-31 • No Classes - Holiday Break
- 31 • New Year's Eve Dance - USA Dance

JANUARY

- 01 • No Classes - Holiday Break
- 02 • Classes/Teams Begin
- 15 • Open Enrollment Ends - Performing Teams

FEBRUARY

- 02-03 • Utah DanceSport Challenge - American Fork, UT
- 10 • Valentines Party/Social (Adults)
- 10 • Stars Kids Imagination & Dance Camp

MARCH

- 11-16 • PBD Spring Break - No Teams/Classes (Stars-Youth)
- 12-16 • BYU National Championships - Provo, UT
- 23 • Spring Showcase & Comp Celebration (Full Studio)
- 25-28 • End of Season Competition Teams

APRIL

- 06 • Free Workshop (Grades 4-12)
- 19-20 • Extreme DanceSport Invitational - Rigby, ID
- 22-26 • Friends Week
- 26 • 20th Anniversary Gala & Annual Fundraiser
- 29 • International Dance Day

MAY

- 04 • PBD Prom
- 04 • Stars Kids Imagination & Dance Camp
- 11 • Free Workshop (Grades 4-12)
- 11-12 • Portland Open - Portland, OR
- 27 • No Classes - Holiday Break

JUNE

- 08 • Free Workshop (Grades 4-12)
- 08 • Full Performing Team Rehearsal - Summer
- 12-15 • Summer Concert - Rehearsals/Shows
- 17-18 • Last week of Classes/Teams 23-24 Season
- 19-21 • Performing Team Auditions 2024-25 Season
- 20-22 • Medals Exams
- 21 • Adult Summer Showcase
- 22 • Full Company Cast Party

WANT MORE INFO?

**FIND DETAILED INFORMATION
& DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE
EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE**



PBD 08/04/23

ACADEMY INFORMATION

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Class Structure

NEWCOMER, BRONZE, SILVER, AND GOLD

Students will be learning basic figures of 10 International Style Ballroom/Latin dances- Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, and Jive. Each month will focus on one Ballroom and one Latin dance. We will teach the technique and figures in class, and will aim to put them into routines.

AMERICAN SMOOTH/SHOWDANCE

This class will include American Style Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, and Viennese Waltz while incorporating elements of spins, basic lifts, drops and other theatrical and artistic skills. This class is required for any student planning on competing in Open-level American Smooth this year, but is open to those Silver and above. Bronze 2 students wanting to enroll in Smooth class may do so, but may not compete in the open level until in Silver syllabus level.

AMERICAN RHYTHM

This class includes the American style Cha Cha, Rumba, Mambo, Bolero, and East Coast Swing. To compete in this category, students need to be in the Gold Syllabus Level, but the class is open to all. Bronze 2 students wanting to enroll in Rhythm class may do so, but may not compete in the open level until in Silver syllabus level.

CABARET

This class includes instruction on the foundational principles of lifting, partnering, and strength training. Students will be challenged in a variety of partnering and group lifts. This class is a prerequisite for any student planning on competing with the Youth Cabaret Competition team, but is open to those Silver and above in the Junior/Youth age.

Progress Reports

Twice a year instructors will be handing out progress reports. These will be sent home with the students. This is for parents and dancers to see where they are in their class progress. Scores and comments about attendance, attitude, class participation and dance technique will be included.

Instructors will use these progress reports to recommend students to move to the next level if they are ready. Please note that the comments sections will be the main focus. Number scores will fluctuate throughout the year and only reflect a small glimpse of overall progress.

Moving Up / Medals Exams

Moving to a higher skill level class is at the discretion of the Class Instructor and our Academy Director. When a student has demonstrated the required skill level, knowledge of figures, and class participation/attitude to move up, the instructor will recommend (through progress reports) that the student take Medals Exams. During medals exams, the students will be asked to dance their class routines with a

partner of their choice as well as answer questions about the steps and dances. If they receive a passing score, they will be cleared to move up. There is an extra cost for these exams that varies depending on the age and skill level being tested. This information is available on our website. When recommended to move up, it is the student's/parent's responsibility to schedule an exam at the front desk. Exams will be held in December and the June. Exact dates will be announced when they become available.

There are no medals exams necessary moving from Newcomer to Bronze 1 (that decision will be left to the discretion of the Class Instructor and Academy Director).

Students will be recommended to move up based solely on their own merit/class participation, without regard to friends, family, or competition partners' current class level. Every student is unique and learns at a different pace. Each has different strengths and weaknesses, and need to achieve a certain level before they are recommended to move up.

As such, it is unwise to compare students' levels and the speed of progression with others. Academy Staff will not discuss other student's progress with people other than the student, their parents, and other PBD staff when necessary. We hope that families will adopt the same policy and help us build a supportive and friendly environment at PBD.

Rounds

Every week, PBD has a specific time dedicated to students to practice their routines in the Ballroom, Latin and Smooth styles. This is call Rounds. This is FREE and a great time to solidify the routines students are learning in class and dance through them with music. A partner is encouraged but not required. A second set of rounds will be offered during the heavy competition season.

Practice Space

Please refer to the Getting Started category of the Family Welcome Packet.

Academy Harvest Ball

Once a year we hold an Academy Harvest Ball where students demonstrate what they have learned in a fun, stress-free event. Parents and friends are invited to attend and partnerships are assigned randomly before the event.

Showcases

Once a year in the Spring our students showcase their work in Teams, Academy Classes, individual partnerships, and student choreography. It is open to the public and provides performance opportunities for our students.

Individual Competitions

Students are highly encouraged to compete in a competition at least once or more during the season. Competing gives students a goal to work toward and generally helps students progress more quickly in dance skills. There are both local and destination competitions throughout the year. Please refer to PBD Key Dates for recommended competitions.

Open Level Dancing

Individual competitors at PBD can compete in an open dance style but must be in the Silver level and are limited to only dancing one open level style. If 1/2 of the partnership is at the Gold level, that partnership may choose to compete in 2 open styles. If an entire partnership is at the Gold level that partnership may compete in any Open style with out limitations. Preteens are allowed to dance open championship level with syllabus routines (by the book figures & rules) and appropriate competition specific attire with by the book figures with academy directors approval.

This level of dancing at PBD requires multiple regularly scheduled private lessons and dedicated outside practice time.

All outgoing Seniors may dance Open Novice division as long as they are enrolled in Bronze 1 syllabus class or above. They may choose a partner in syllabus level equivalent or above, and partner must be youth age.

*As always it is at the discretion of the Academy Director to advise students for the success and benefit of each partnership.

Private Lessons

Private Lessons can also be booked through Wellness Living or on PBD's website. There is a 25-min and a 50-min option. A list of private lesson instructors can be found at the front desk.

PBD Teaching Assistants

PBD offers paid Teaching Assistant positions to High-school age youth currently enrolled in the PBD program. This opportunity is for PBD students looking to explore their dance interests in teaching or improve their own dance skills in a different way. Teaching Assistants are held accountable as part of the PBD staff but also provided individual mentorship as seen fit by their partnered staff director and/or instructor.

Teaching Assistant Applications are available around the beginning of May and due June 1st. Applicants will be contacted shortly after.



TEAM INFORMATION

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WELCOME

Dancers & Families

We are excited to have you with us this season on our Performing Team! This document contains important information to help you navigate the year. It will also be posted on our Team BAND, so make sure you have access to that platform (instructions below). The mission of PBD is to “build character in youth by providing a positive ballroom dance experience.” We promote the values of Fitness, Leadership, Inclusiveness, Respect, Teamwork, Excellence, and Dedication. The mission and values are accomplished and taught as coaches and instructors help each team member strive to reach their potential as a dancer and strong community member. Developing consistent attendance and a strong work ethic help achieve these goals. A positive ballroom experience is a process, and not something that is clearly evident each day.

Concerts

We will be presenting two major Concerts this year:

- **WINTER CONCERT**
Nov 30-Dec 1, 2023 • Auburn PAC
- **SUMMER CONCERT**
June 14-15, 2024 • Renton IKEA PAC

Showcases

- **SPRING SHOWCASE** - March 25, 2023 (*all teams*)

Community Performances

Performances will arise throughout the year. We will notify you via Band as soon as we know when and where they are. They are not required, but it is very highly encouraged to attend as many team performances as possible.

Volunteering

Additional information about PBD volunteering in the Volunteer Handbook can be located on PBD's website by going to the "Information Tab" and the "Handbook Page". Since PBD is a non-profit organization the studio asks ALL families to volunteer throughout the year in some capacity. Please plan to volunteer and give back.

PERFORMING TEAMS



Rehearsals & Performances

Rehearsals are held at the studio during the week according to the studio schedule. Performances will arise throughout the year. We will notify you via Band as soon as we know when and where they are. They are not required, but it is very highly encouraged to attend as many team performances as possible.

Team Coaches



CONTACT ANY OF OUR
TEAM COACHES HERE

Please feel free to contact us to set up a meeting at any time and for any reason.

Absences

Please comment "absent" on our BAND calendar with any additional related notes for any practice you may be missing. This is important as it affects our team practice agenda depending on attendance. If you know you are going to be late for a practice, that is also something you can comment.

Team Specific Items

Other team requirements and information will be distributed at team orientations the first week of classes.

Competition Team Auditions

Comp team auditions will be held in the Fall. This is optional for any student who wishes to be on a competition team.



STARS PROGRAM

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Performances

STARS TEAMS generally perform 3 times a year in PBD's Winter & Summer Concerts and Spring Showcase. For some **STARS TEAMS** there may be additional community performance opportunities throughout the year.

STARS MOVEMENT & TECHNIQUE CLASSES and **TEAMS** may also participate in any of PBD's showcases. This will be determined by the instructor on a class by class basis.

Details for each performance will be announced on BAND as performance opportunities get closer.

Coach Contact & Office Hours

For general **STARS PROGRAM** questions contact: stars@pacificballroom.org

You can contact your **STARS** coach/instructor directly through BAND. We are happy to answer any question you may have and are available to set up a meeting time outside of regular class and team schedules as needed.



Please feel free to contact us to set up a meeting at any time and for any reason.

Water & Snacks

STARS 1 will not need a water bottle during class.

STARS 2 & 3 may bring water bottles to class but they are **ONLY** allowed to drink out of it if we have a break.

NO snacks or gum are allowed in dance class. They can eat it before or after class but not during class.

Observation Days

STARS will have 4 observation days during the year where parents & grandparents can come and observe class with whatever we are working on that day. Try to avoid bringing siblings to reduce the amount of distractions during class. Please no phone calls during observation day. Filming is fine.

Observation days will be announced on the STARS Class/Team Band pages

***please note: kids tend to behave differently on observation day**

Bathroom Breaks

Please take your dancer to the bathroom BEFORE dance class. We want to spend as much time dancing as possible and when one dancer has to go to the bathroom...they all have to go.

STARS 1 receive "Potty Stickers" from the front desk when they go potty before class. Have your dancer check in with the front desk person before heading into class to receive their sticker after using the restroom. This allows the dance instructors to know who actually has to go to the bathroom during class.

Stars Dress Code

STARS MOVEMENT, TECHNIQUE & TEAM

ME & MY STAR ATTIRE

LADIES: T-shirt/Leotard & Leggings

BOYS: Sweatpants & T-Shirts

LADIES - Black leo, black leggings, black latin skirt (Stars 2 & 3). In addition, may also wear a plain fitted shirt (not too baggy).

GENTLEMEN - Black dress pants or dance pants, white button up shirt.

Special Attire Days

STARS 1 & 2 have the option to wear special dance attire outfits (including dance leotards, skirts, special hair accessories, shirts) they own the last week of every month. Please make sure ladies

still wear a leotard and if they choose not to wear leggings please have them wear tights. Please keep anything at home that may be distracting.

Performance Wear

LADIES: Skin colored camisole leotard, skin color tights, tan block heel latin shoes

GENTLEMEN: Solid white button up long sleeve shirt, black jazz/dress pants, black tall socks, black ballroom shoes or black jazz shoes with added suede soles

Required Dance Shoes

ME & MY STAR AND STARS 1

LADIES: Tan bootied slip on jazz shoes

GENTLEMEN: Black lace up jazz shoes

STARS 2

LADIES: Tan bootied slip on jazz shoes. Optional: Tan/Carmel block heel latin sandal (not for team performances but may be worn to classes, private lessons & team practices)

GENTLEMEN: Black lace up jazz shoes- suede soles optional

STARS 3

LADIES: Tan/Carmel block heel latin sandal

GENTLEMEN: Black lace up jazz shoes with suede soles OR black ballroom shoes (suede may have to be added to jazz shoes. For questions, ask your instructor)