

2023-2024

# Junior Dance Team Tryouts



*Friday, April 28th 5-9pm at C.O. Harrison (Mandatory clinic)*

*Final tryout: Sunday, April 30th 9am - 12pm in OHHS South Gym*

**Bring the following to the first day of tryouts on Friday, April 28th (all forms required to participate):**

1. Permission Form - completed and signed
2. Emergency Medical Form – completed and signed
3. Current print out of your grades from Progress Book
4. Physical Form filled out by a physician



[Scan to sign up for try-outs!](#)

**All dancers who try out for the teams will be able to access tryout results on our website. The 2023-2024 members will be posted by number on Sunday, April 30th at 7:00pm**

**<https://www.oakettes.com/2023-2024-team-lists>**

## **OH JUNIORS**

**All 2023-24 Juniors and at least one parent are required to attend a meeting, scheduled for May 16th from 6:00-8:00 at OHHS. A non-refundable \$200 deposit is due at that time. Practice will begin on Thursday, June 1st.**

**Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):**

Your dancer has expressed an interest in the Oak Hills Juniors Dance Team. Our team competes in Junior High pom, jazz, and hip hop, both locally and nationally. The Oak Hills Dance Team Organization are teams with both state and national reputations for their dedication to excellence in grades K-12. The performance level that is displayed by these teams is achieved by the continued efforts of its members, parents, and coaches.

Each dancer is expected to put forth their best effort, including practices, performances, fundraising and most importantly, their responsibility to their schoolwork. Each member must maintain the academic standards set forth by Oak Hills Local School District, as well as, abide by the Oak Hills Student Code of Conduct to remain active with the team.

The Oak Hills Juniors have activities year-round. Therefore, a great deal of time is spent in this activity by members, parents and coaches. This is also a physically demanding sport which requires each member to be in excellent health, as well as possess good physical stamina.

Membership on the dance teams gives each individual an opportunity to gain self-confidence, meet new friends, and learn leadership skills. To be selected as a member, each candidate must perform dance routines before a panel of qualified independent judges and/or Oak Hills Dance Team coaches. Each student trying out for a position on a team has an equal opportunity to be selected. **Although a student has been a member of a team in the past, this does not guarantee them a position. Dancers must audition to be selected to the team again.** We are sorry that we cannot select everyone who auditions but appreciate each person’s ambition to try. Those who are not selected are always encouraged to try again next year.

Please read through each section below for specific evaluation information, team structure, and a general schedule.

**Judging/Evaluation**

**Tryouts will take place over the course of two days. It is important for the dancers and their parents to understand that the prospective team members are being evaluated during the ENTIRE process.** The first day gives the coaches a working knowledge of how the individual dancers learn routines, follow directions, improve skills, and stay on task. The final day of tryouts is a formal process that gives the coaches and judges a better understanding of how a dancer will perform when in a performance situation.

Each candidate will be judged on the following criteria during the technical part of the tryout: coordination, knowledge of the routine, technique, timing, performance, appearance, confidence and poise. Various parts of the tryout process, academic eligibility, and school attendance will all be taken into consideration as team members are chosen. Points will be given in each category and the combined total of the scores will be the final score. All students wishing to be considered for a team must attend **ALL** days of the audition. Exceptions will be made only for students with extenuating circumstances (ex. - illness, injury, school function that prohibits attendance, etc.) and will be made at the coaches’ discretion. A candidate may be recalled to perform the routine if a judge feels the need to see the dancer again. All decisions made by the judging panel and coaches are final and no scores will be shared for any reason.

<b>Attire for Tryouts</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 29th</b>	<b>Sunday, April 30th</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any athletic attire you feel comfortable and confident dancing in</li><li>Dance shoes of any type and gym shoes</li><li>Hair pulled back and out of face</li><li>No jewelry (aside from post earrings)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black T-shirt/sports bra/tank top/fitted top</li><li>Black shorts or black leggings</li><li>Dance shoes of any type and gym shoes</li><li>Hair pulled back and out of face</li><li>No jewelry (aside from post earrings)</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No gum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No gum</li> </ul> <p>*Please refrain from wearing any Oak Hills Dance attire to Sunday's audition. Remember that this is an audition, so dress for the part that you want</p>
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<i>Evaluated Technical Skills</i>		
Oakettes (9th-12th grade):	Juniors (6th-9th grade):	Both teams:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triple &amp; Quad pirouette (RIGHT &amp; LEFT)</li> <li>Four A la secondes into triple pirouette (RIGHT &amp; LEFT)</li> <li>Highly recommended: Aerial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Double (RIGHT &amp; LEFT) &amp; Triple pirouette (RIGHT ONLY)</li> <li>Three a la secondes into a double pirouette</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Split leap &amp; Second/Open leap (RIGHT &amp; LEFT)</li> <li>Toe touch: Single &amp; multiple</li> <li>Turning disc (RIGHT &amp; LEFT)</li> <li>Right &amp; Left leg hold</li> <li>Kip up &amp; Headspring</li> <li>Skill of choice: one hip hop, one technical</li> </ul>

### **Team Structure**

#### **6th & 9th grade placement**

The coaching staff will place freshman dancers on either the Oakettes or the OH Juniors. They will also place 6th graders on either the OH Juniors or OH Youth/Prep. This placement depends on which team coaches feel will best suit the individual dancer.

#### **Flexible Routine Positions**

The Oak Hills Junior Dance Team utilizes alternate/understudy positions. These positions are to benefit the team as a whole, competitively and have been used effectively for many years. This is not decided upon at tryouts, but rather, is continuously evaluated throughout the season. These positions are ONLY utilized for competition routines. All other performances will consist of full participation by every member selected for the team. By auditioning for the team, you are acknowledging that you/your dancer has the potential to be an alternate/understudy in one or more competition routines throughout the 2023-2024 season. Because this position can be fluid, alternates/understudies are required to attend all practices and performances and undertake the same financial commitment.

The National Dance Alliance makes the following statement regarding alternate positions: "NDA strongly recommends that you have an alternate, not associated with another team, who is prepared to substitute in the event of injury, probation, etc."

#### **Solo Opportunity**

Any returning 8th graders have the opportunity to choose to audition for a solo. If interested, dancers auditioning will have to submit a paragraph stating why they would be a good candidate for a solo (due Sunday 4/30), as well as, perform their tryout routine an additional time by themselves in front of the judging panel. **Participating in a solo is an additional time and financial commitment if selected.** Although a dancer has been a soloist in the past, this does not guarantee them a soloist position. Dancers must audition to be selected again. Solo fees typically range from \$400-\$600, depending on music selection, costumes, and competition fees. We are sorry that we cannot select everyone who auditions for a solo, but appreciate each person's ambition to try. Those who are not selected are always encouraged to try again next year.

### **General Practice/Performance/Event Schedule for 2023-2024 Teams**

As you can see from the list below there is a heavy time commitment to OH Juniors. This schedule is not complete or final. Announced dates are subject to change. Many plans need to be made before final schedules are available. This schedule is meant to give you a fairly good idea of what will occur during the school year.

## Commitment of Time

Attached you will find a **general** schedule of the individual team activities for the year. Many of these times and dates will stay the same. Others will be changed. We always attempt to give the students as much advance notice as possible.

**\*\*\*\*As you read through the schedule please check your personal calendars to make sure this is something that fits into your family schedule. We expect members to be at all practices, games, events, and required fundraisers. Should your child have outside activities that interfere with this schedule, they should not try out for the dance teams. Please keep in mind that it is impossible for the coaches to make the team schedule around the activities/work schedules/social activities of all team members.\*\*\*\***

→ **SUMMER:** Practices will be held two-three days per week throughout the summer, with a start date and time to be determined after tryouts, to develop dance technique, ability to pick up and retain choreography, strength, and stamina. Students who have planned vacations will be excused from practice with a note from a parent giving prior notice (at least 2 weeks in advance)

\*\*\*It is, however, mandatory that each dancer be present for **AT LEAST** 75% of all summer practices\*\*\*.

In addition to summer practices, team members will be **REQUIRED** to attend an additional technique/ballet class one day a week. Once this is established the team will provide more information!

→ **NDA CAMP:** The Juniors will travel to Louisville to participate in a four day camp. Dancers will learn, perform, and compete in various routines, and participate in various classes, team building, and leadership activities. It is **MANDATORY** that all dancers attend as this weekend will be vital for team, as well as individual growth and success in the upcoming season. Cost of camp will be approx. \$431/dancer.

**CAMP DATES for 2023: July 16-19**

→ **CHOREOGRAPHY WEEKENDS:** There will be three scheduled "Marathon Weekends" to learn competition choreography. These weekends are **REQUIRED** for ALL members of the OHJDT!! Dates & times will be finalized once facility and choreographer availability, as well as fall event schedules are determined.

*\*\*\*Please note: a dancer's absence from these weekends in part or in its entirety will result in the dancer being named an alternate/understudy for the routine they missed. It will be at the coaches' discretion whether or not they will be placed back in said routine as the season progresses.*

Tentative schedule for these weekends may include:

DAY 1: 8am-4pm

DAY 2: 8am-4pm

**\*\*\*an additional day may be added due to choreographer's preference\*\*\***

Tentative choreography dates for the 2023-2024 season are as follows:

July 28-29

August 6-7

August 25-27

→ **GENERAL FALL SCHEDULE:**

Monday and Thursday evenings (practices range from 3-4 hours depending on need. You will know in advance).

Weekly Sunday practices

A number of football games for middle school football and one game at the High School for Middle School Night.

Other scheduled events such as Pep Rallies, Harvest Home Parade, etc.

→ **GENERAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

Two weeknight evenings per week - practice - November 2023 through February 2024, time TBD

Weekly Sunday practices

**MANDATORY** NUVO Dance convention

Winter sporting event performances

Dance Invitational (Saturday, January 20-**mandatory for two adults to work the full day of the invitational**)

Dance team competitions – early winter through February.

Other scheduled events such as parades and special performances.

We would also like parents to be aware that a competition may be scheduled for the weekend immediately before or after Christmas break. ***Please be advised that, should this be the case, the teams will practice during that week and team members will be required to attend. Unfortunately, any dancer who does not practice during that week will not be permitted to perform at the competition.***

### **General Fee Information**

Each dancer will be required to pay a participation fee, set in place by the district. Typically, in the past it has been approximately \$90 for middle school students, and approximately \$130 for high school students, regardless of team. This fee must be paid before the season begins in order for your child to participate.

All other Fees will then be divided into three separate deadlines throughout the season, listed below. For the APPAREL & CAMP category, many of the items are optional for purchase, and your total can range from \$431-\$1200. If it is your first year on the team, your order will be more expensive for this category to account for the purchase of required items. The non-refundable \$200 deposit that is due at the first meeting will be applied toward this order.

<b>Category:</b>	<b>Price Estimate:</b>	<b>Due Date:</b>
Apparel & Camp	\$431-\$1200	July 31, 2023
Competition	\$800-\$1,000	January 1st, 2024

A complete itemized list along with specific deadlines will be provided at the May meeting upon making the team. Each dancer will receive an individual budget sheet after said meeting that will be updated throughout the year. As long as each deadline is met, parents may pay in increments of their choice via cash, check, or EZ Pay.

Fundraisers will be offered throughout the season to help with individual fees, should you be interested in partaking. We are always looking for parent participation and any new ideas to help to alleviate some of this cost.

There are two team fundraisers that are MANDATORY to raise money that goes toward the team. The first is the annual invitational, where two adults are required to work per family (i.e., should you have two daughters dancing for the OH Juniors and Oakettes, only two adults are required to work). **Should you not be able to provide two workers, a fee will be assessed to your balance (\$200 for two people unable to work, \$100 if only one person can work). Failure to work the entire event will also result in a charge of \$100 per person that does not fulfill their duties.** We will release the date of this far enough in advance (Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024) that you should have plenty of time to find your workers. There will be a second mandatory fundraiser that will be less of a commitment than the invitational, that has yet to be determined.

***PLEASE PRINT THE NEXT TWO  
PAGES, FILL THEM OUT, AND  
SEND THEM TO TRYOUTS ON  
April 28th.***

***IN ADDITION, PLEASE  
PROVIDE A CURRENT  
PRINTOUT OF GRADES FROM  
PROGRESS BOOK.***

***PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE  
ALLOWED WITHOUT THESE  
ITEMS, SO BE SURE THEY ARE  
FILLED OUT IN FULL AND  
TURNED IN BEFORE YOUR  
SESSION BEGINS.***

**Permission to Tryout**  
**2023-2024 Oak Hills Oakettes/OH Juniors Dance Teams**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

My child wishes to participate in the Oak Hills Oakettes/OH Juniors tryouts. I, along with my child, have read and understand the attached information pertaining to the tryout process, our obligations to the squad, and team rules.

I understand:

1. The scores of the judges are final and no scores will be released. Please do not contact the coaches or judges.
2. I understand the alternate/understudy position for competition routines and that these positions will be utilized in all competition routines at the discretion of the coaching staff.
3. My child, if chosen, will attend all required practices and events and will abide by the team rules and guidelines.
4. There is a financial obligation to fulfill.
5. Participation in fundraising (or fair share contribution) is essential by both student and parent(s). ***I understand it is possible to meet all of my financial obligations to the team by participating in fundraising.***
6. Students who participate, as in all athletic activities, are exposed to the risk of injury. Safety will be a prime concern.
- 7. By signing this I confirm I have read the 2023-24 Parent Letter, and the Dance Team Guidelines and I understand them, and agree to abide by them.**
8. There is a Parent Meeting (May 16th) at Oak Hills High School. Each Oakettes/OH Junior and at least one parent are **required** to attend. There is a required \$200 deposit due that evening.

My child has permission to try out for the 2023-2024 OH Juniors Dance Team.

**Grade next year:** (circle one) 6 7 8 9

**School next year:** (circle one) Bridgetown MS Delhi MS Rapid Run MS Oak Hills HS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION  
Oak Hills Local School District**

School	Grade	Student date of birth
Student Name	Address	
City/State/Zip	Phone Number	
<b>PURPOSE:</b> To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under the school's authority, when parents or guardians cannot be reached.		
<b>Residential Parent/Guardian</b>		
Mother's Name	Mother's Daytime Phone Number	Mothers Cell Phone Number
Father's Name	Father's Daytime Phone Number	Fathers Cell Phone Number
Other Name/ Relationship	Other Daytime Phone Number	
Name of Relative/Childcare provider		
Name	Relationship	
Address	Phone Number	
<b>****PART I OR PART II MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED****</b>		
<b>PART I MUST BE COMPLETED TO GRANT CONSENT:</b> I hereby give consent for the following medical care providers/local hospital to be called.		
Doctor's Name	Phone Number	
Dentist's Name	Phone Number	
Medical Specialist	Phone Number	
Local Hospital	Emergency Room Phone Number	
In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by above-named doctor, or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist, and (2) the transfer of the child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted.		
Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Address		
<b>DO NOT COMPLETE PART II IF YOU COMPLETED PART I</b>		
<b>PART II – REFUSAL TO CONSENT</b>		
I <b>DO NOT</b> give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the school authorities to take the following action:		
Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Address		



