

Polonez Polish Canadian Dance Society

Purpose and Mission:

The purpose of Polonez Dance Society is to promote Polish spirit, provide part-time entertainment to the members, and to represent the Polish community at dance events and festivals.

The mission is to provide dancers with a successful and meaningful educational experience and learn about Polish tradition. Dancers have personal goals of increasing their abilities, learning effective time management, and forming strong friendships. The success of Polonez depends on strong commitment and involvement from the dancers, parents, sponsors and instructors/choreographers.

Rules and Regulations:

- Regular attendance is important for the progress of the whole group. If a dancer are going to be absent for any length of time please inform the instructor by phone prior to the class. Dancers are expected to be ON TIME for every class, preferably 10 minutes early. Those that are more than 20 minutes late will likely be asked to only observe.

- Being properly dressed for class shows seriousness and respect. Street shoes or socks are not to be worn on the dance floor for hygienic and safety reasons. Proper footwear is required; this includes ballet shoes or jazz shoes. Dancers are to be neatly groomed with hair suitably off the face.

- Dancers are in class to work, watch and listen. All other behavior and unnecessary conversation is not only distracting, but also incredibly rude and disrespectful to the instructor. Dancers are expected to be respectful and courteous towards all instructors, members as well as fellow dancers. Visitor/parent observation for practice is usually welcome 15 minutes prior to the end of a class. Remember, it is a privilege that is determined by the instructor, so please do not cause any disturbances.

- No responsibility is taken for dancers under 18 years outside of the class time. Parents/guardians, please ensure dancers are picked up promptly after their class. Dancers are to remain within the school building when waiting to be picked up. Instructor supervision extends only to dancers in class.

- All costumes are property of Polonez . Costuming is a big part of our expenses, so all dancers must take good care of them and learn how to handle them properly. Costumes make a very significant contribution to the success of all Polonez productions, helping to define the distinct character of each Polish dance.

- With your member registration fee you have registered yourself/your child(ren) in the 10 month program and performances during the year. You may pay in full, due in September, or in two payment options (2nd part due in January). No refunds are available on membership fees. Show pride in your role as a member of Polonez and as a Representative of Polish Nationality for it is an honor to be a part of this talented, united, and successful dance group.

- For your placement in classes and performances these several factors are taken into consideration: age, desire, discipline and dedication, experience, ability and natural talent . It is only up to the discretion of instructors/choreographers to decide about a dancer's placement. All decisions are final.

-All members of Polonez are expected to take an active role in all fundraisers. Without complete support from everyone we cannot effectively continue to build a strong and successful society. Please understand that your and your family's participation is crucial to existence of Polonez. We expect each family to commit to 10 hours of volunteers work. Dancers/families that actively participate in fundraising efforts will benefit from the use of the profits toward offsetting the society's expenses. Dancers/families that choose not to participate are asked for a donation of \$100 to Polonez, equivalent to 10 hours of volunteer work.

- Any dancer who is in any type of trouble with the authorities in any way, either inside of or outside of our society, will be suspended immediately. Depending on the severity, they may not be allowed to join again the next year.

- All participants must be covered by their own medical insurance. You are also responsible for obtaining travel insurance for the domestic/abroad trips with Polonez.

Parents and dancers should know all rules and regulations. If any clarification is needed, please feel free to ask instructors or board of directors for more information. Proper understanding of the rules will lead to more positive and successful experiences for all members of Polonez Dance Society!