



Dance Hall Guidelines

Communication

1) Parents and guardians can expect that all faculty and staff will respect the well being of each student, treat her/him fairly, and encourage their growth and self-esteem as dancers as stated in Ohio Valley School of Celtic Dance and Culture's (OVSCDC) mission statement. Should any concern or problem arise, do not hesitate to speak with the faculty or the Board president at athensirishdancers@yahoo.com

2) Information regarding **cancellations** due to weather or other emergencies will be available on our website and will be sent out to all families via email. We strive to make this information available as soon as we can. OVSCDC generally closes if the Snow Emergency is at a Level 2 or higher. You can check Snow Emergency Levels at the following Athens site: http://www2.nbc4i.com/weather/school_closings/ and click on **SNOW EMERGENCIES**

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

- 3) Students are to arrive on time to class. Teachers will be present five minutes prior to the time class begins.
- 4) Pick your children up immediately after class.
- 5) OVSCDC assumes no responsibility for children on the premises before, after, or between their specified class times. Parents and guardians are responsible for arranging proper supervision of their children if it is necessary for them to stay in the building for periods of time before, after, or in between classes.
- 6) If your child will be absent from a performance, please contact Sue Farley at 740-591-2601 prior to the class time.

Parent/Guardian Observation

7) We ask that parents wait in our sitting area while classes are in session. Young students are encouraged to engage with their instructors and classmates in order to become comfortable with taking direction with as few distractions as possible. Special exceptions may be made upon request.

Student Expectations

- 8) Students are to arrive wearing appropriate dance attire with their hair pulled back. It is imperative that students be able to move freely without inhibition and that teachers are able to clearly see the line of the body in order to properly assess alignment and posture. No dresses that are longer than 4 inches above the knee, loose fitting or overly long sweat pants.
- 9) Students are to wear the following to and from performances: Girls - OVSCDC t-shirt, poodle socks, leotard/tank top, spankies/volleyball shorts, and hair done (out of face with braids, if long enough). Boys – OVSCDC t-shirt, blue (thru Triskele) or black (beard pullers) slacks and black socks.
- 10) Just as teachers are expected to respect students, students are expected to respect the instructors at OVSCDC as well as the building. As a matter of respect, we ask that students keep talking to a minimum during class and participate fully in the lesson. Students who consistently refuse to follow directions or disrespect their classmates may be asked to sit out of class (Behavior Policy outlined below). When using the hall, students will be expected to clean up after themselves. No food or drink is permitted within the dance area with the exception of water bottles. Gum is prohibited during class.
- 11) As teachers we are committed to educate dancers, model behaviors, and help dancers grow with love and respect in this program. If for any reason a dancer does not meet the above expectations OVSCDC enforces a 3-strike policy with regard to students misbehaving at the hall – in or outside of class.

Strike 1 is a warning; student is still able to participate in dance class.

Strike 2 is an in class time-out, student will be asked to sit in the designated area in the classroom and not participate in class. The instructor will determine the length of time for the time-out.

Strike 3 Student will be asked to leave the dance area and sit in the waiting area (if parent is present) until class is finished. In the case of a Strike 3, the teacher will talk to both student and parent about behavior issues.

Tuition and Payments

12) Tuition for the session is paid in full at the time of registration. Little Shamrock and Shamrock classes may pay by the session or monthly as indicated on the website. Payments can be made by cash or check with child's name, or card (additional charge for service) an given to the the receptionist or placed in payment box on table.