

# OPA GREEK DANCE GROUP POLICIES

The Mission of the Greek Dance program is to spread the love of our culture, tradition and religion through authentic Greek Dance; to encourage the youth of our community to embrace and celebrate our wonderful heritage through social dance and performing; to give them an opportunity to create lasting friendships and to cultivate self respect and personal responsibility.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Registration fee: \$40**

All Orthodox Youth in the Greek Orthodox community of Salt Lake City are eligible to join in the following categories:

**Olympian** – Grades 7 and 8    **Athenian** – Grades 9 and 10    **Parthenon** – Grades 11 and 12

Grade level is based upon secular schools and there are NO exceptions to this policy of grade level and performance group.

This Policy Applies to all dancers regardless of seniority, sex and/or dancing ability.

As a member of this dance group I understand that the following is expected of me and agree to abide by Dance Group Policy:

1. I will participate in the Liturgy and be enrolled in the Sunday School program at either Greek Orthodox Church with a minimum of 75% attendance.
2. I will be available for all scheduled practices arriving promptly and regularly. An unexcused tardy of 15 minutes or more will be considered an unexcused absence.
3. If I am unable to attend a practice or performance, I understand that it is my responsibility to contact an advisor or instructor for the group I participate in **before** the event.
4. I understand attendance is incredibly important and that absences will affect the number of dances in which I may perform throughout the season, including the Festival.
5. I understand that I must have a minimum of 50% practice attendance **and** have participated in at least two outside dance performances in order to participate in the Greek Festival performances.
6. I understand that all practices are approved and scheduled by the instructor(s).
7. I understand that I am to remain in the designated practice area for the duration of practice and will not disturb other activities.
8. I understand that cell phones are to be turned off during any and all practices and performances.
9. I will be available for ALL group performances throughout the performing year. Furthermore, I understand that attendance in at least **two** outside performances is required prior to Festival.
10. I understand that I will need to attend practices scheduled before a performance or be excluded from the performance. To be included, I know that previous arrangements must be approved, by talking with the instructor.
11. I accept the decision of the instructor in determining “performance readiness” and positions in line-ups.
12. During practices I will wear dance, leather or hard-soled shoes. Clogs, sandals, socks without shoes, flip-flops, and bare feet are not allowed. All dancers are to dress appropriately. All shirts must be long enough to cover the body when arms are up and shorts are to be no shorter than mid thigh.
13. I will purchase and maintain a costume at my own expense.
14. I will attend performances with full and proper costume including all parts of costume. (i.e. appropriate and required undergarments, stockings, socks etc.)
15. If under any circumstances I do not understand any item pertaining to the group, I know it is **MY** responsibility to contact the instructor for clarification and /or resolution.

## **BEHAVIOR**

I understand that it is a privilege to participate in the dance program. I will conduct myself in a courteous manner. Swearing, name-calling, taunting, fighting, gestures, insubordination or slandering of an instructor, advisor, or fellow dancer either in person or via social media are all viewed as inappropriate and unacceptable behavior.

Bad mouthing, back talking and interrupting an instructor or an advisor **under any circumstances** will not be tolerated.

If disruptive behavior or rudeness persists, I understand that I will be asked to leave and will only be allowed to return to the next practice if my behavior has improved. I understand that if I am asked to leave due to behavior issues, this will count as an unexcused absence.

The following procedure will take place if there are any behavior or policy issues that arise during practices or performances.

1<sup>st</sup> incident: The individual will be advised by the Advisor or Instructor verbally to correct the behavior.

2<sup>nd</sup> incident: A meeting with the parents and the individual will be held with the Advisors and or Instructor to discuss correcting the behavior.

3<sup>rd</sup> incident: If the issue is not resolved and must be addressed a third time the parents and the individual must meet with the Dance Ministry.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

No weapons of any kind, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or fireworks are allowed at any practice or performance. I understand that I will be IMMEDIATELY EXPELLED from the dance program until future review if suspected of possessing any of these items and proof is NOT REQUIRED.

Threatening behavior, whether verbal or physical, toward another dancer, advisor, or instructor either in person or via social media will result in IMMEDIATE EXPULSION from the dance program.

## **THE GOVERNING BOARD**

The Advisors and the Instructors have the support of the Parish Council and Clergy on the decisions they make through out the year.

The Dance Ministry advisors and instructors are empowered to suspend performance and dance practice privileges before, during or after any performance or practice if they have reason to believe that there will be negative, inappropriate or disrespectful behavior by any dancer.

**OPA GREEK DANCE GROUP REGISTRATION**  
(Check Grade)

Olympian  
\_\_\_7 \_\_\_8

Athenian  
\_\_\_9 \_\_\_10

Parthenon  
\_\_\_11 \_\_\_12

Dancer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Dancer Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father's \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Additional \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Email will be used for communications from the dance instructors*

**PARENT AND DANCER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In registering my child and by signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and agree to comply with all of the Greek Dance Group policies. Furthermore we accept that it is our responsibility to understand and abide by them.

Signature of **Dancer** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: ***OPA Greek Orthodox Dance***

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Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

\*If paying for multiple children, please include their name(s) and group(s).