

*DeKalb Just For Kix*

# CLASS STRUCTURE 2025-2026



TEAM WORK  
MAKES THE  
DREAM WORK

# Overview

In an effort to continue to build our dancers technical & performance skills we will be continuing our leveled class structure for the 2025-2026 season. Please understand these changes may cause some emotions for some but we must focus on continual growth for both our dancers & teams!

## 2025-2026 Updates



1. All incoming 6th-9th grade dancers will complete a tryout to determine their class placement for Kick & Lyrical/Jazz. Pom & Hip Hop will remain one level unless numbers grow & we decide to split.



2. Our Rising stars will have the option to take jazz, lyrical, or both where the Starmakers class will now be a combo class where dancers learn a jazz & Lyrical routine instead of 2 of each. You will have one class fee but 2 competition entry fee's for this class. This allows more time to focus on advancing our skills/technique.



3. Our Starmakers dancers will be required to take a technique class in addition to their styled classes. B team dancers are of course encouraged to participate but it is NOT required.

## In addition...

1. We will be monitoring class attendance & any Starmakers dancers that miss more than **4 classes per semester** will be evaluated prior to any competitions to ensure they are properly prepared to perform.
2. In addition we reserve the right to properly evaluate Starmaker dancers' knowledge of their routines prior to competitions. Anyone lacking the basic knowledge of the routine (**this is NOT technical/ skill based**) can be pulled from an event to ensure the team is prepared & set up for success. This will be heavily communicated leading up to competition to allow dancers time to put in additional work or even schedule a private lesson if needed!
3. We are moving up the TWD RSVP date for the season to ensure we have adequate time to make changes to routines as we are judged on formations. I don't have this "official date" as it will depend when the home office gets us the final TWD dates for the season.



## Just to clarify...

1. We are **not** limiting dancers' ability to participate in other activities! We believe it's important for them to have other experiences and we know conflicts will arise, but we do want to make sure they are putting in the work outside of class when they do miss a class.
2. Dancers are still able to choose what styles of classes they take! We will just be determining what Kick & jazz/lyrical class they will need to enroll in! The kick requirement is still in place for jazz/lyrical.
3. It **is** possible for a dancer to make A team for one style and B team for another.
4. We will **not** be opening registration for the "Junior 6th-9th" leveled classes until after the tryout. Hip Hop & Pom will be open when registration goes live for those interested in those classes!
5. Just because your dancer does not make A team does not mean they are not skilled/talented dancers. It's just where those skills/talents fall compared to others in our program.





*“Don’t aspire to be the best on the team,  
aspire to be the best for the team”*  
Brian Tracy

## Commonly asked questions...

### **What if my dancer is out of town during the intensive/tryout dates?**

In that scenario, please reach out to me and we will complete an evaluation based on our previous experience with that dancer.

### **What if we have a schedule conflict with class times?**

A team dancers can always choose to go down to B team if that day works better or choose to take Pom. Other than that the schedules are set.

I will add schedules once they are 100% finalized

### **When will we know if our dancer may be pulled from a competition routine?**

This will 100% be something that is communicated as we begin to see a dancer falling behind! We want to set them up for success and give them ample time to put in the work. We just don’t feel it’s fair to a class full of hardworking students if someone cares less and isn’t putting in enough effort to know the routine.

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## Wrap up...

In summary, we all know youth athletics have drastically changed since our day and we are confident in our decision to make some changes. This set up allows us to give all dancers an opportunity to dance while still creating environments that push for growth & instill accountability! Again, I appreciate everyone's support as we navigate these changes. We are already looking forward to an amazing 2025-2026 season!!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Tryouts clinics are May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> with the actual tryout taking place on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>!** There will be a clinic from 5:00-6:00 & 6:00-7:00 PM on Monday & Tuesday. Stay tuned for clinic sign up! Tryout times will go home once everyone's signed up for clinics.



**It's not the will to win that  
matters- Everyone has that.  
It's the will to prepare to win  
that matters**

**Paul Bryant**

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