SOLOS & PRIVATE LESSONS HANDBOOK

This handbook outlines the expectations for private lessons and competitive solos at LJR Dance Academy. It should be read together with the LJR Rules & Regulations, Conditions of Enrolment and, where applicable, the Troupe and Examination Handbooks.

- ALL PRIVATE LESSONS -

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be enrolled in the LJR Curriculum to be eligible for private lessons for competitive solos.
- Students enrolled in General Classes may undertake private lessons for technique development only and are not eligible for competitive solos through LJR Dance Academy.
- Private lessons and competitive solo opportunities are offered at the discretion of LJR Dance Academy management and are subject to teacher availability, student readiness and the needs of the overall program.

ABSENCE, CANCELLATIONS & LESSON CHANGES

- If a student is unable to attend a private lesson, the family may offer to swap or transfer the lesson through the LJR Parents Facebook Page. LJR Dance Academy is not responsible for following up payment when selling or purchasing a private lesson off another student.
- LJR Dance Academy does not provide refunds or catch-up lessons for private lessons missed or cancelled by the student or family.
- If LJR Dance Academy cancels a private lesson, a catch-up lesson or credit will be provided.
- Families are responsible for communicating any lesson swap or change clearly and ensuring the relevant teacher is aware.

ACRO PRIVATES & ACRO SMALL GROUPS

- Acro Small Groups are prioritised over individual Acro private lessons.
- An Acro private lesson may be offered where an appropriate Acro Small Group cannot be formed in that timeslot.
- Acro private lessons may be changed to an Acro Small Group at any time during the year at the discretion of LJR Dance Academy management.

- COMPETITIVE SOLOS -

SELECTION & COMMITMENT

- Competitive solos are a privilege and are not automatically available to every student. Students are selected at the discretion of LJR Dance Academy management.
- Solo opportunities may be reviewed, changed or withdrawn where management considers this necessary due to attendance, commitment, behaviour, readiness, training requirements or other relevant circumstances.
- LJR soloists are expected to demonstrate respect, professionalism, sportsmanship and a positive attitude in the studio and at competitions.
- Students must continue to meet the requirements of the LJR Curriculum while undertaking competitive solos.

GENRE, MUSIC & CHOREOGRAPHY

- LJR Dance Academy will determine the genre, music and choreographic direction for each solo based on the dancer's age, ability, strengths, development and suitability.
- Students and parents are welcome to share preferences or suggestions; however, the final decision rests with LJR Dance Academy and the choreographer.
- All solo choreography must be arranged through and approved by LJR Dance Academy. Parents and students must not independently engage external choreographers for LJR competitive solos without prior approval from management.
- Guest choreographers may be engaged by LJR Dance Academy throughout the year. Any arrangements, communication and payment requirements will be coordinated or approved by LJR.

COSTUMING

- All solo costumes, including the overall design, colour, style and accessories, must be approved by LJR Dance Academy before being worn on stage.
- Parents and students are welcome to provide costume ideas; however, LJR Dance Academy has final approval to ensure the costume is appropriate for the routine, dancer and competition setting.
- Once a design is approved, the parent/guardian is responsible for sourcing and paying the dressmaker or supplier unless advised otherwise by LJR.
- Where a dressmaker provides a sketch or design before production, it must be approved by LJR before the costume is made.
- Alternative options may include purchasing a second-hand custom costume, hiring an available LJR costume, purchasing or hiring from another LJR family, or purchasing an online costume and adapting it with LJR approval.
- Where an LJR costume is hired, the family is responsible for the full hire fee and the cost of repairing any damage beyond reasonable wear.

PROPS

- If a routine requires a prop, the family must agree to the relevant prop requirements before the prop is incorporated into the routine.
- Families are responsible for any applicable LJR prop hire fee and for the cost of repairing damage to an LJR-owned prop.
- Where LJR does not own the required prop, the family may be required to source and pay for it.
- The family is responsible for transporting the prop to and from competitions.
- If a family cannot meet the requirements associated with a prop, please advise LJR as early as possible so the routine can be adjusted where practicable.

HAIR, MAKEUP & PRESENTATION

- Hair and makeup requirements may differ between solos. Families should confirm the required presentation with LJR before the dancer's first competition.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring the dancer arrives competition-ready with the required hair, makeup, costume, accessories and footwear.
- Tanning is optional unless otherwise advised for a particular performance or event.

General Stage Makeup Tutorial - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A69XzoCPxdo

READINESS TO PERFORM

- The teacher and LJR Dance Academy management have the final say on whether a dancer is ready to perform a solo at a competition, even where competition entry fees have already been paid.
- A dancer may be withdrawn from an event if the routine is not considered performance-ready or if participation is not considered appropriate in the circumstances. This decision is made to protect the dancer's experience, training and the standard of the LJR program.

ENTERING SOLOS

- All competitive solos representing LJR Dance Academy must be entered under LJR Dance Academy.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for completing the competition entry, selecting the correct age group and genre, and paying all entry and registration fees by the competition deadline.
- Competition rules differ between events. Parents/guardians are responsible for reading and complying with the rules of each competition entered, including age, time limits, music, props, photography and other event-specific requirements.
- If you are unsure which section or genre to enter, please confirm with LJR before submitting the entry.

COMPETITION ETIQUETTE

- LJR staff attendance at solo competitions is not guaranteed.
- Dancers must wear appropriate LJR merchandise at competitions and award ceremonies.
- Students and parents are expected to be supportive and congratulatory towards LJR dancers and dancers from other studios.
- Students and parents must behave respectfully in the auditorium and should leave the auditorium if they need to have a conversation.
- Students and parents must not publicly criticise competition results, adjudicators, other dancers, other studios or event staff.
- Concerns relating to another dance school or a competition should be raised with LJR management rather than directly confronting another school, teacher, competition director or staff member.
- Families are expected to protect the reputation of LJR Dance Academy and demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship and etiquette at all events.

COMPETITION RECOMMENDATIONS

Families may choose from a range of competitions throughout the year. Competition availability and suitability can change, so please ask LJR if you would like guidance before entering an event.

Get the Beat - https://www.gtbdance.com/
Supreme - https://www.supremedancecomp.com/
Evolution - https://www.evolutiondancecomp.com/
Full out - https://fullout.com.au/
Hollywood Bound - https://www.hollywoodbound.com.au/
Follow Your Dreams - https://www.fydentry.com/
SASDS - https://www.sasds.com.au/
Talent Tribe - https://www.talenttribe.com.au/
Pendulum - https://www.pendulumdancecomps.com.au/
Fierce - https://fiercetalent.com.au/
Jump - https://www.jumpdancechallenge.com.au/home
Dance Life Unite - https://www.dancelifeunite.com.au/
Light Up the Stage - https://lightupthestage.com.au/
Now Talent - https://nowproductionssa.weebly.com/now-talent.html
KAR - https://dancekar.com.au/

WITHDRAWAL OR TERMINATION OF ENROLMENT

- If a student withdraws from LJR Dance Academy, or LJR Dance Academy terminates the student's enrolment, the student must cease representing LJR and must not perform LJR choreography at competitions, performances or other public events from the effective date of termination.
- Any outstanding financial obligations already incurred on the student's behalf, including applicable costume, prop, choreography or competition costs, remain payable in accordance with the Conditions of Enrolment.