

Dear Parents and all kids who made the Extreme Ballroom Company for the 2024-25 year,

We appreciate all of you coming out and hope that you had a good experience at tryouts. We think this is going to be another fantastic year!

**First**—Unless you simply can't find your student's name listed somewhere on this posting, then we ask that you please understand that I cannot and will not take calls and e-mails regarding the placement of your child in our program, and neither will my teachers or staff at this time. Sometimes a Junior who still looks younger, will be moved to a pre-teen team, and vice-versa. Check all the ages first BEFORE you email us with a missing name. We are all in need of time with our own families now, as it has been, and always is a very busy year☺ Everyone this year was placed on one of our teams or tech. classes! This is amazing!! We are very proud of all of you!!

**Second**—Many of you are wondering about Cabaret. We are going to incorporate a Cabaret number into showcase this year if we have the dancers who can do this style well. We are hopeful this will work out.

**Third**--Sadly, we didn't have enough boys to create a Junior Blue Medley Team this year, so instead we are creating a Junior Showcase team that will be on Thursdays to allow any of our other junior boys to be involved if they'd like to. Roger will be the coach of this team and we will be doing some brand-new show routines that will be really fun! This will be patterned more after our Youth Showcase team this year, which would allow us to possibly add one more routine, instead of just two. It's a good alternative to not having any Junior team at all so I hope you will all look forward to it and make it a great experience where you can still learn and grow in your dancing. Roger is a fantastic and very creative coach, and he will still push you so that your skills continue to improve. Then if we can get more boys involved as well, hopefully we can get our Junior Blue team back. This team will still have required tech. classes and will be encouraged to take other tech. classes as well.

**Fourth**-Technique classes are required for everyone on a team in this company, except those on Youth Showcase or junior/youth intermediate girls only, but we would encourage everyone to choose one class in their level, if they can. We will assign all dancers to tech. classes for their level within the next few weeks, so be watching for that.

**Fifth**--Please remember that we have auditions for a reason: To place the kids where they need to be. We have done that now, and I know some of you may disagree, but that is why we have judges, and the decisions are final. Something that I worry about each year at this time, is that we maintain our reputation of fostering good manners and courtesy among parents, students, and teachers. Auditions are a difficult OR joyful time for all. Many friends who have danced together for some time get moved on to different teams, some make the team they have always wanted, others not. Please be sensitive to one another and remember once a friend, always a friend. Thinking you are better than someone else because you made a higher team is a trait that is not welcome at Extreme. On the flipside of that, those who did not make a higher team and talk badly about those who did, are equally not acceptable. Welcome new team members in with open arms!!

**Sixth**—There will be a team acceptance form that all of you will be required to fill out. This lets us know you have accepted your team or technique only position in the company, and that we can move forward with creating our distribution lists, etc. It also has very vital information for all of you so please watch for that to come out soon. Parents remember, your children will be ok, if YOU are supportive, positive, and encourage your children to be grateful that they get to be a part of a wonderful program, no matter what team they made. New relationships will be made, and much fun awaits all our students!!

**Finally**- I just want to thank all of you for your support this year and every year. I truly do feel we have a great atmosphere in our studio, which has been told to me by many coaches who have come here to work with our kids. They have said that there is just a different feeling here. I know it is because we have the BEST KIDS AND FAMILIES in the world at Extreme and I want to keep it that way!!

Sincerely, Staci Huston and all the staff at Extreme Ballroom!