



2023-2024 NHDT Absentee Guidelines

It is imperative that all dancers attend all rehearsals, but NHDT realizes that things come up and an absence may occur.

- Nutcracker in Motion Summer Intensive Camp is mandatory. If a dancer has a one day absence from camp, they will lose 1 absence from fall rehearsals.
- Dancers are given two (2) absences from Nutcracker in Motion fall rehearsals. Once a dancer has three absences, he/she will be removed from the production.
- Dancers are given one (1) absence from Legends! A Tribute to... winter rehearsals. Once a dancer has two absences, he/she will be removed from the production.
- **A dancer is considered absent if any part of a scheduled rehearsal is missed.**
- **There are no absences permitted during the month leading up to production. These rehearsals are all mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS. THE DANCER WILL BE REMOVED.**
- **Dancers must notify NHDT 14 days prior to missing a rehearsal.** This includes any school functions, such as concerts, plays, dances and open houses.
- Improper notification may result in removal from the assigned part (s).
- Planned absences can be submitted to NHDT by going to our website and clicking on the page "Rehearsal Absent Report".
- Dancers missing a rehearsal should make prior arrangements with another dancer or person to video tape the choreography. Dancers will be responsible for connecting with the understudy and other dancers to learn the part(s) they have missed prior to the next rehearsal.
- If necessary, the dancer is responsible for securing and paying all fees for a private lesson with a qualified instructor to learn the part(s).
- The Choreographer has the final say if a dancer is not meeting expectations in their part. If there is a concern, that information will be forward to the Board for review and communication to the dancer and parents.
- The removal of a dancer from a part is the responsibility of the Board of Directors.
- Failure to notify NHDT of absences may result in removal from the production.
- Should a dancer decide to drop out at any point during the NIM or Legends! season without a valid reason (medical, family emergency, etc.), they will not be able to audition/participate for one full season. This decision will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and Artistic Team.

In the case of injury we ask that the dancer attend rehearsal as an observer when appropriate.

In the case of extended injury, illness, or family emergency, please contact NHDT; occasionally and in rare circumstances, alternative arrangements can be made.

IF the dancer falls ill with any COVID-19 symptoms, do not have your dancer attend rehearsal. If the dancer or any member of the family is under Health Dept Supervision or Quarantine, do not attend rehearsals. If possible, we will allow dancers access to rehearsals via Zoom, for this reason only. Communication with NHDT will be key for all of us.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WANT TO WORK WITH ALL DANCERS TO MAKE OUR PRODUCTIONS SUCCESSFUL. PROPER NOTIFICATION WILL ALLOW THE PRODUCTION AND ARTISTIC STAFF TO COORDINATE CHANGES IN THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE WHEN DEEMED POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. THIS CAN ONLY BE POSSIBLE WHEN ADVANCED NOTICE IS GIVEN.