



Edgett Dance & Wellness

Student Manual

The demand for studio space at Edgett Dance & Wellness has been steadily increasing. To maintain quality training for our students and allow maximum access to studio availability, effective September 2021 we will move to a more traditional use of the studio. Private students may find that more than one instructor and student is on the floor at one time. Instructors will design their lessons so that the use of music and space is shared equally.

Students rights:

- Our students have the right to expect to be treated fairly, with attention to their progress and care that they advance as appropriate to their interests and abilities.
- Instructors will make efforts to modify or adapt figures for students who may need physical adaptations.
- We will make every effort to run all of our privates and classes efficiently so that no one is delayed.
- Edgett Dance & Wellness is a community, supportive of our dancers and the dance community as a whole.

Private student rights/expectations:

- You have the right to be an active partner in determining your dance learning.
- When dancing you often have to learn to navigate the floor around other dancers. During privates, you may find that you are sharing the studio floor with other private students and their instructors. The instructors will negotiate the use of the music and manage their instruction time so all have opportunities to dance to music relevant to their lesson.

Group classes

Group classes are defined at Edgett Dance & Wellness as a class conducted by one teacher, with possible assistants, and up to 16 students. The minimum number of students for a class to be considered a group class is four. Group classes are billed monthly, at \$75 per person. Group classes follow a curriculum outlined at the beginning of each term by Edgett Dance & Wellness management. The order of dances, and steps to be included are at the discretion of the teacher based on their students' abilities but should not include steps above the level of said group

class. Teachers will be compensated by Edgett Dance & Wellness for their teaching expertise. A class with less than 4 students may be cancelled at the discretion of the owner.

Private and semi-private lessons

Private and semi-private lessons are expected to share studio space. Unless the studio is rented per hour at rental rates, there may be multiple private or semi-private lessons occurring simultaneously. Edgett Dance & Wellness expects that staff will share music and space safely and respectfully. Private classes will focus on dances, choreography, or technique mutually agreed upon between the teacher and student(s).

A **private lesson** is defined at Edgett Dance & Wellness as a lesson involving the teacher and one student, or one dance couple (two students). The fee for a 45-minute private class is \$65. The fee for a 55-minute private class is \$80.

A **semi-private lesson** is defined at Edgett Dance and Wellness as a lesson involving the teacher and two dance couples (four students). The fee for a 45-minute semi-private class is \$85. The fee for a 55-minute semi-private class is \$100.

The option to add a third dance couple to a semi-private class will be at the discretion of Edgett Dance & Wellness management and is subject to additional fees to be paid by participating students.

Drop-Down Classes

Subject to the number of students in a classroom, students are encouraged to take an additional class at their own or a lower level for \$20/month. This does not count towards your multi-class discount. Please confirm with Cheryl what classes can accommodate additional students.

Specialty, Technique, Intensive, and Medal classes

Specialty classes such as wedding packages, technique group classes, intensive classes, and medal classes are to be arranged by Edgett Dance & Wellness. At no time will such classes be conducted in Edgett Dance & Wellness studios without being arranged by Edgett Dance & Wellness. If such a class is desired by students, please inform management and it will be arranged accordingly and relative to current scheduling.

Trial/Assessment Classes Procedures

Fee: \$40/class for adults, \$30/class for youth for a half hour class.

- If a student decides to enroll after the trial class, their payment will be included in the monthly fee.

Friends & Family:

- Offered at discretion of studio owner when individuals propose a class limited to their family and/or friends with a focus on specific dance(s).

Intensive Classes:

- Focus on a particular style of dance run for no less than 8 weeks and no more than 12.
- Intended primarily for existing students but if there is room, will be open to new students provided they have the prerequisite knowledge.

Events:

Spotlights:

- Intended to encourage our students to improve their performance skills and to share their progression with other students. Not required to strictly follow ISTD syllabus.

In-Studio Competitions:

- Gives students a taste of preparing for a competition and receiving feedback to improve their overall dancing.

Between Studio Competitions:

- The next step in competition experience – studios run a competition between studios. It could be sanctioned or non-sanctioned. If sanctioned strict Canadian Dancesport Federation rules will be followed including standards for dress.

Performance opportunities:

- We encourage our students to participate in opportunities to perform. It is an excellent way to measure your progress – not against other dancers but against yourself.
- Performances are intended to be fun and a chance for students to share their advancement with other students. Students will approve the choice of music and dance style as suggested by the instructor.

- Any questions regarding any aspect of the performance such as costumes, hair, makeup or rehearsal, is considered part of your lesson. As noted, our instructors are in high demand and lessons are scheduled back to back.
- Unless covid regulations change, you should be in the studio and ready to dance when you are scheduled for your class.
- We will have a stage manager (Cheryl) running performances. Please arrange for her to watch one of your lessons or practices so she can tell you what to expect the evening of the performance.

Competition expectations:

- Competitions are a more intense way of measuring your dance progress, however, they are also fun and should be fun as you prepare.
- Depending on the level at which you are dancing, costumes may be simple or more elaborate. Your instructor can guide you.
- Additional rehearsals may be requested by the student. These are considered a private lesson.
- Rehearsal time is considered a lesson, although you will pay only for the time that you are on the floor.

Common Questions

If I start mid-month will our classes be prorated?

Yes, if there are less than 4 classes left in the month, your first month will be prorated.

What if I student miss a class? Can I have a refund or do a make-up class?

We do not give refunds; however, we will do our best to accommodate make-up classes. The student can join a class at their own or a lower level. Credits can be applied to the following month only.

Locked out of the mezzanine?

We are hoping that we don't have to use the mezzanine as a lobby area this year. If something happens and you have left your shoes in the mezz and cannot access them because they have been locked out, please contact Brenton @ 902-233-7084.

What if I can't attend all of my classes in a month?

You have the option of paying \$25/class or the monthly fee of \$75. If you will be missing more than one class, it is more economical to continue to pay the monthly fee.

Difference between Social & Regular Classes:

Social Classes:

- No dress code: Students can dress comfortably. Indoor shoes can be worn instead of dance shoes.
- Entry level classes do not progress beyond basic skills. More "recreational".
- Recreational classes are good for students who:
 - Want a basic introduction to classes before joining the regular program.

Regular Classes:

- include greater emphasis on technique and complicated figures.
- Proper dance shoes are recommended – they will facilitate your movement.
- Dancers are encouraged to participate in our in-studio performances and events.

Holidays

Labor Day: Monday September 6/21

Thanksgiving: Monday, October 10//21

Remembrance Day: Thursday 11/21

Winter Break: Last day of classes is Saturday December 18/21. First class back is Tuesday January 4/22

Heritage Day: Monday, February 1/22

Easter: Good Friday April 15/22

Victoria Day: Monday May 23/22

July 1: Friday July 1/22

Natal Day: Monday, August 1/22

Labour Day: Monday September 5/22

Thanksgiving: Monday October 10/22

Remembrance Day: Friday November 11/22

Edgett Dance & Wellness Policies:

Make-Up Classes

If a student misses a class, they are encouraged to attend a make-up class within the month. For make-up classes, students may attend class within the level below their own. For example, if in Bronze 2, a makeup class may be taken in another Bronze 2 class or lower. Please make sure the studio manager is aware of the makeup class, to ensure the class will not be over full.

Illness

If you are not feeling well, even if it is just the sniffles, please contact the studio and let us know that you will not be attending your class. We will work with you to find an appropriate way to make up your class. Please talk to Brenton or Cheryl to make arrangements.

Inclement Weather Procedures

Edgett Dance & Wellness will post updates on our website, www.edgettdance.ca, regarding closings due to inclement weather. Edgett Dance & Wellness reserves the right to close classes at our discretion. We will not put any student or family in danger due to weather.

Payment and Late Fees

Edgett Dance & Wellness is based on a 42-week year, beginning in September, the Tuesday after labour day. If you withdraw from Edgett Dance & Wellness Studio for any reason, it is your responsibility to contact the studio immediately.

Entering and Exiting the Studio

It is our intention that we will return to using the main lobby for all students entering the studio. We are asking that you continue to exit out the front of the building after collecting your belongings. All valuables should go to the studio with you and be placed in one of the cubes placed there so purses etc. don't have to sit on the floor.

Covid

Until October 1st, everyone will continue to wear masks inside the studio which should allow enough time for those waiting for their second dose.

After October 1st, to keep our students safe we are asking that you tell us if you have been double-vaccinated. If you choose not to disclose this information, we will be taking your temperature as you enter the studio. We will also be asking you to provide proof of a weekly negative test. As per Phase 5 of the reopening plan, masks will not be required in any part of the studio unless mandated by Public Health.

Membership

\$100 annually / \$150/couple

Membership is not a requirement but is recommended for those who are interested in taking a number of classes as they will ultimately save more than the membership investment.

Membership Benefits include:

- Thursday practice party is free to members, non-members pay \$5
- Monthly Friday party is discounted to \$5; non-members will pay \$10
- Special events such as Oscars and Christmas parties are excluded
- Ability to book for unlimited practices (subject to availability) discounted to \$15 monthly rather than \$25.
 - Pre-booking is recommended to make certain there is studio availability
 - We do not guarantee that your practice time would be without others using the space at the same time.
- Discount on facility rental
- Videos relative to your dance level are free. This includes technique classes. The videos are a visual reminder of the individual steps you will learn in class.
 - Those who do not have a membership and wish to have access to these videos can pay \$25/term to access them. Videos of material lower than your level will be available for a fee.
- Multiple Class discount – members receive an additional 5% discount on multiple classes
- Members will be issued a card

Multi-Class Discount

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# of Classes	Regular Fee	Non-Member Discount		Member Discount	
		2+	\$120	10%	\$108
3+	\$180	15%	\$153	20%	\$144
4+	\$240	20%	\$192	25%	\$180

Adult

# of Classes	Regular Fee	Non-Member Discount		Member Discount	
		2+	\$150	10%	\$135
3+	\$225	15%	\$191.25	20%	\$180
4+	\$300	20%	\$240	25%	\$225