



2027 PARENT & DANCER HANDBOOK

YOUTH MAJORETTE DANCE TEAM • AGES 6–9 • COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

MADE OF SPARK. BUILT WITH FIRE.

WELCOME TO STARFIRE DOLLZ

Welcome to Starfire Dollz! I am so excited to have you and your dancer joining us for our 2027 season.

I created Starfire Dollz because I wanted young girls to have a place where they could develop their love for majorette dance while also learning the things that matter beyond the dance floor - confidence, discipline, responsibility, teamwork, and how to genuinely support one another.

At Starfire, my goal is not simply to teach choreography or prepare girls for performances. I want our dancers to grow throughout the season. I want them to become more confident in themselves, learn how to be dependable teammates, understand the importance of listening and hard work, and build friendships and memories along the way.

Our dancers are young, and they're still learning. That's why I want Starfire to be a place where they can be challenged while still being encouraged, supported, and allowed to grow.

I'm looking forward to everything this first season will bring and to building something special together with our dancers and families.

Welcome to Starfire.

Keedy

Owner & Coach, Starfire Dollz

MORE THAN DANCE

Starfire Dollz is a youth majorette dance team for girls ages 6–9 built around more than learning choreography and performing.

We believe the lessons our dancers learn as part of a team can follow them far beyond the dance floor. Throughout the season, our girls will be challenged to grow in their dancing while also developing confidence, discipline, responsibility, respect, and meaningful relationships with their teammates.

DISCIPLINE

Learning to listen, stay focused, practice with purpose, and keep going even when something is difficult.

CONFIDENCE

Helping our dancers become comfortable expressing themselves, performing proudly, and believing in what they are capable of.

SISTERHOOD

Teaching our girls to encourage one another, celebrate each other's accomplishments, build healthy friendships, and understand that teammates support one another.

GROWTH

Every dancer will enter the season at a different level. We aren't looking for perfection - we're looking for effort, progress, willingness to learn, and a positive attitude.

TEAMWORK

Our girls learn to work together, communicate, be dependable, and understand that every dancer contributes to the team.

We don't just teach girls how to dance. We teach them how to show up for themselves and for each other.

2027 SEASON AT A GLANCE

SEASON

March-August 2027

FIRST OFFICIAL PRACTICE

Monday, March 1, 2027

REGULAR PRACTICES

Mondays & Wednesdays • 5:15-7:15 PM

LOCATION

Columbia, Missouri. Detailed practice-location information will be provided to enrolled families.

THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

Dancers may participate in selected parades, community performances, team activities, and other opportunities as they are confirmed.

AUGUST

Back-to-School Dance Showcase - official date and details to be announced.

END-OF-SEASON CELEBRATION

Our season will conclude with a special Starfire Dollz celebration/banquet. Date and details to be announced.

PRACTICE & ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is an important part of being a Starfire Dollz dancer. Our routines, formations, transitions, and performances depend on the entire team learning and practicing together.

ARRIVAL

Dancers should arrive ready to begin practice at 5:15 PM whenever possible. Please allow enough time for restroom use, belongings, water, and preparation before practice begins.

ABSENCES & TARDINESS

If your dancer will miss practice or arrive late, a parent/guardian should notify the coaching staff through BAND as soon as possible. Repeated or excessive absences can affect a dancer's ability to learn choreography, maintain formations, and safely perform with the team.

PREPARING FOR PRACTICE

- Appropriate dance/practice clothing and shoes
- Water bottle
- Hair secured away from the face
- Any required team items requested by coaching staff
- Ready to listen, participate, and learn

CONDITIONING & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Practices may include age-appropriate warm-ups, stretching, conditioning, dance fundamentals, choreography, and formation work. Water and appropriate breaks will be provided.

PERFORMANCE READINESS

Being a member of Starfire Dollz does not automatically guarantee participation in every performance. A dancer may need to sit out of a routine or performance if she has missed significant preparation, does not know required choreography/formations, or cannot safely perform. These decisions are based on preparation, safety, and what is best for the dancer and team.

DANCER CODE OF CONDUCT

Being a Starfire Doll means representing yourself, your teammates, and your team with respect. Our dancers are still learning and growing, and mistakes will happen. These expectations are designed to teach accountability and positive team behavior.

- Treat coaches, teammates, parents, event staff, and others with respect.
- Listen when coaches are speaking and follow directions.
- Keep hands, feet, and personal belongings to yourself.
- Use appropriate and respectful language.
- Encourage teammates rather than teasing, embarrassing, excluding, or intentionally putting another dancer down.
- Participate and give effort during practices and performances.
- Respect facilities, venues, uniforms, equipment, and other people's property.
- Represent Starfire Dollz appropriately at team activities and community events.

BULLYING & DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

Bullying, repeated teasing, intimidation, intentional exclusion, physical aggression, or other harmful behavior will not be accepted. Our first goal is to teach and correct behavior. Repeated or serious concerns may result in sitting out, a parent meeting, or removal from the team.

CONFLICT BETWEEN DANCERS

Not every disagreement is bullying. Coaches will help dancers learn healthy ways to communicate, apologize, solve problems, and move forward. Parents should allow coaching staff an opportunity to address dancer-to-dancer concerns before becoming directly involved with another dancer or parent.

PERSONAL DEVICES

Phones, tablets, smartwatches, and other personal devices should remain put away during practice unless a coach gives permission. Starfire Dollz is not responsible for lost, damaged, or misplaced personal electronics.

PARENT & GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

A successful season takes teamwork from our dancers, coaches, and families. We ask families to help maintain a positive, organized, and supportive environment.

COMMUNICATION

Parents and guardians are expected to regularly check BAND for announcements, schedule updates, reminders, performance information, payment requests, and other important team communication. Concerns that require a longer conversation should be discussed privately and, whenever possible, outside active practice or performance time.

PRACTICES

Parents should allow coaches to coach during practice. Unless otherwise communicated, please avoid coaching from the sidelines, interrupting practice, or entering the practice area to correct your dancer.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Parents/guardians are responsible for timely arrival and prompt pickup. Young dancers should not be left unattended before a coach is present or after the activity has ended.

COACHING & PERFORMANCE DECISIONS

Choreography, formations, dancer placement, performance participation, and other dance-related decisions will be made by coaching staff based on the needs of the routine and team. Placement is not a ranking of the children.

DANCER CONCERNS

Parents should never confront, discipline, or directly address another Starfire dancer regarding a conflict involving their child. Please bring concerns to coaching staff so they can be handled appropriately.

TUITION & FINANCIAL POLICIES

Starfire Dollz is committed to keeping financial expectations clear and communicated in advance.

2027 SEASON INVESTMENT

- Registration Fee - \$50 one time
- Monthly Tuition - \$55 per month for six months (March-August)
- 2027 Team Package - \$325
- Total 2027 Season Investment - \$705

Any optional purchases or additional costs associated with a special event that are not included in the season investment will be communicated in advance.

PAYMENTS

Starfire Dollz uses BAND as our primary team communication platform. Payment requests for enrolled families will be available through BAND and securely processed through Stripe once payment setup is active.

REGISTRATION FEE

The \$50 registration fee secures a dancer's enrollment after she has been officially accepted and registration has opened. Registration fees are non-refundable.

TEAM PACKAGE

Because many package items are ordered specifically for each dancer, team-package payments become non-refundable once the dancer's items have been ordered. If an order has not yet been placed, refund eligibility will depend on what has already been purchased or committed on the dancer's behalf.

MONTHLY TUITION

Monthly tuition covers participation in the Starfire Dollz program and is not based on the number of practices or performances attended in a particular month. Missed practices, personal absences, vacations, or a dancer choosing not to participate do not automatically reduce or prorate tuition.

TEAM PACKAGE PAYMENT PLAN

Families may pay the \$325 Team Package in installments. The complete payment schedule will be provided before payments begin. The Team Package must be paid in full by the final package deadline so all dancer items can be ordered on time.

2027 TEAM PACKAGE

The Starfire Dollz Team Package provides dancers with the primary team items needed for practices, performances, and participation throughout the season.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Performance uniform
- Hair accessory
- Starfire Dollz team T-shirt
- Team sneakers
- Team socks
- Team pom-poms
- Individual digital team portrait
- Full-team group digital photograph
- End-of-season keepsake

TEAM PHOTOS

Each dancer will receive one individual digital portrait and one full-team group digital photograph. Printed photographs and additional photo products may be available for separate purchase.

SIZING & ORDERING

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing accurate sizing information by the communicated deadline. Once customized or dancer-specific items have been ordered, changes, exchanges, or refunds may be limited or unavailable. Specific styles, brands, and product details may vary based on availability while maintaining the overall Starfire Dollz look.

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE STANDARDS

When representing Starfire Dollz at performances and team events, dancers should arrive performance-ready and wearing all required uniform pieces as instructed.

Uniforms should be kept clean, in good condition, and stored appropriately between performances.

Uniform pieces should not be permanently altered, decorated, cut, or customized without approval from Starfire Dollz. If a required team item is lost, damaged, or outgrown, contact coaching staff as soon as possible; replacement costs may be the family's responsibility.

JEWELRY & PERSONAL ITEMS

For dancer safety and a clean, coordinated team appearance, jewelry and other accessories may need to be removed during practices or performances. Specific instructions will be communicated when necessary.

PERFORMANCE APPEARANCE

Our goal is for the team to look coordinated, polished, age-appropriate, and performance-ready while still allowing our dancers to be kids.

PERFORMANCES & TEAM EVENTS

Throughout the season, dancers may participate in selected parades, showcases, community events, performances, and other team opportunities. Not every month will include a performance.

EVENT INFORMATION

Confirmed date, location, arrival time, uniform/accessory requirements, hair instructions, what to bring, estimated performance time, and pickup/dismissal information will be communicated through BAND.

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE

Once a dancer has been confirmed for a performance, parents should communicate known conflicts as soon as possible. Emergencies and illness happen; please notify coaching staff as soon as reasonably possible.

ARRIVAL & CALL TIMES

Arrival times may be earlier than the actual performance time so dancers can check in, warm up, review routines, and prepare together. A dancer arriving significantly after call time may not be able to participate if there is not enough time to prepare safely.

TRANSPORTATION & SUPERVISION

Unless otherwise communicated, parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their dancer to and from practices, performances, parades, and team events.

DURING PERFORMANCES

Once dancers are with the team, they should remain with their designated coach/team area unless given permission to leave. Families are encouraged to cheer, take pictures, celebrate the girls, and enjoy the experience while allowing coaches to manage performance preparation.

TEAM LOGO, MERCHANDISE & FAN APPAREL

We love seeing Starfire families support their dancers. Parents, relatives, and supporters are welcome to create or purchase their own general fan apparel for performances, showcases, and team events.

Families may use Starfire-inspired wording, phrases, colors, and their own original designs. However, official Starfire Dollz logos, marks, and original team artwork may not be copied, recreated, altered, printed, embroidered, transferred, or provided to an outside vendor without permission from Starfire Dollz.

Any merchandise featuring an official Starfire Dollz logo must be purchased directly through Starfire Dollz or through an approved team merchandise option.

Examples of family-created wording such as *Starfire Mom* or *Proud Dollz Family* are welcome. Use or recreation of the official Starfire Dollz wordmark, SD logo, circular seal, or flaming-star mark is considered official branded merchandise and must come through Starfire Dollz or an approved source.

SAFETY, INJURIES & EMERGENCIES

The safety and well-being of our dancers is a priority. Parents/guardians should notify coaching staff of any injury, illness, or temporary limitation that may affect safe participation.

ILLNESS & INJURY

A dancer who is not feeling well or cannot safely participate may be asked to rest, modify an activity, or sit out. Dancers should never feel pressured to continue dancing through pain or injury.

INJURIES DURING ACTIVITIES

If a dancer becomes injured or ill during a Starfire activity, coaching staff will address the immediate situation and contact the parent/guardian when appropriate. Emergency services may be contacted when necessary.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing accurate and current parent/guardian contacts, emergency contacts, and relevant medical information.

MEDICATION

Starfire Dollz coaches will not routinely administer medication. If your child has emergency medication or a medical need that could affect participation, communicate with coaching staff in advance so an appropriate plan can be discussed.

HYDRATION & WEATHER

Dancers should bring a water bottle. Water and rest breaks will be provided as appropriate. Outdoor activities may be adjusted when weather or environmental conditions make participation unsafe.

RETURNING AFTER INJURY

Depending on the nature of an injury, a parent/guardian may be asked to confirm readiness to return. For more significant injuries, appropriate medical clearance may be requested.

SOCIAL MEDIA, PHOTOS & VIDEO

Starfire Dollz loves celebrating our dancers, performances, accomplishments, and special moments. Photos and videos may be taken during practices, performances, team activities, photo sessions, and other Starfire events.

OFFICIAL STARFIRE MEDIA

A parent/guardian will be asked to complete a separate photo and media release indicating whether permission is granted for their dancer's image to be used on Starfire social media, the official website, promotional materials, flyers, digital graphics, team recaps, and other Starfire marketing materials. We will honor each family's selected media permissions.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY & RECORDING

Families are welcome to photograph and record their dancer during appropriate public performances, showcases, parades, and team events unless a venue has its own restrictions. Please be mindful that other children may appear in the background.

PROTECTING OUR DANCERS

Photos or videos should never be taken in dressing, changing, restroom, or other private areas. Families should use good judgment when sharing images or videos involving dancers other than their own.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT

Questions or concerns involving the team, another dancer, a parent, or coaching decisions should be addressed privately with coaching staff rather than through public social-media disputes.

TEAM COMMUNICATION - BAND

OUR TEAM. ONE PLACE.

Starfire Dollz uses BAND as our primary communication platform for enrolled families.

- Team announcements
- Practice updates
- Schedules
- Performance details
- Reminders
- Payment requests
- Important team information

Once a dancer has officially enrolled, her parent/guardian will receive access to the private Starfire Dollz BAND group. At least one parent or legal guardian for each dancer should join BAND and keep notifications enabled so important information is not missed.

When applicable, Starfire payment requests will also be available through BAND and securely processed through Stripe.

For privacy, the private BAND invitation link, invite code, and QR code are not published in this handbook.

2027 IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 2027

Monday, March 1 - First Official Practice

Regular practices continue Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:15-7:15 PM, unless otherwise communicated.

MARCH-AUGUST

Regular season: practices, training, team activities, and selected performances.

AUGUST

Back-to-School Dance Showcase - date and details to be announced.

END-OF-SEASON CELEBRATION

Starfire Dollz Banquet & Celebration - date and details to be announced.

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Additional performances, parades, community events, team activities, and important deadlines may be added throughout the season. Confirmed information will be shared through BAND.

CONTACT STARFIRE DOLLZ

Questions? We're here to help.

Starfire Dollz

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Ages 6-9

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TEAM COMMUNICATION

BAND - Enrolled Families Only

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook & Instagram - official account information will be added when finalized.

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2027 HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By completing the Starfire Dollz Parent & Dancer Handbook acknowledgment, the parent/guardian confirms that they have received access to the 2027 Starfire Dollz Parent & Dancer Handbook and have had an opportunity to review the policies and expectations outlined within it.

The parent/guardian understands their responsibility to review these expectations with their dancer in an age-appropriate way.

The acknowledgment includes understanding of policies regarding attendance and participation, dancer and parent conduct, tuition and financial responsibilities, team-package requirements, uniforms and appearance, performances and events, safety, media, official Starfire Dollz branding, and team communication.

Completing the acknowledgment does not prevent a parent or guardian from asking questions or requesting clarification regarding a team policy.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Dancer Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____