



Latin, Ballroom, SALSA!, Argentinean Tango, Freestyle, Hip Hop & Fun Socials.

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Welcome and thank you for your interest, and entrusting Dance for Life Academy as your DANCE studio of choice.

** on offer are group classes in the following styles of dance:-**Social dancing** (*Not only* Latin & Ballrooms, but other party dances like 4-count hustle, Rock 'n Roll, Mambo, Line dance, Polka, Barn dance etc....)

-**Dance sport** i.e. **International** competitive Latin and Ballroom/Standard.

-**Freestyle** i.e. Solo, Hustle, Slow dance, Rock 'n Roll, Show Dancing, Couples, Trio's & Hip Hop.

-**SALSA** i.e. Cuban / Puerto Rican styles. **Fun and still the latest world craze!**

-**Hip Hop keep fit.** i.e. *teen & Adult fun classes, OR medal, competitive & shows.*

-**Cabaret Show group.** Chicago, New York New York, Jazz, contemporary etc..
For corporate show bookings and charity fund raising.

** Private lessons are available for competitive dancers and also for extra tuition when necessary. E.g. missed medal classes.

** There will be medal tests/evaluations, competitions, and studio functions (i.e. socials, Honors evening/Christmas function).

** Dance tours around the country are popular, and family, friends and *non-dancers* are welcome to join the tours and spectate/support.

Registration for new students intakes, (beginners to advanced), will be every 3 month semesters, i.e. January, May and August /September of every year. Other intakes of students will be at the discretion of the studio principal, as and if required.

NEW students only: 1 FREE introductory lesson can be arranged by prior arrangement, before intake dates or signing up. This will be at the discretion of management, should time permit, and teachers be available.

PLEASE read and make sure that you understand and agree to the Studio rules, and terms and conditions of enrolment. Minors under 18, MUST be accompanied by their parents or guardian, on registration days to sign the registration forms.

OTHER FUNCTIONS: Socials at various venues, are arranged on a monthly basis for a nominal fee /person. (Some socials are bring own snacks & drinks). Attending socials is optional, but recommended for dancers to broaden their dance skills, and practice what they have learnt. *Rights of admission are reserved by the relevant studio principals, venue owners or managers.*

Medal tests are also optional (*helps competitors achieve goals sooner*). Honors evening or other events are used mainly to help raise funds for competitive dance tours (*some of the proceeds are donated to a nominated charity*). Such events, will be communicated by a monthly newsletter, placed on the notice board and e-mailed, from time to time.

OTHER DANCE events at other studio's or venues will also be communicated by the monthly newsletter, e-mail or notice board. Bear in mind the relative organizers cover charge will apply, and is payable to them, unless arranged otherwise.

General information:

Please NOTE: NO long term CONTRACTS are imposed. Students have a choice of monthly or 3 month semester payments.

*Studio rules and terms of enrolment apply. PLEASE READ these, as they will be enforced.

FUN/practice sessions will be arranged periodically with 5 week months, at NO extra CHARGE. Students are encouraged To practice, bring their snacks and drinks and get to meet other DFLA students.

ALL lessons are 1 hour long and NOT 45 minutes, like other studios. **Please be on time for your lesson.**

Students are encouraged to come 15 minutes earlier and warm up in the open venues, NOT in classes being taught.

Fees are very affordable, compared to other studios in close proximity. *Feel free to phone around.*

Teachers are qualified or have a minimum of 7 years experience as a teacher or competitor.

I am sure our association is going to be filled with many happy dancing hours, with loads of fun and excitement.

I look forward to a really enjoyable year of dancing.

-Andrew De Freitas (Studio Principal).

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I would like to draw your attention to the RULES/conditions of enrolling with the DFLA studio, which are very important:



STUDIO RULES: Terms and conditions of enrolment

1. **FEES:** are **STRICTLY** payable in **ADVANCE** by the 1st of each month. If choosing the 3 month semester option, fees are due in advance, i.e. **on Commencing the 3 month cycle**, to qualify for the relevant discount.
2. If you are absent in the first week of the month, or going on holiday, please pay by EFT or make prior arrangements for payment of fees. **A penalty of R10/ week/class/student will be charged for LATE payments. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Dancers with 3 weeks fees in arrears (or less), at the discretion of the studio principal, will not be allowed to participate in classes. **Please note: This R10/ week/class will keep accumulating.**
3. **ANNUAL Registration/Admin FEES:** A non-refundable **enrolment fee as per fees list** is due for each dancer enrolled. This fee is payable on Registration day or before the dancer commences classes and is to be handed in with the enrolment form. **–SEE ATTACHED fees schedule. This is a COMPULSORY fee and is levied by the region B government and as per dance association's recommendations.**
4. Monthly, 3 month term, and registration/admin fees are set out on the **Fees schedule**. These fees are subject to change as and when deemed necessary or should the industry associations may suggest, from time to time. *Copies of these are available with your registration pack or from the studio principal.*
5. **PAYMENT Methods:** Fees are payable in one of the following manners:
 - **EFT –Preferred payment method. Mr. A De Freitas, Standard Bank, Current account No: 20 062 494 6, branch code: 00 4205**
 - *Please include the name and surname of the dance student, if not yourself, so we know who is the payment is for.*
 - **Cash, when attending your 1st class of the month. –Discouraged payment method due to security risks.**
 - **Cheques are accepted, by prior arrangement. –Discouraged payment method due to fraud. Cheques made to Mr. A De Freitas.**
 - **NO cash deposits under any circumstances into the above account, as this generates costs to me.**
6. **Fees do not include the following:**
 - **Exam / medal test fees.**
 - **Competition registration and competition entry fees, should the dancer want to compete.**
 - **Studio leotards, tracksuits, T- shirts or any costumes.**
7. **Credits will only be given** in the following circumstances.
 - **If student cancels a private lesson 24 hours before the lesson.** Monies for that lesson will be carried over to the next private lesson.
 - **If a teacher cancels a private or group class, and another teacher is unavailable to take the lesson.**
 - No credit s or “carry over’s” will be given to students who are absent from scheduled classes.
8. **ABSENTIASM: –NO CREDITS, REFUNDS OR CARRY OVERS.** Make up classes are allowed by prior arrangement with the studio principal (Andrew De Freitas) ONLY, and will be valid for that relative month only. **No indefinite carry over’s or credits given. –NO EXCEPTIONS.**
9. **PRIVATE LESSONS –for prices, SEE ATTACHED fees schedule. Please read conditions below that will strictly be enforced:**
 - *Must be pre booked with the studio principal and paid for a week in ADVANCE, due to venue and time constraints and teacher availability.*
 - **NO payment NO class/teacher will be booked.**
 - *Rooms have to be booked and cleared with the centre manager whether available for chosen day and time.*
 - *If for some reason you unable to make the lesson, 24 Hours cancellation is required. IF cancelled in advance the lesson will be carried over.*
 - **NO extra Charge. Please inform me and the relevant teacher.**
 - *If canceling on the day, or less than 24 hours, you will unfortunately forfeit the full payment made.*
 - **Teachers and rent still has to be paid irrespective.**
 - **Be on time for you lesson. No running over into the next hour is allowed, as this puts other classes out.**
 - **Please inform your teacher at the end of each lesson IF you want the same or another time slot for the following week.**
 - **This is to avoid double bookings OR give other students on a waiting list the opportunity to use that time slot.**
 - **Please note no spectators are allowed, unless pre arranged with the Studio principle or relevant teacher.**
10. Medal/Competitive dancers, with fees in arrears, will **NOT** be allowed to participate in exams/competitions, if fees are not paid up to date, before the events.
11. Parents please place children’s fees in a marked/sealed envelope and amount paid, for their own safety. *Please ensure the correct amount is in the envelope.*
12. **RESIGNATION TERMS:**
 - 11.1. **NB:** Your resignation must be in writing, and a full calendar month. i.e. within that 1st week of paying fees, by the 1st.
 - 11.2. If no resignation letter is received, fees will continue to be charged + penalty for late payments.
 - 11.3. Please ensure all outstanding fees are paid in full, to avoid legal action.
 - 11.4. **NB:** No verbal or telephonic resignations will be accepted. *The written resignation must be given to management.*
 - 11.5. No temporary resignations are allowed. E.g. holidays, business trips, study leave, etc
 - 11.6. If you need to go away for an extensive period of time, please discuss it with the studio principal (Andrew De Freitas), So a suitable arrangement can be made.**If arrangements are not made, you will be held liable for outstanding fees, penalties and re registration.**
13. **STRICTLY NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED** – NOBODY may sit in on classes. Please wait in the foyer or outside. “Watching days” will be arranged periodically for parents. *You may enter 5 minutes before your class to change shoes or visit the bathroom, if required.*

14. **Visitor's and prospective new students:** are required to pay a fee on attending any class. Prospective new students and visitors, must please contact me And pre arrange to attend/view any of the classes. **Only a 1 Month trial period is allowed, their after the visitor will have to register and join DFLA.**
15. **TIME KEEPING:** Be on time for your class and please come prepared, with suitable shoes and correct attire. *Takkies, slops & sandals are NOT recommended.*
16. Parents kindly ensure children are clean and correctly dressed for class. Also ensure they have been to the toilet before hand, as constant streaming to the bathrooms is disruptive to classes.
17. **NO FOOD OR DRINK** - to be brought into class. A water cooler is available in the kitchen. **Water bottles are permitted/ encouraged.**
18. Please ensure you take ALL your belongings with you, as the venues may change, and other people use the facilities. Any belongings left, will be handed into the main office or donated to charity, if not collected by the end of each semester.
19. If a dancer is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign and accompany the child on registration days. Children will not be able to take part in classes, until all relevant forms have been filled and signed. Registration and fees payments must be made in advance **-NO EXCEPTIONS.**
20. **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:** No classes are held on a public holiday or on the eve of long weekends.
***** written or e mail notices of substitute classes will be issued to make up your 4 lessons.**
21. **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** *** the studio does not close during these periods, although class schedules may at times be adjusted to suit.
*** written notices of holiday schedules are issued in advance whenever necessary.
22. Medal tests, socials or any other event will be communicated by a monthly newsletter, verbally at classes, e mail OR put up on the notice board.
23. Fun or practice sessions are arranged periodically with 5 week months, at NO extra charge. (Bring own snacks & drinks). Students are encouraged to Practice to broaden their dance skills, and meet other fellow students.
24. Family discounts are as per yearly fees schedule. *2 class and 3 class options apply.* The dance student, **MUST be a direct family member**, to qualify.
25. Discount for introducing new students are applicable, please enquire with the studio principal. *This is subject to the enrolment of the new dancer/s.*
26. All students, teachers and parents are asked to adhere to the studio rules, for their own safety and out of respect for others, and the premises used.
Please note: All rights of admission are reserved by DFLA, and the Parkhurst Recreation management.
27. **OTHER FUNCTIONS** Socials are arranged on a monthly basis for a nominal fee /person. (Bring own snacks & drinks). This is optional, but recommended for dancers to broaden their dance skills. **Non dance member, i.e. Family or friends are allowed to join, and will pay the relevant cover charge.**
28. Dancers wishing to dance with or for another studio must please inform the studio principal of your intent, to avoid conflict of interests, with other studios.
DFLA will not penalize or reject students who have informed the studio principal of this.
Students who have not informed the studio principal may be asked to leave DFLA should problems arise.
29. **Shows and Teaching:** Medal and registered competitive dance students are NOT allowed to do shows or teach without the permission of their relevant association. Written permission is applied for by your studio principal. **Please note: Some associations do not allow an amateurs to teach, and if caught doing so without prior permission, you will be considered as a professional and will be barred from competing as an amateur in amateur competitions. IF IN DOUBT please ask your studio principal to find out the relevant associations rules.**
30. **Practice & Studio usage:** Due to limited space and venues, all students wanting to practice, **MUST pre book** with the studio principal. Medal & Competitive students will not be charged at studio 1 (Rec). **All other students will be charged at a nominal hourly fee. Please enquire with the studio principal.**
31. Medal students who may be evaluated by their teacher (or studio principal), as un prepared for their medal exam, may be held back until the next exam. Relevant refunds will be made accordingly.
32. Dance for LIFE Academy (DFLA), its studio head (Andrew De Freitas), teachers, assistants, employees, or the recreation staff, do not accept direct or indirect Responsibility for theft of dance apparel, accidents, injuries or illnesses, which may occur at the studio, during classes, exams, show rehearsals or competitions, or whilst a dancer is dancing / practicing at the studio or other premises used by DFLA.
33. Enrolment forms must be signed, as acknowledgment that the above rules and terms of enrolment have been read, understood and accepted before any Student can partake in any scheduled/chosen class. -BY ORDER.



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NB: Dance students and Parents please retain a copy of these rules and enrolment conditions, for future reference.