

## ENSEMBLE HANDBOOK: FIVE CROWN ELITE DANCE '25

Ensembles (Solos/Duets/Trios/Small Groups) are an optional part of the Five Crown Elite program with the objective to improve technique and experience through individualized training with a qualified coach whose coaching style, expertise and choreography fit into our team's values and expectations. Ensembles may only compete when learning from our approved coaching staff and only at our specified competitions.

**Requirements** The requirement to compete in an ensemble number is reaching a standard of excellence in ballet, technique and acro technique that is both age and skill level appropriate. Additionally, dancers must be in good standing and have excellent attendance with their team rehearsals and team responsibilities including the participation in the majority of their team dances that were offered at the completion of try-outs. Team members will be considered “eligible” through coach approval and the coaching staff reserves the right to notify parents if a student becomes “ineligible” at any time throughout the season.

**Cost** The baseline price for solo choreography is \$550 for solo choreography, \$450 per person for duos, and \$350 per person for trios. This includes three 45-minute choreography sessions, with additional costs for music editing and licensing. After learning the choreography, dancers must complete a minimum of 12 private rehearsals before competing. We offer discounted cleaning packages (Solo Package of 4 Sessions: \$275, Duo Package of 4 Sessions: \$225 per person, Trio Package of 4 Sessions: \$175 per person). We do require that the follow up sessions happen through our coaching staff specifically (because we know that the cleaning is really where the ***magic*** happens). Competition entry fees and costume/accessory fees are all the financial responsibility of the parent.

**Competitions** Ensembles could compete at all or some of the regularly scheduled competitions and could be invited to participate at additional competitions or performances. Coaches reserve the right to **suspend** a student from competing until they are fully prepared for competition. Dancers who make frequent memory mistakes

in rehearsal will **NOT BE PERMITTED** to compete until they are able to complete their routine consistently without memory mistakes.

### **The Process**

Throughout the summer the coaching staff will be assessing dancers proficiency and dedication. Dancers who have a robust schedule, overwhelm quickly or have no prior team experience are encouraged to focus on team choreography prior to seeking approval for ensembles. If you are interested in being considered for an ensemble (solo/duo/trio/small group) please send an email to [frontdesk@fivecrownfitness.com](mailto:frontdesk@fivecrownfitness.com) titled “**Ensemble Consideration**” and detail whether or not your dancer prefers solo,duo,trio. **Please include a signed copy of the “ensemble agreement”.**

Please trust that our staff will use the information you provide in collaboration with our experience to develop the best plan for success. You reserve the right to decline our recommendation without retaliation of any kind. This is a collaborative process in which we will openly communicate suggestions and concerns. Additionally, we will not tolerate unhealthy competitive practices between team members through bullying, complaining or otherwise. A **positive team spirit** always comes before ensemble opportunities.

**ENSEMBLE AGREEMENT (must be signed by financially responsible parent and member of five crown elite dance team)**

Understand that music choices and costuming will be a collaborative process between coaching staff, parents and team members. Choreography, music or costuming should not be ordered or adjusted without consultation and approval.

Members of Five Crown Elite Dance may not work on their ensemble with *any* instructor, including our coaching staff, outside of the Five Crown Fitness space.

Members of Five Crown Elite Dance may not show their choreography to *any* instructor or coach outside of our coaching staff. It is important to keep choreography private to our teams and staff.

Five Crown Fitness and the Elite coaching staff reserve the right to notify parents if a student becomes “ineligible” to compete with their ensemble at any time throughout the season. If a student becomes ineligible for any reason, including but not limited to poor attendance, poor recall, technical regression or disrespectful behavior, there will be **NO REFUND** given for choreography, rehearsals, costumes or competition fees.

In the case of an injury or a student being removed or removing themselves from the program for any reason, Five Crown Fitness LLC is not responsible for financial obligations that are non-refundable such as choreography, costumes and cleaning fees. In the case of an injury we will work with the competition organizations to the best of our ability within the confines of their refund policy.

Five Crown Fitness, LLC owns the rights to all choreography instructed throughout the 2025-2026 season including but not limited to that given to solos/duos and ensembles and dancers may not compete or showcase these routines partially or fully, in any capacity, without written permission from the owners during or after the season has commenced. Additionally, team members, parents, friends and family members of dancers are **strictly prohibited from sharing video of choreography or music** on

social media, via text, email, airdrop or any other means until May 4th, 2026. Choreography taught to Five Crown Elite Team Members is considered the intellectual property of Five Crown Fitness, LLC and may not be recreated or stolen without risk of legal action. Five Crown Fitness, LLC also owns the rights to all music edits and licensing.

I have read, understand and accept the above information as outlined in the Five Crown Elite Ensemble Handbook.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_