

# CENTRAL JERSEY DANCE COMPANY

## Costume Policy

### **Purchase and Distribution:**

Costumes are purchased by the Central Jersey Dance Company Parents Organization (CJDCPO) under the direction of the owner/teachers, and become part of the “Costume Closet”. These costumes are lent out each year to families who are members in good standing of the CJDCPO. With a few exceptions, specific dances, such as musical theater, may require a specialty costume that can not be re-used and you may have to purchase that costume.

### **Costume Care:**

Because costumes are on loan to dancers for the competition season, will be returned to the “costume closet”, and may be reused by other dancers in the future, **costumes should never be permanently altered**. Light stitching or basting a waistband or hem is fine. Costumes should never be cut. Please check with a teacher if you think a costume does not fit properly or are not sure about how to alter a costume. Never trade costumes directly with another dancer unless specifically instructed to do so by a teacher.

### **Returns:**

All costumes are to be returned clean and in good condition. Any alterations may stay. Costumes should be returned in a clear, zip-locked bag (gallon size is usually big enough) labeled with: the dancer’s name, dance level, dance, and size (if known). Accessories that are given out with the costumes (mitts, beads, headpieces, etc.), should be returned with the costume. Please, do not return accessories that you have purchased separately in the bag with the costume.

You will be notified when and where to return costumes. Typically, costumes are returned according to a specific schedule during summer choreography camp. Not all costumes will be required to be returned every year. You will receive ample notice about which costumes need to be returned and when. Please return the requested costumes (clean and properly labeled) at the requested time.

### **Move-ups**

When a dancer is asked to move up to the next dance level, borrowed costumes for all the lower level dances should be returned according to the schedule for the lower level group (i.e. if you move up from Jade to Topaz, return all Jade costume at the Jade time). Higher level costumes will be distributed to move-up dancers well before the first competition. Do not trade/borrow costumes directly from another dancer unless specifically instructed to do so by the teacher.

### **Resignations**

In the event your child decides to leave Dance Company, all costumes must be returned immediately, clean and properly labeled. Alterations may stay in the costumes.

### **Donations**

CJDCPO welcomes the donation of any purchased costume pieces. Please package donated items separately from regular costume returns.