

CLUB DYNAMITE 2025 SPARKLES Handbook



We are very excited to invite your gymnast to be a member of the Club Dynamite 2025 Sparkles Performance Team!!

WHAT IS THE PERFORMANCE TEAM?

The Performance Teams are groups of selected Club Dynamite gymnasts who show outstanding potential and a high standard of gymnastics ability, technique, effort, commitment and a great attitude!

Our Teams put together spectacular group performance routines and represent Club Dynamite in a variety of competitions and performances.

Our Performance Team gymnasts receive the highest standard of gymnastics training in the club and make excellent progress in their gymnastics and are looked up to by all the gymnasts in our club!

Being a part of the team develops our gymnast's confidence, discipline and team work! We work hard but we also have heaps of fun and our Performance Team members develop a wonderful bond and camaraderie with their team mates!

We would love for your gymnasts to join our team in 2025 and we hope they have an incredible experience!



TEAMS

In 2025 we will have 5 separate Performance Teams for gymnasts of different ages and abilities.

Sparkles Performance Team – Gymnasts born 2018-2019

Mini Performance Team – Gymnasts born 2016-2017

Junior Performance Team – Gymnasts born 2014-2015

Intermediate Performance Team – Gymnasts born 2012-2013

Senior Performance Team – Gymnasts born 2011 or earlier.

Our Sparkles Team train separately to our older teams in specialist classes aimed to give them the best possible training for their age and ability.



REQUIREMENTS

To be a member of the Performance team our gymnasts are required to commit to the following.

1. Training 2 days a week – Monday and Thursday
2. All Performances and competitions

TRAINING – MONDAYS

On Mondays the girls train for 2 hours from 3:30-5:30PM and this is the day we work on all our gymnastics skills. Building strength, flexibility and learning to do amazing things.

TRAINING - THURSDAYS

On Thursdays we train from 1 ½ hours from 3:30-5:00PM and on this day we learn and perfect our group routines for competitions. It is very important that we have outstanding attendance from our gymnasts as having just one person away makes it hard to run routines, work spacing, work timing etc.



COMPETITIONS

Our gymnasts compete in 5-6 eisteddfods/competitions each year, as well as in house events like the Showcase. These are so much fun and create lifelong memories.

We require all team members to commit to all Performances and Competitions, as routines are intricately choreographed, and one student

missing takes many hours to relearn the routine. The dates are not yet out for 2025 but we will let you know as soon as they are.



COMPETITION & PERFORMANCE UNIFORM

CLUB UNIFORM

Gymnasts will be required to wear the Club Dynamite uniform to and from all competitions and performances and at anytime at a competition/performance when they are not in costume.

The uniform includes Club Dynamite jacket, pants and their Performance Team T shirt.

COSTUMES

Gymnasts will have a costume for each routine they are in (should be 2 costumes for our Sparkles team). We always aim to ensure our costumes are age appropriate and look good on our gymnasts!

You will need to bring your full costumes to all competitions and performances (students will not be able to perform with part of their costume missing). Gymnasts will need to bring their costumes to the

competition/performance venues in a separate bag and change into and out of their costumes at the venue, not wear them underneath clothes.

Please do not wear your costume or any part of your costume anywhere except for our competitions, rehearsals and performances. Once we are no longer doing that routine (usually after 2 years, but this does vary), gymnasts are welcome to wear or sell their costumes.



HAIR

Each routine will have specific hair style and hair piece. We will aim to keep these relatively simple. If you have any trouble doing hair there will be other parents available to help. Hair needs to be very neat and tidy, with all wispy bits gelled back as this does form a part of our score.

We ask that you keep your gymnast's hair long enough to put it up in a pony tail to style it for competitions. It adds to our unison, to have everyone in a matching hair style.

MAKE UP

We do wear make up for competitions, as the stage lights can wash out each child's face. This will include foundation/eye

shadow/mascara/blush and lipstick. Like with hair if you have trouble with stage make up another parent can assist.

OTHER DETAILS

All jewellery, including earrings will need to be removed for competitions. Also any coloured nail polish will need to be removed and no markings on the skin are allowed.

Please do not pierce your child's ears during competition season, as they are required to remove earrings for the competitions and newly pierced earring can not be taken out for 6 weeks. Competition run from May-November, so the best time to pierce ears is December-Early March.



COMMITMENT TO TRAINING

As mentioned earlier a high level of commitment is required to training. We work our group routines, and it is very difficult to achieve with gymnasts absent.

If your gymnast has an injury, we expect they will still attend and we can modify their program (or if severe we can have them sit and watch), just let us know beforehand.

If they are feeling unwell, they can just watch or walk through the routine. Please text me to let me know before class.

Kids are learning important skills about commitment, and we ask that they don't schedule other activities for performance times, or attend training first and then head to events after.

In those rare circumstances where an absence can't be avoided please text me or email to let me know with as much notice as possible.



COSTS

We aim to keep participation in the Performance Team as affordable as possible.

TRAINING

Training is \$57 weekly (charged in the usual 10 week blocks) for 3 1/2 hours of highly specialized training. This is a highly discounted rate of just \$16.29 per hour (usually class rate is \$26 per hour). This fee also covers

competition entry, photos and videos from comps, performance shirt and a variety of other things. As this is a specialist team, we can't offer the option of taking school holidays off the invoice.

COSTUMES & UNIFORMS

Gymnasts will need to purchase their Club uniform and costumes, the cost varies from year to year but this should be no more than \$350 in total for all uniform and costume pieces. If the costs end up higher than this Club Dynamite will subsidize and pay the rest of the costs.

CLUB DYNAMITE PAYS THE REST

Club Dynamite will pay other costs related to their participation in performances and competitions. We will pay for competition entry fees, competitor passes, props, competition photos etc and Performance Team gymnasts participate in the showcase free of charge.

OTHER ACTIVITIES – Gymnastics/Acrobatics

Once your child is a member of the Performance Team, they have a very carefully planned training program, to ensure they acquire skills in a safe and progressive way with ideal technique for Performance gymnastics. Therefore, a condition of being part of the Performance Team is that the gymnasts will not attend any other gymnastics type classes or groups (including no classes in gymnastics/trampoline/tumble/cheerleading/acrobatics/acro dance etc) outside of Club Dynamite.

As we attend dance competitions (in the acrobatics sections), it is also a condition of being in the team that members are not permitted to be a part of a competitive dance team or eisteddfod dance group at a dance studio.



FUN ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year our Performance Team gymnasts have the opportunity to participate in some fun activities. These serve both as a reward to gymnasts for the hard work and dedication they put into their gymnastics and a team building opportunity.

Events we have had include movie night, team dinner, sleepovers and a theatre trip.

There may be some costs involved with some events, but again we always aim to keep things very affordable. These events are not compulsory, but are a lot of fun and the gymnasts love them!

CONTACT

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me via email – admin@clubdynamite.com.au or phone number provided or see me personally out on the floor.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy your time on the team!

