

Yorktown Dance Team Tryout FAQs

- **Do returning athletes automatically make the team?**
 - There is no guaranteed placement on a team. All interested athletes, no matter experience level, are required to tryout every year, including returning members.
- **What is the difference between a mandatory skill and a varsity eligible skill?**
 - Mandatory skills are skills to be demonstrated by all athletes no matter the team. Varsity eligible skills are skills to be demonstrated in order to be considered for the varsity level. Demonstration of the varsity eligible skills does not guarantee placement on the varsity team, but failure to demonstrate a Varsity eligible skill means you will only be considered for the JV team.
- **Do I have to show all of the skills listed on the skill list and optional skills and tricks sections?**
 - All athletes will need to demonstrate the mandatory skills no matter level of experience. All athletes will be asked to show any/all optional skills and tricks as well. For the optional sections it is advised to show all of the items listed that you have (i.e. if you have 3 of the listed tricks show those 3, if you have all of the listed tricks show them all). For those athletes wishing to be considered for the Varsity team – demonstration of all varsity eligible skills listed is required to be ELIGIBLE for the varsity level.
- **Do I need previous dance experience to make the team?**
 - No experience is required. We will try and find the best fit for all athletes.
- **How many people will make each team?**
 - There is no set number (min or max) to the teams. After assessment of skills we will look at the natural break in scores to determine the best fit for athletes and teams.
- **If I make a mistake during my evaluation will that ruin my chances of making a team?**
 - No! We know all athletes are nervous when trying out (us coaches have been in your shoes). We are looking for well-rounded athletes who show mastery of skills, positive attitude and are coachable. If you mess up, keep smiling and get right back in there!
- **Will I be told what to wear for tryouts?**
 - Yes! All information regarding tryout attire will be posted on all social media platforms and addressed in interest meetings.
- **What does the practice schedule look like?**
 - **Varsity:** practice is Monday – Thursday, with home games on Friday. Additional practices on Friday's and Saturdays will be scheduled as needed to prepare for competition. **JV:** practice is Monday – Wednesday, with home games on Thursday and Friday. Additional practices on Thursday's and Friday's will be scheduled as needed to prepare for competition.