



## **NAL ATTACK DANCER AUDITIONS**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What are the minimum qualifications to be a Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dancer?**

- Must be at least 18 by October 15, 2017.
- Hold a full/part-time job, or attend school full time, or have a family
- Have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.

#### **Are there any height and weight requirements?**

You should look well-proportioned and be physically fit; but we have no set limits. We DO NOT have a minimum or maximum height/weight requirement.

#### **Will I make the squad if I have a tattoo or facial/body piercings?**

If tattoo is visible in the uniform or practice wear, you must have it covered with make up at all times. Facial and Body piercings must be removed when in uniform or practice wear.

#### **Is there an age limit?**

You must be at least 18 by October 15, 2017. There is NO maximum age limit. Ages of recent dancers have ranged from 18 to 35.

#### **How should I wear my hair and make-up and will it be offered the day of auditions**

Your hairstyle should compliment your features. Make-up should have colors that compliment you! Think glamorous! You may want to contact our hair salon artist Katie at, <https://www.facebook.com/SalonCashmereHair/> and for makeup Danelle <https://www.facebook.com/thekeytoglam/> to ask for advice on the perfect hairstyle and makeup for you. We will have hair and makeup for auditions. If you choose to use them they charge a small fee.

#### **Can my family watch any part of the auditions or Prep Classes?**

No, the prep classes and the first rounds of auditions are closed to the public. However, the final auditions are open to the public at the Jacksonville Landing.

#### **Do I have to take the prep classes?**

No, however it is highly recommended that you take as many preparatory classes as you can. This is where you will learn all of our various dances and styles from our captains, leaders on the team, and dance directors.

#### **Can I take the prep classes even if I am not going to audition?**

Yes, these are among the best adult dance classes offered in the area. If you miss dancing and want to take the classes to improve your dance technique then these classes are for you



### **Do I have to attend all days of the auditions?**

YES, you must begin the first morning and should plan on staying the entire audition day. The first cut will happen early afternoon Sunday.

### **Is the squad more dance-oriented than cheerleading and stunting?**

Dance! We have our own style of dance with emphasis on Hip Hop, however if you have had various types of training we highly suggest you showcase them during the talent portion of auditions.

### **When, where and how much do the Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dance Team rehearse?**

- Anywhere from 2-3 times per week.
- Full dance team rehearsals are primarily held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 pm until 9:15 pm.
- All rehearsal will be held at Dansations in Studio A. We will also rehearse at Veterans Memorial Arena.
- All rehearsals are mandatory.

### **What will the judges focus on?**

- Showmanship
- Dance Technique
- Personal Appearance/Figure
- Personality
- Communication Skills
- Energy
- Kick Technique
- Photogenic Round for Finalists



### **What is the photogenic/swimsuit round?**

Because the model aspect of the squad has grown, we have added a round to judge this ability. Each finalist will go through a photo shoot! She will be judged on comfort level in front of the camera and the final shots will be given a score.



### **Do I have to make up my own routine?**

No, but for every audition round you will be required to have a 10 second free-style dance and we recommend you not pre-choreograph this. For all rounds, you will be taught the choreography with your freestyle being the first 10 seconds. Free-style will be worked on during the prep classes.



## How much of a time commitment is being a Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dancer?

- In addition to attending every rehearsal and game, the Attack dancers participate in multiple appearances around the Jacksonville area. Each dancer should plan on making at least 20 charitable appearances during her year.
- The time spent a week at rehearsals, games and appearances can range from 4 to 12 hours.
- Being an Attack dancer is a huge commitment. However, many of the past dancers have held demanding careers such as nurses, school teachers and computer specialists. We have a large amount of under graduate and graduate college students. Yes, several of the dancers have children and families to manage, in addition to carrying a full-time job.
- At the prep classes, you will be able to meet several of the current squad members and ask them how they manage their time.

## Do I have to pay for the uniform?

No, all uniforms, practice attire, warm-ups, earrings, shoes, boots, and poms are supplied to each dancer. You are responsible for the care of the uniforms and attire supplied to you.





## What should I wear to auditions?

- A crop top (sports bra, stomach must show) and dance trunks/briefs (recommended) You can order them from Amazon. The briefs are called Escante Women's Booty Shorts or iHeartRave Booty Shorts in black. If you wish to order a bedazzled top, you may do so <https://m.facebook.com/Raestoned>. Keep in mind the judges need to be able to picture what you would look like in Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dance Team uniform. Your outfit can be any color and any style but preferably red, black, or white.
- Sample audition attire will be shown during the prep classes.
- Flesh-colored pantyhose, dance tights or you may be bare legged.
- Dance Sneaker, or Jazz shoes.

## Are all the Prep classes different and can I audition if I do not attend any of the classes?

- The Prep Classes are designed to offer different choreography each day. However, all the technical material is the same.
- You may still audition if you do not attend any of the Prep Classes. The Prep Classes are **optional**, but strongly recommended. Even if you have danced your entire life you will still learn important information about the Attack dance team.
- You can sign up for Prep Classes at the door or pre-register at <https://attackprepclass.com>

## What do I need to bring to the auditions?

- Bring a lunch or snack and a water bottle.
- Extra audition outfit and tights. Just in case anything happens.
- If you have not attended a Prep Class, please bring \$40 cash, money order, or credit

## What can I do to get ready several months before auditions when prep classes aren't offered?

- Exercise and start eating healthy! You will need to be physically fit.
- Stretch out after every workout.
- Take dance classes that will teach you jazz technique.

## What is the best way for me to find out if I have what it takes to be an Attack dancer?

Attend at least one prep class EARLY! Many people wait until the last week when you don't have to time to prepare.