

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When are the registration deadlines and audition dates?**

Auditions begin in November. All dates, times, and locations are listed on our registration page, CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER  
<http://attacksdanceteamauditions.com>

## **Is being a Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dancer a full-time job?**

No, most dancers hold part-time or full-time jobs and/or attend college.

## **Can you be a mother and an Attack Dance Team Member?**

Yes! Many mothers have successfully fulfilled all Attack obligations.

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

You should look well-proportioned in dancewear. We DO NOT have specific height and weight requirements.

## **Are there any age requirements?**

You must be at least 18 by November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018, and have high school diploma or GED by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to audition. There will be no exceptions.

## **What should I wear to auditions?**

You should wear:

- 2-piece attire: Top: Dance/Athletic Bra Top Bottom: Hot Pants (No Tank Tops or Bike Shorts)
- Skin colored Dance Tights (non-shimmery)
- Any type of dance shoe or dance sneaker

## Where can we find audition attire?

Audition attire can be found in dance wear stores, or ordered online. Our colors are red, black, grey and white.

Shorts we recommend: <http://a.co/d/7dtoAX4>

Tops we recommend: **RaeStoned Tops** (you can find her on Instagram)

## What does it take to become an Attack Dancer?

Our judges will focus on the following:

- Dance Technique
- Enthusiasm
- Poise
- Showmanship
- Personal Appearance
- Figure
- Personality
- Energy
- High Kicks
- Splits

## What are Audition Prep Classes?

Audition Prep Classes are non-mandatory. Our FREE dance classes are offered to provide excellent preparation for the upcoming audition. They are taught by Attack Choreographers and Group Leaders during weeks leading up to auditions. You may attend ONE only.

<http://attackdanceteamclinic.com>

## **If I can't do the splits should I try out?**

Yes, if you are a great performer and truly want to be an Attack Dancer you should audition. Flexibility and splits are REQUIRED by the start of the Arena Football season in April but continual stretching and flexibility work can eventually get results.

We recommend that you stretch "warm muscles". Spend a few minutes with activity that does not require full range of motion.

Then, stretch your body with particular focus on the hamstrings and hip flexors.

Be consistent with your stretching routine and never rush the process. Injuries will lead to disappointment and set you back from your goal.

## **How should I wear my make-up?**

Wear shades that complement your natural beauty. Choose mostly mattes for eye shadows. A little shimmer is okay but avoid a very glittery look. Eyelashes are a MUST! Cheek and lip colors should be vibrant neutral tones, avoid shades that are loud/bright. Also avoid too much contrast with contouring and highlighting. Finally, a spray tan! Check out @**The Key to Glam** 904-994-7033. They have amazing sprays and have been our official makeup sponsor for 10 years as well.

## **How should I wear my hair?**

Hair should be worn down and in a current hairstyle that compliments your features. Make sure your hair does not hide your face. You may call **Salon Cashmere**, our official hair sponsor, at 904-746-7186 to schedule an appointment with **Katie**.

## **Do I have to do/use everything suggested on the FAQ?**

No, we are only giving you suggestions. We receive a lot of questions about appearance. We have tried to narrow down the most FAQ to help you prepare.

## **How will I know if my application was received and accepted?**

You will receive an e-mail stating that your application was accepted. Please wait until one week prior to auditions if you have not received this e-mail contact the Jacksonville Sharks Office. Audition communication is through e-mail [attack@jaxsharks.com](mailto:attack@jaxsharks.com)

## **What do I need to bring to preliminaries?**

- Driver's license or passport for identification (This is required, no exceptions)
- Please bring 5x7 head shot (not returnable) to auditions even if you submitted a photo online. **(Amiel Orpiano Photographer on FB for headshots)**
- Extra tights just in case!
- Water bottle
- Lunch and snacks (it will be a long day)
- Personal items: Make up, curling iron, personal mirrors etc.

## **What is the audition process?**

Auditions are a multi-step process beginning with Application, Preliminary Audition, Semi-Final Audition, Panel Interview, Rehearsal, and Final Talent Auditions follow for selected candidates. **DO NOT BE LATE!** Plan on spending the whole day.

### **Preliminary Dance Audition:**

Candidates will have the opportunity to perform “freestyle” and dance moves in groups of 3 for the judging panel. You will also perform the dance you learned at Audition Prep Class. At the end of the performances, the judge’s selection for callbacks will be posted.

## Semi Final Dance Audition:

- Learn second part of dance taught at Prep Class and kickline. (You will be expected to perform the dance combination and kickline many times throughout the rest of the audition process)
- Candidates will perform the dance combination and kickline in groups of 3
- Judges retire to make finalist selections
- Announce Finalists
- Finalists have a brief meeting with dancer Director, Laura Bouchy and April Cooper to schedule their personal interview appointment and to discuss Final Audition Components, Solo Talent and Panel Interview.

## Personal Interview:

- Panel interview with the judges. Candidates will participate in an interactive interview with selected judges from the Judging Panel.

## Talent:

- Perform a ninety second individual talent presentation, (e.g. – singing, dancing, dramatic interpretation). This will be your opportunity to impress the judges with your creativity and talent. All finalists will be responsible for emailing their music at the appropriate time. In addition, please bring a CD backup to the final audition. You may wear whatever costume design you wish to enhance and complement your performance. If your talent is singing, make sure there are no lead vocals on your musical accompaniment track. Please note: Hand-held props only; do not incorporate the use of a chair in your choreography.

## Finals:

- Perform the dance combination and kickline taught at Semis in groups of 3 on stage.
- Judges retire to make selection for Candidates.
- 2019 Attack Dance Team stay for photos and a brief meeting.

**If I do not advance to semi-finals will my application be kept on file?**

No, you must re-apply with a new application, non-returnable photo, and application processing fee each year.

**If I am not selected as a member of the Attack Dance Team may I call the Jacksonville Sharks office to receive my judges' comments?**

No, the judges' sheets are not kept on file and comments about your audition are not available.

**When do rehearsals begin and where?**

All rehearsals are held on Monday and Thursday beginning at 7:30 pm and usually conclude at 9:30 pm. You will be given a schedule of rehearsals at first meeting November 15, 2018. The ADT will rehearse at two locations: Dansations 14965 Old St Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32258 and Veterans Memorial Arena.

**What type of time commitment is required if chosen for the ADT?**

Total commitment is required!!!! The Attack schedule and contract is one year, and includes... There is a pay schedule for Games, Appearances, Rehearsals, and Camps.

Activities include:

- Rehearsals start at 7:30pm
- Personal Appearances (Charity & Paid)
- Dance Camp for Children
- Performances
- Media Interviews

**How long is the commitment?**

The home game schedule will consist of 7 home games from April - August, but your contract is for one year.

## **Are there certain dance moves that I must be able to do at auditions?**

There are no specific movements that must be executed at preliminaries. Freestyle dance should be a blend of hip-hop/jazz that incorporates movements that you feel comfortable with technically. At semi-finals, the choreography in the dance combination is different each year. Throughout auditions, the most important performance quality is confidence. So, with any of the dance elements, use great posture, strong, controlled movements and always, with a smile!

## **May I try out if I have a tattoo or piercing?**

Yes, you may try out if you have a tattoo or piercing. Our policy is that even the smallest of tattoos or piercing may not be visible in any Attack uniform or in rehearsal attire. There are many effective products available at stores or online. Additionally, concealer, followed by setting powder, then bronzer to match color, can also be effective.

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

- Exercise and start eating healthy! You will need to be physically fit. We have a great sponsorship with **Orange Theory** and they will get you where you need to be with cardiovascular.
- Stretch out after every workout.
- Take dance classes that will teach you jazz and hip-hop technique.

## **Can my family watch auditions?**

Yes, the auditions are open to the public.

If you have any questions that were not answered please contact [attack@jaxsharks.com](mailto:attack@jaxsharks.com)

