



Cuppett Dance Company

2026-2027 Eligibility & Requirements

Eligibility

Eligibility for the 2026-2027 season is based on 2026-2027 placements. Please see the eligibility criteria for Mini and Junior/Teen/Senior Company below.

All eligibility and final placements are at the discretion of the CDC Directors.

Cuppett Dance Company Eligibility
Mini CDC Eligibility
2026-2027 Placements: <i>Ballet Placement:</i> Ballet 1 or higher <i>Jazz Placement:</i> Mini Jazz, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, or PreTeen Jazz <i>Age Suggestion:</i> 11 & under on January 1st, 2027
Junior, Teen, and Senior CDC Eligibility
2026-2027 Placements: <i>Ballet Placement:</i> PrePointe or higher <i>Jazz Placement:</i> Jazz 3 or higher

Summer Requirements

Audition Requirement

All dancers are **required** to attend CDC auditions to be part of the Cuppett Dance Company. Auditions for the 2026-2027 season will be held on **Sunday, May 31st**. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 24th. Eligible families will be sent a sign up link in advance.

Eligible dancers' audition times are determined by their school year session Jazz placements:

- **9:30am-12:00pm:** Mini CDC eligible dancers placed in Mini Jazz, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, or PreTeen Jazz for the 2026-2027 school year session.
- **12:30-3:00pm:** Junior/Teen/Senior CDC eligible dancers currently in Jazz 2, Jazz 3A, Jazz 3B, or Jazz 4 for the 2025-2026 school year session.
- **3:30-6:00pm:** Junior/Teen/Senior CDC eligible dancers currently in Jazz A & up for the 2025-2026 school year session.

More details regarding audition requirements will be provided to eligible dancers at the CDC Interest Meeting on Sunday, May 17th.

Summer Dance Technique Requirement

All members of the CDC are **required** to complete summer dance hours to keep up with technique, stretching, and conditioning. Cuppett PAC offers Ballet Intensives and Summer Dance Intensives in all genres, geared towards the technique and skills for CDC dancers. Summer dance requirements are based on placements for the next school year session (2026-2027).

- **Mini CDC:** Minimum of 15 hours* of summer dance. The CDC Directors recommend Cuppett PAC's Beginner Summer Dance Intensive, a 3 hour/day intensive that includes instruction in a variety of styles, as well as the Dance Arts Camp.
 - **Returning Mini CDC dancers interested in applying for a solo, duet, or trio must complete a minimum of 30 hours of summer dance.*
- **Junior/Teen CDC (placed in PrePointe & Pointe A):** Minimum of 40 hours* of summer dance, with at least 50% (20 hours) of ballet.
 - **Returning Junior/Teen/Senior CDC dancers interested in applying for a solo, duet, or trio must complete a minimum of 60 hours of summer dance, with at least 50% (30 hours) of ballet.*
- **Teen/Senior CDC (placed in Pointe B & up):** Minimum 60 hours of summer dance, with at least 50% (30 hours) of ballet.

CDC dancers are permitted to complete their summer dance hours at another reputable summer program (at least 50% of Junior/Teen/Senior hours must be ballet). However, non-Cuppett PAC summer programs must be reviewed and approved by the CDC Directors. Please email any external summer dance information to cuppettpacdance@gmail.com for approval.

Until summer hours have been fulfilled and verified, CDC dancers will not be allowed to participate in Bootcamp, rehearsals, or any of our other CDC events/performances during the school year.

CDC Summer Rehearsal Requirement

Mini CDC: There is no summer rehearsal requirement for Mini CDC. Mini CDC will begin rehearsals during CDC Bootcamp (August 31st through September 3rd).

Junior/Teen/Senior CDC: All Juniors, Teens, and Seniors are **required** to register for and attend CDC Summer Rehearsals on Wednesday nights. Rehearsals will be scheduled for approximately 1.5 hours between 5:30-8:30pm. Specific rehearsal times will be communicated in advance via the BAND App. All Junior and Senior CDC must attend at least four out of five rehearsals to maintain their membership in the CDC! The summer rehearsals dates are **July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, and August 5th.** Please mark these dates on your calendars now!

We understand that summer months may involve family travel. In this case, a Zoom link will be made available to attend CDC summer rehearsals virtually with advance notice. Dancers must email cuppettpacdance@gmail.com in advance to let the CDC Directors know they will be attending virtually. They must also have adequate space to dance and be able to be seen on camera for attendance to count. As always, dancers are responsible for reviewing videos and catching up on choreography before the next rehearsal if they are absent.

CDC Bootcamp Requirement

All CDC dancers (Minis, Juniors, Teens, and Seniors) are **required** to attend CDC Bootcamp in August. Fairfax County Public Schools are in session, but Cuppett PAC fall session begins after Labor Day. The required dates are August 24th-26th (*JR/TN/SR only*) and August 31st-September 3rd. Specific times for each group are TBD, but expect to be at the studio for about 2 hours each night, between 5:00-9:00pm. Specific rehearsal times for each group will be communicated in advance via the BAND App. See below for a *sample* schedule:

Junior/Teen/Senior:

- Monday, August 24th: 2 hours of technique classes
- Tuesday, August 25th: 2 hours of technique classes
- Wednesday, August 26th: approx. 1-2 hours of competition routine rehearsals

Minis and Junior/Teen/Senior:

- Monday, August 31st: approx. 1.5-2 hours of Halloween Parade rehearsal
- Tuesday, September 1st: approx. 1.5-2 hours of Halloween Parade rehearsal
- Wednesday, September 2nd: 2 hours of team bonding
- Thursday, September 3rd: Cuppett PAC Open House

Bootcamp is **required** for **all** CDC members (Minis, Juniors, Teens, and Seniors) and requires an additional fee with registration.

2026-2027 School Year Requirements

All CDC members are **required** to maintain certain class enrollments and excellent attendance during the school year session. Enrollment requirements vary by Company. Dancers are highly encouraged to pursue electives in other styles in addition to fulfilling their minimum requirements for CDC.

CDC 2026-2027 School Year Requirements
Mini CDC
One (1) ballet class* One (1) jazz class One (1) stretch & conditioning class Weekly CDC rehearsal <i>*Dancers in Ballet 3 are required to take two (2) ballet classes per week</i>
Junior/Teen/Senior CDC (placed in PrePointe & Pointe A)
Two (2) ballet classes One (1) jazz class One (1) stretch & conditioning class Weekly CDC rehearsal
Junior/Teen/Senior CDC (placed in Pointe B & up)
Three (3) ballet classes One (1) jazz class One (1) stretch & conditioning class One (1) elective class (<i>i.e., tap, modern, contemporary, acro, etc.</i>)* Weekly CDC rehearsal

**Dancers in Pointe B & up may substitute a third ballet class in place of an elective*