

Spokane Irish Dance Costume Pool Policy Sheet (2017)

**Please note that you do NOT PURCHASE the costumes. They remain the property of Spokane Irish Dance, and need to be returned when the student is no longer dancing. We try hard to use and re-use and recycle every costume in our studio to keep costs low.

Costume Pool fees are as follows:

***Pre-Beginner Level, New/Advanced Beginners** - \$20 each year (\$10 Boys) This is the fee for your first few years of dance and guarantees a dress/tutu for all performances.

***Pre-Novice and Up/Adults** - \$70 *one time fee* to enter the School Dress Costume Pool (Keep in mind that many dance studios spend \$80-90 *each year* on a costume that students only use once.) This is designed to help keep costs low and guarantees your child a dress even if they grow out of it during the year or the next few years.

***Each year after you enter school dress pool**, we ask a \$20 renewal fee. This enables us to keep costumes repaired, replaced, and add to inventory as needed. *If you are not sure where your family fits in this new plan, feel free to ask me!*

LAUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS:

The younger girls' school dress fabric is 100% polyester! And therefore, is MACHINE WASHABLE. Please only wash when truly necessary. Turn the uniform inside out, wash on gentle cycle w/cold water and Woolite. Drip dry only. It probably won't need ironing. Do not wash capes.

Black beginner dresses use wash instructions on the tag

OTHER ITEMS YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR DANCER:

*Black Tights (always have a spare pair on hand in case of runs or holes)

*Black briefs, spandex or shorts (very short) for under the dresses

*Black ballet slippers are OK for pre-beginner dancers only. Everyone else should have Irish dance Shoes (Ghillies)

Young Dancers will also wear Poodle Socks occasionally. You can find these online. (For girls only)

BOYS – black pants and long sleeve white, green or purple shirt. If other shirts are planned, we will let you know.