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# Studio Policies, Informed Consent & Waiver

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## STUDIO CULTURE & ETIQUETTE

We welcome EVERY BODY, regardless of gender, age, size, race, nationality, creed, or other personal identification. We do not tolerate students, staff, or guests acting in a discriminatory manner toward others in our spaces (physical and virtual). If you act in a way that does not support our values, you will be asked to leave.

Please **remove and secure jewelry** (rings and bracelets in particular). **Do not apply lotion** to your skin within about 8 hours of a pole class.

**Wear the proper clothing:** Pole: Shorts, sports bras, or clothing defined as pole clothing. Lyra: Leggings are a must to avoid abrasion. Other classes: comfortable clothing that allows for free range of motion.

**Photo & Video** is great but please get permission from other students and instructors if they are going to end up in your shot. ESPECIALLY if you will be posting anywhere online. (If you do post online we would love if you would tag us!!!)

**Guests and Pets:** We do not allow non-staff to watch classes. If someone wants to see what we do, the best way is by participation. Service animals are permitted to observe since they have a difficult time keeping up in classes.

**Substances:** Smoking and the use of e-cigs are not permitted in the studio or in the building. Illegal substances are prohibited at all times. Alcohol consumption is prohibited prior to and during classes.

**Open Studio and practice times** are meant for practicing moves you already know. We allow people who are not current students in on a case by case basis. Please contact us before registering for open studio if you or a friend is not already a student at CED. You may not use this time to teach anyone new pole moves. You can, however, review with other CED students moves you all already know.

**Instruction:** Be respectful of your instructor and do not take it upon yourself to instruct other students. If you haven't yet been taught a move do not attempt it, ask first. If you have been taught a move but have not been cleared to do it without being spotted by an instructor, ask first before attempting without a spot and/or mat. We always do our best to keep you safe, but ultimately being in tune with your body and acting in a safe manner is your responsibility.

**We have an open door policy.** Please discuss any concerns with your instructor, Roxi, and/or Lisa at any time.

**The following is in regards to regularly scheduled classes, specialty classes, and workshops. Private Lessons, Private Parties, and studio rentals have their own policies that you will be informed of if you schedule those services.**

### Reservations, Purchases, & Refund Policy

Classes have a limited number of attendees allowed. First preference is given to those who use our online registration system to reserve and pay for classes. If you cannot use the online system for any reason, you may call (leave a message), email, or private message via social media. The online system allows students to reserve a spot in class up to 2 hours prior to the class start time. (6 hours during the last 2 weeks of December.) If you would like to make a reservation after that deadline, please contact us using one of the methods mentioned above. If you do not reserve space ahead of time you are taking a risk of arriving to a full class where we do not have space for you. Additionally, we cannot contact you if the class is cancelled due to weather, illness, or other rare extreme circumstances.

Classes must be paid for ahead of time or at the time of service. Passes and packages must be paid for up front. In the case of multiple month packages, we offer payment plans where payment is required to be automatically run by credit or debit card at the beginning of each calendar month.

Class fees, passes, and packages are NON-REFUNDABLE. Contact us to inquire about placing a pass or package on hold, or transfer payment to a different class, pass, or package. In extreme circumstances we may be able to transfer credits to another student. We try our best to work with all our students.

### Late Arrivals, No Shows, & Cancellations

Preference will be given to students who arrive on time for classes and are ready to go. If you are late, and it is past the warm-up part of class, you will need to wait until the instructor has a moment to step away to instruct you on a warm-up so that you can safely jump in to class.

Cancelling a reservation is similar to making the reservation if you have a class pass or package. You can use our online system if there are more than 2 hours from the start of the class. (6 hours during the last 2 weeks of December.) Please contact us via phone (leave a message), email, or private message on social media you need to cancel your reservation after that deadline. Drop-in/single class students will need to have their reservation/payment manually moved by management and should always contact us using one of the methods mentioned above.

If you do not show up for class without making changes online or sending any kind of message to us, you may be subject to additional fees. The first incident is a freebie. After that, the following applies:  
 Drop-in/Single class students: 100% of the amount paid for the drop-in class will be forfeited. If you didn't prepay, you will still owe for the missed class the next time you attend.  
 Class Passes. Monthly & Quarterly: You will forfeit the class credit.  
 Unlimiteds: You will owe 50% of the drop-in rate for that class.

## COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

In accordance with the United States Copyright Act of 1976, all choreography taught in class or performed is property of Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC, and/or it's instructors both resident and guest. Basic dance steps and theories in and of themselves are not copyrightable by anyone, but combinations of dance steps and movements, with or without props, costume, or any other addition, and whether it is a small combination of movements or a full performance are protected under the law. This includes not only performance or potential performance material but also class structure and the combinations of teaching methods for public or private classes, workshops, special events, and parties.

By taking any kind of classes at Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC, and/or performing in or attending events at which Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC, and/or it's sponsored performance groups and/or instructors are performing you acknowledge and agree to these terms and will not use, perform, or reproduce in any way the intellectual property of Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC, and/or its instructor's without our express written permission.

## INFORMED CONSENT

Your participation in Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC, (CED) classes, sessions, and events is fully voluntary. You may withdraw at any time. If you do feel that you should withdraw please notify and speak with an instructor. We may be able to help you out with further explanation, clarification, or just by listening. You are also invited to ask questions or voice opinions about the any of our classes, dancing fitness risks and benefits, or any personal concerns or reservations at any appropriate time as well. We are always open to suggestions.

Pole Dancing, exotic dancing, burlesque, and other activities offered at CED have been designed for healthy adults over 18 years of age. Our dance and fitness activities can benefit you by improving muscular strength and tone, cardiovascular fitness, general endurance, flexibility, posture and grace, balance, flexibility, confidence, and will help instill an improved sense of self-awareness, and sensuality.

Any exercise, fitness, or dance activity comes with risks as well as benefits. These risks include but are not limited to pulled muscles, soreness, ligament and tendon injury, sprains, and pole chaffing and bruises. All classes and sessions are designed to minimize these risks. However, it is your responsibility during class to stop your activity and notify the instructor if at any time you feel pain.

By participating in any type of session or class in any of the dance and movement forms we teach, you agree to perform moves as taught by the instructor. Deviation from the instructor's format can be very dangerous. (Example: performing inverts on the pole prior to having been instructed)

## RELEASE WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Please read this carefully, as this is a legal waiver.

**In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the Pole Parties, lessons, classes and/or to use it's equipment, I agree to the following waiver and release.**

**I, for myself, my heirs, executors, assigns or anyone else who may claim on my behalf, hereby waive, release and forever discharge, Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC, (CED) its owners and operators, directors, officers, instructors, representatives, party presenters, executors, leasers and all others (the "Releasees") from any and all responsibilities or liability from personal injury, death, damage to property or loss of any kind resulting from participating in any programs, classes, workshops or parties or my use of equipment belonging to or made available by Releasees due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, and also including the failure on the part of Releasees to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of participating in a party, class or lesson activity. I acknowledge that I am attending a party, lesson and/or class activity sponsored by Releasees.**

**By signing this form, I hereby agree** that I am age 18 or older and state that I am not pregnant nor have been pregnant within the last 3 months, nor am I currently or will be under the influence of any alcohol or other mind altering substances during the course of my activities hosted by Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC.

I understand that entertainment and party activities and lessons involve risk, dangers and hazards and I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and loss resulting there from. This agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and no other jurisdiction, without regard to conflicts of laws, and any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought solely within the State of Ohio (Cuyahoga County) and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of Ohio, with all costs (including but not limited to attorney fees) to be borne by the losing party.

In entering this agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees other than what is set forth in this agreement.

I hereby authorize the staff members at Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention, and I release, indemnify, and agree to hold Releasees harmless from any liability incurred thereby. All medical expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the participant. In lieu of a medical certificate signed by a doctor, I have no knowledge of any physical or mental impairments that would be affected my participation in this program. I also understand Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC and its affiliates retain the right to use any photography, video tapes, motion picture recordings, or any other record of the event of class for publicity, advertising, for any legitimate purpose.

Your personal information is for Cleveland Exotic Dance, LLC only and will never be released to any third party.

## SIGNATURE

**I have read and understood this agreement and I am aware that by signing this agreement I am waiving certain legal rights which I or my heirs, executors and representatives may have against the Releasees.**

**I also fully understand the benefits and risks, purpose and basic structure of CED classes and sessions. I understand my responsibilities and rights as a student of CED.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 18 years of age the section below needs to be signed in person by a parent or legal guardian

Parent/Guardian  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_