



## The 2024-25 NZ TAPZ/NZ TAPZ Jr Handbook

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NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr is a pre-professional tap company for dancers ages 7-18 years old. The purpose of the company is to develop the technical and artistic skills required for dancers preparing for college or a career in the performing arts.

NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr will present a yearly performance featuring solos, small ensembles and group works. Admission into the company is by audition only.

### Agreement:

- Students must attend all company rehearsals and technique classes.
- Students must be enrolled in at least the minimum required technique classes (TI level classes).
- Students are required to participate in all performance and community events.

**Commitment:** NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr participants are required to participate from August 2024 through May 2025. This is a serious commitment and will not be taken lightly. Participants are expected to fulfill this obligation. All students and their parents will be required to sign a parent/student agreement. Any violation of this handbook/commitment/contract may result in the dancer's immediate removal from NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr. Karla has the right to dismiss a dancer/family from NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr for any reason at any time. Your commitment to this program means you will respect all teachers and teammates at all times. We will not tolerate racism, inappropriate and unkind social media posts (private or public), or bullying of any kind. If said dancer/family were to be dismissed or quits, no refunds will be given to said dancer/family.

**Rehearsals:** NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr will have occasional mandatory rehearsals on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday. Rehearsals leading up to performances are MANDATORY. If a dancer misses the week before the showcase or a competition due to an unexcused absence, they will not be allowed to perform. In addition, if there is any material that needs to be learned outside of class via video, it is the dancer's responsibility to do so before the next rehearsal.

### Performance Opportunities:

- Dec Recreational Holiday Performance (TBD)
- NZ TAPZ Showcase May 17, 2025
- Parents will be notified immediately when additional performance opportunities arise

**NZ TapZ:** NZ TapZ is an additional \$45 a month, and NZ TapZ JuniorZ is an additional \$30 a month (includes a NZ Tapz Shirt)

**Technique Privates:** Lessons cost \$45.00 a ½ hour.

**Technique Semi- Privates (Privates with 2 dancers):** Lessons cost \$60.00 a ½ hour.

Payment for classes is due on the first of every month. **Any payment for classes made after the 7<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a late charge of \$25.00.**

**NZ Tapz Showcase Participation fee:** All NZ TAPZ/NZ TAPZ Jr members are required to pay the fee when due (\$100).

**Costumes:** There will be additional expenses incurred for costuming and accessories for performances. We will try to keep the cost minimal but please note participants will be responsible for purchasing these items.

**Additional Independent Competition/Conventions:** There will be an additional, non-refundable, administration fee of \$50 to register a dancer for any extra competition/convention they would like to attend that requires the studio to register them. The dancer's account at Expressenz must be current before any outside, extra registration of a competition/convention occurs. All additional independent competition/convention registration requests must be made 45 days in advance. All requests must be made via the google forms education pass request (this link will be sent out via email before the season begins).

**Missing an assigned due date will result in a \$25 late fee. This includes all fees & invoices.**

# NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr Letter of Commitment

*This correspondence serves as an agreement between you and NZ Tapz Expressenz as produced and directed by Karla N. Curatolo, Owner and Director of Expressenz Dance Center and Shannon Kaminski, NZ Tapz Director. Your child has been selected to be a member of the 2024-25 NZ Tapz, an honor as well as privilege. Your signature below indicates that you have read and fully understand all of the requirements associated with participating in the program, as outlined in your NZ Tapz Handbook. Furthermore, your signature and that of your child indicates your acceptance of those terms and conditions, and that you are well aware of the commitment involved in this program.*

**Dancer:** *Being a member of the 2024-25 NZ Tapz means that you will be actively participating in all scheduled events from August, 2024 through May, 2025. Your commitment to this program means that you will be participating in all classes, performances, competitions, and showcases that are scheduled during this time period. Your commitment to this program means you will come to class each time dressed appropriately with proper shoes, attire, and ready to learn. Your commitment to this program means you will respect all teachers and teammates at all times. We will not tolerate racism, inappropriate and unkind social media posts (private or public), or bullying of any kind, from dancer to dancer or dancer to parent. I understand that if dismissed or quit, no refunds will be given.*

*In addition to the above, I understand a violation of my commitment to this program/contract has serious consequences that may result in my being permanently dismissed from the program.*

X\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent:** *Please be sure you feel comfortable with your ability to handle the fees incurred for this activity, as with most competitive activities, there are many uncontrollable circumstances and we don't want to catch anyone off guard.*

*Monthly tuition, competition fees, costume fees, choreography fees etc...all have due dates. Monthly Tuition is due at the beginning of each month and is late after the 7<sup>th</sup>. All other fees are late after the posted due dates. Late fees of \$25 will be added to any late payments. A \$35 bank fee will be assessed for a non-sufficient funds payment/canceled/returned payment, as well as a corresponding late fee of \$25. There shouldn't be any excuses for lack of knowledge of a due date or amount. It is each parent/student's responsibility to be aware of fees due, schedule changes, and etc. We suggest coming into the studio at least weekly to check updates and to check emails daily for studio information and updates. **Families are required to pay full August-May tuition.**\_\_\_\_\_Initial*

*Your commitment to this program means you will respect all teachers and teammates at all times. We will not tolerate racism, inappropriate and unkind social media posts (private or public), or bullying of any kind, from parent to dancer or parent to parent.*

*In addition to the above, I understand a violation of my commitment to this program/contract has serious consequences that may result in my being permanently dismissed from the program.*

*I have read the above information and will be responsible for my child's account and activity requirements. I will follow the rules, policies and procedures of the studio as outlined in the NZ Tapz Handbook. \_\_\_\_\_Initial*

X\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this signed agreement with August tuition and registration fees to the front desk by July 29, 2024. Please complete one form for each of your children who have accepted placement in NZ Tapz/NZ Tapz Jr.**