

BLAKEY SASKATOON SCHEDULE 2024-2025

CLASS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Beginner Weekends / Beginner Series***						1-2 pm	
Baby Bees Weekdays (Ages 3 & 4)				5-5:30 pm			
Baby Bees Weekends (Ages 3 & 4)						2-2:30 pm	
Beginner 1		5:15-6:15 pm					
Beginner 2		5:15-6:15 pm		5:30-6:15 pm			
Advanced Beginner 1 (A)		5:15-6:45 pm				10 am -12 pm (A)	
Advanced Beginner 2 (A)		5:15-6:45 pm		5:30-6:45 pm		10 am - 12 pm (A)	
Novice (A)		5:15-7:15 pm		5:30-7:15 pm		10 am -12:30 pm (A)	
Prizewinner*/ (A)	7:45 – 9:15 pm	5:15-8:15 pm		5:30-8:30 pm		10 am -12:30 pm (A)	
Championships*/****/ (A)	7:45 – 9:15 pm	7:15-9:15 pm		7:15-9:15 pm		11:30-3:00 pm (A)	
Senior Figures/Performance Plus		7:15-8:45 pm					
Practice Club**	7:45 – 9:15 pm						

*Includes Senior Figures/Performance Plus/Practice Club

**Regular attendance at Practice Club required for Championship dancers.

***Sessional Class offered in 12-week format for the first term in the fall; also offered as a full-term beginner class.

****Includes one monthly intensive to be held on a Friday or Sunday evening, details to be set out in season calendar.

(A) These classes are in collaboration with the River City School of Irish Dance and will be held at River City Studios. These classes will be taught by both Blakey teachers and River City teachers. The purpose of the collaboration is to merge resources to feature and provide our dancers with the following additional types of resources: strength and conditioning, physio and injury prevention training, ballet instruction, technique drills, instruction of traditional Irish Ceilis. Dancers must attend their regular weekday classes to be eligible for this weekend class, as these are intended to provide supplementary instruction to enhance the core skills learned during the weekday classes.

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
BEGINNER WEEKEND/SERIES WEEKENDS - FULL TERM; ALSO, SESSIONAL 12 WEEKS FALL TERM	A fun and energetic introduction to Irish dance for children 5-8 years of age. Dancers learn the basics of technique, musicality, and skills of Irish dance in a dynamic and engaging studio. Dancers in this class will learn introductory steps for soft shoe dances which may include reel, light jig, single jig, and slip jig. This will be a full-term beginner class but will also be offered as a 12-week sessional class for the first 12 weeks of class. Sessional dancers are not eligible for competition or performances (some exceptions apply).
BABY BEES FULL TERM – 1 night/weekday or 1 day/weekend, or both.	A fun and energetic introduction to the very basics of Irish dance and the studio environment for toddlers 2-4 years of age. Dancers in this class explore movement and music while learning introductory Irish dance skills in a dynamic and engaging classroom. Dancers develop coordination, self-esteem, and social skills through music and dance. A parent or representative must stay in the building during dance classes and if necessary, be present in studio.
BEGINNER 1 FULL TERM – 1 night/week	A fun and energetic introduction to Irish dance for children 5-8 years of age. Mature 4-year-old dancers may be permitted to join on a case-by-case basis. Dancers learn the basics of technique, musicality, and skills of Irish dance in a dynamic and engaging studio. Using the technique and skills learned, dancers will also practice introductory steps for soft shoe dances which may include reel, light jig, single jig and slip jig.
BEGINNER 2 FULL TERM – 2 nights/week	A fun and energetic introduction to Irish dance for children 5-8 years of age. Mature 4-year-old dancers may be permitted to join on a case-by-case basis. Dancers learn the basics of technique, musicality, and skills of Irish dance in a dynamic and engaging studio. Using the technique and skills learned, dancers will also practice introductory steps for soft shoe dances which may include reel, light jig, single jig and slip jig and will begin learning hardshoe.
ADVANCED BEGINNER 1 FULL TERM – 1 night/week	Fun Irish dance classes for children who already have some Irish dancing experience or new dancers that are 9 years of age and older. Dancers will build on the basics of technique, musicality, and skills of Irish dance learned as beginners in a dynamic and engaging classroom. Dancers will continue to practice steps for the reel, light jig, single jig and slip jig and will begin learning introductory steps in team dances (ceili and performance).
ADVANCED BEGINNER 2 FULL TERM – 2 nights/week	Like Advanced Beginner 1, but dancers in Advanced Beginner 2 will have the opportunity to learn hardshoe, as they will be in the studio 2 nights a week and will also practice introductory steps in team dances (ceili and performance). This class is perfect for dancers with more than one year of Irish dance experience who are keen to grow and develop as dancers. Dancers will continue to practice steps for the reel, light jig, single jig and slip jig and will begin learning introductory steps in team dances (ceili and performance). Dancers will also begin learning more complex hardshoe rhythms.
NOVICE FULL TERM – 2 nights/week	Dance classes for competitive dancers in Novice to Prizewinner feis (competition) levels. This dance class is focused on perfecting Irish dance technique and developing advanced dance skills, in addition to preparing for feiseanna and exams. Dancers in the Novice class work closely with coaches to set realistic, but challenging goals to grow as dancers and achieve their full potential. In addition to solo dances, team dancing (ceili and performance) becomes an important aspect for dancers at this level and more advanced hardshoe technique is taught to prepare dancers for the Prizewinner and Championship levels.
PRIZEWINNER FULL TERM – 3-4 times/week	Dance classes for competitive dancers in Prizewinner and Preliminary Championships. Dance classes focus on developing advanced dance skills and preparing for feiseanna (including local competitions, as well as regional and national competitions). Dancers work closely with coaches to set realistic but challenging goals to grow as dancers and achieve their full potential. In addition to solo dances, team dancing (ceili and high-level performance troupe material) becomes an important aspect for dancers at this level. Strength and conditioning will become a focus at this level.
CHAMPIONSHIPS FULL TERM – 3-4 times a week	Dance classes for competitive dancers in Preliminary and Open Championships. Dance classes focus on developing advanced dance skills and preparing for feiseanna (including local competitions, as well as regional, national, and World Championships). Dancers work closely with coaches to set realistic, but challenging goals to grow as dancers and achieve their full potential. Portions of this class are offered in semi-private lesson format, where the focus is on honing a dancer's skills and fine tuning the execution of their dances. Dancers will spend time picking apart and perfecting movements under the trained eye of an expert coach and will be challenged with various strength and conditioning exercises.
SENIOR FIGURES & PERFORMANCE PLUS FULL TERM – 1 night/week	This class is for dancers ages 10+ who have both hardshoe and soft shoe training and who would like to partake in competitive team dancing and learn show dancing pieces. This class is included in the Championship class fees; however, dancers with the required prerequisite skills can take this class as a standalone class.
PRACTICE CLUB FULL TERM – 1 night/week	This class is open to our Prizewinner and Championship dancers and is intended to serve as a set practice time where dancers can work on their material in class with their peers, providing peer-to-peer feedback. Regular attendance at this class is mandatory for those championship dancers who are preparing for major events (Oireachtas, All Irelands, All Scotlands, Worlds, North Americans). Dancers attending this class will learn how to apply the feedback received in regular instruction classes to their material for home practice. While this class will be supervised, dancers will learn how to polish and perfect their dances with peer feedback and self-assessment.