

Clutch City Dancers History

Formerly known as the “Rockets Power Dancers”, The Clutch City Dancers have been a fan favorite at Rockets games and in the Greater Houston area for their tremendous energy, hard-hitting routines and love for the game. This world-class group of dancers has inspired Rockets fans since the 1994-95 season. The team is composed of business professionals and students who perform at all home games and at numerous community, corporate and private events. The dancers have proudly represented the Rockets at multiple NBA All-Star Games & NBA Global events, as well as at international events throughout mainland China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan, Bosnia, Kosovo, the United Kingdom, Spain and Brazil. These versatile ladies have been featured on SportsCenter, CNN, Fox and FSN, and magazines such as Sports Illustrated, Maxim and Complex. The Clutch City Dancers are led by Coach & Choreographer Jackson Garza, a former Rockets Power Dancer, Clutch City Dancer, and team captain.

Clutch City Dancers participate in 42 home games, 2-3 rehearsals per week, team workouts once per week, and Rockets playoff runs. When notable organizations or celebrities bring their events to Houston, they are sure to call the world-famous Clutch City Dancers to take their event to the next level. Such events include the NCAA Final Four, Superbowl LI, USA Basketball, BIG3, McDonald’s All American Games, and Oprah Winfrey’s “The Life You Want” tour. The CCD performances are not only seen by 18,000+ fans inside of our home arena, Toyota Center, but also by the 1.4 million fans worldwide who view Rockets games via NBA League Pass.

Before you Audition for the 2025-2026 Clutch City Dancers: Take part in our prep classes.

CCD will offer three prep classes this year to help you prepare for auditions. Several of the current members attribute their success at auditions to their experiences at prep class. Prep classes are led by Coach & Choreographer, Jackson Garza. These classes are designed to give you a glimpse of CCD choreography, style and culture. You will also have the chance to meet with the Coach and the Director of Live Programming & Entertainment, Natalie Alvarado, during a Q&A session that will follow each class.

CCD Audition Prep Classes

Saturday, July 12

Sunday, July 13

Registration: 9:00A | Class: 9:30A–10:30A | Q&A: 10:30A–11:00A

Registration fee: \$30 (*cash only*)

Wednesday, July 23

Registration: 6:00P | Class: 6:30P–7:30P | Q&A: 7:30P–8:00P
Registration fee: \$30 (*cash only*)

Clutch City Dancers Open Auditions

JULY 26, 2025 - Registration: 8:00AM - Auditions begin at 9:00AM

Registration fee: \$35 (*cash only*)

Location: Toyota Center - 1510 Polk Street, Houston, TX 77002

Please enter through the Team Shop entrance at Polk Street

Audition Requirements

- Must be 18 years or older and a high school graduate by September 1, 2025 (valid I.D. required on the day of auditions)
- Must be a full-time college student and/or hold a full-time job
- Complete online audition application, release form, and provide both professional and dance resumes
- Must provide a non-returnable current 8”X10” color headshot through the online application
- Must be able to attend all Rockets home games, rehearsals 2-3 times per week, and 1-hour weekly workouts
- Must be able to attend a set number of appearances & other related Rockets events/activities
- If selected to the team, a one-year contract and commitment are required
- Drug test screening and background check are required for candidates that are selected for the team
- Walk-ups are welcomed on audition day
- Should you advance to finalists boot camp, please have a :30 second solo prepared

Attire:

- Two-piece **black** dance ensemble (must be fitted, no pants and must show midriff)
- White shoe of preference with non-marking soles
- Flesh tone pantyhose or dance tights (optional)
- Performance-ready hair and make-up

What are we looking for?

- Dedication
- Professionalism and poise
- Athleticism and stamina
- Consistent positive attitude
- Confidence, showmanship, pleasant personality, energy and enthusiasm
- Strong collaborative skills

- Performers who are well-spoken and can represent the Houston Rockets and CCD in a professional manner **at all times**
- Recognizing that team membership with the Houston Rockets is a part-time job.
- Ability to pick up dance choreography quickly and execute demanding routines
- Ability and desire to fulfill a one-year contract

Audition Process - Saturday, July 26

- All Audition rounds are closed to the public
- Preliminary auditions will consist of a series of 3 elimination rounds that will include: Sideline-style choreography, NBA Jazz-style choreography, and advanced CCD style choreography
- We recommend that you bring proper food and drink to remain nourished between rounds
- Performers will be judged on appearance, dance ability, style, energy, projection, personality, attitude, potential, strength and execution of choreography
- Finalists will be announced at the end of audition day
- **The Houston Rockets can make changes at their sole discretion in the best interest of the Clutch City Dancers throughout the entire audition process.**
- Street parking is available around the Toyota Center

Finalists Boot Camp

July 28 & 29

6:00P-10:00P

Thank you for your interest in our team. We hope this audition process is insightful and positively impacts your pursuit of becoming a Houston Rockets Clutch City Dancer.