



Frequently Asked Questions

When are the registration deadlines and audition dates?

Auditions begin in November. All dates, times, and locations are listed on our registration page under the Venom Dance Team tab of www.carcobras.com

Is being a Venom Dancer a full-time job?

No, most dancers hold part-time or full-time jobs and/or attend college.

Can you be a mother and a Venom Dance Team Member?

Yes! Many mothers have successfully fulfilled all Attack obligations.

Are there any height and weight requirements?

You should look well-proportioned in dancewear. We DO NOT have specific height and weight requirements.

Are there any age requirements?

You must be at least 18 by November 16, 2018. and have high school diploma or GED by May 31st, 2019 to audition. There will be no exceptions.

What should I wear to auditions?

- 2-piece attire: Top: Dance/Athletic Bra Top Bottom: Booty shorts (No Tank Tops or Bike Shorts)
- Skin colored Dance Tights (non-shimmery) o Any type of dance shoe or dance sneaker

What does it take to become a Venom Dancer?

Our judges will focus on the following:

- Dance Technique o Enthusiasm
- Poise
- Showmanship
- Personal Appearance
- Figure
- Personality
- Energy
- High Kicks

What are Audition Prep Classes?

Audition Prep Classes are optional, but highly encouraged. Our prep class is offered to provide excellent preparation for the upcoming audition. You will learn strikers that will be taught at auditions and 1-2 candidates will receive a "Free Pass" at the Prep Class to progress directly into the Semi-Final round of Auditions. They are taught by Venom Choreographers and Group Leaders.

How should I wear my make-up?

Wear shades that complement your natural beauty. Choose mostly mattes for eye shadows. A little shimmer is okay but avoid a very glittery look. Eyelashes are a MUST! Cheek and lip colors should be vibrant neutral tones, avoid shades that are loud/bright. Also avoid too much contrast with contouring and highlighting. Finally, a spray tan! Contact Yudy McGuinness (336-624-5229) or Erica at Jade & Co. Salon (336-392-5668) our official makeup sponsors to schedule your appointment for audition make-up.

How should I wear my hair?

Hair should be worn down and in a current hairstyle that compliments your features and is glamorous. Contact Marissa at Local Honey (336-339-0549) or Adaomma at Jade & Co. Salon (336-624-5229), our official hair sponsors, to schedule an appointment to get audition ready.

How will I know if my application was received and accepted?

You will receive an e-mail stating that your application was accepted. Audition communication is through e-mail; venom@carcobras.com

What do I need to bring to preliminaries?

- Driver's license or passport for identification (This is required, no exceptions)
- Please bring 5x7 head shot (not returnable) to auditions even if you submitted a photo online.
- Extra tights
- Water bottle
- Lunch and snacks (it will be a long day)
- Personal items: Make up, curling iron, personal mirrors etc.

What is the audition process?

Auditions are a multi-step process with cuts at most rounds. Be prepared to commit to each round in it's entirety. DO NOT BE LATE! Plan on spending the whole day.

Preliminary Round:

- Candidates will have the opportunity to perform "freestyle" and dance moves in groups.
- You will also learn strikers used on the sidelines of Carolina Cobras Football games. These strikers will also be taught at our Prep Class and a "Free Pass" will be given to 1-2 candidates at PrepClass to skip the Preliminary Round and progress automatically into Semi-Finals.
- Judge's will make selections for semi-finals

Semi Final Round

- Learn a Venom routine and kickline. (You will be expected to perform the dance combination and kickline many times throughout the rest of the audition process)
- Candidates will perform the dance combination and kickline in groups
- Judges retire to make finalist selections
- Announce Finalists
- Finalists have a brief meeting with dancer Director, Miranda Lobs and Caitlyn Young to discuss the interview schedule for that afternoon, Final Audition Components and Solo Talent.

Personal Interview:

Panel interview with the judges. Candidates will participate in an interactive interview with selected judges from the Judging Panel.

Final Auditions:

- Each candidate will perform (up to) a ninety second individual dance routine. This will be your opportunity to impress the judges with your creativity and talent. All finalists will be responsible for emailing their music after Final Round candidates are announced. In addition, please bring a music backup (phone/ipod/aux cord) to the final audition. You may wear whatever costume design you wish to enhance and complement your performance. Please note: No props.
- Perform the dance combination and kickline taught at Semis in groups.
- Judges retire to make selection for Candidates.
- 2019 Venom Dance Team stay for photos and a brief meeting.

If I do not advance to semi-finals will my application be kept on file?

No, you must re-apply with a new application, non-returnable photo, and application processing fee each year.

If I am not selected as a member of the Venom Dance Team may I call the Carolina Cobras office to receive my judges' comments?

No, the judges' sheets are not kept on file and comments about your audition are not available.

When do rehearsals begin and where?

All rehearsals are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:45pm-9:45pm. You will be given a schedule of rehearsals at first meeting November 27, 2018. The Venom Dance Team will rehearse at two locations: Pro Dance Academy; 6000 Meadowbrook Mall Ct. Suite 200, Clemmons NC 27012 and Greensboro Coliseum Complex.

What type of time commitment is required if chosen for the Venom Dance Team?

Total commitment is required!!!! The Venom schedule and contract is one year, and includes...

- Rehearsals weekly
- Personal Appearances (Charity & Paid)
- Dance Camp for Children
- Performances
- Media Interviews
- Home Games

How long is the commitment?

The home game schedule will consist of 8 home games from April - August, but your contract is for one year.

Are there certain dance moves that I must be able to do at auditions?

There are no specific movements that must be executed at preliminaries. Freestyle dance should be a blend of hip-hop/jazz that incorporates movements that you feel comfortable with technically. At semi-finals, the choreography in the dance combination is different each year. Throughout auditions, the most important performance quality is confidence. So, with any of the dance elements, use great posture, strong, controlled movements and always, with a smile!

Can I have a tattoo or piercing?

Yes, you may try out if you have tattoos or piercings. Our policy is that even the smallest of tattoos or piercing may not be visible in any Venom uniform or in rehearsal attire. There are many effective products available at stores or online. Additionally, concealer, followed by setting powder, then bronzer to match color, can also be effective.

Do I have to pay for the uniform?

No, all uniforms, practice attire, warm-ups, shoes, boots, and poms are supplied to each dancer. You are responsible for the care of the uniforms and attire supplied to you.

Can my family/friends watch auditions?

No, the auditions are closed to the public.

If you have any questions that were not answered please contact venom@carcobras.com