Rules and Regulations

**Music Classes at Ragamalika**

**Schedule and Groups**

* At the beginning of the musical year, we will be responsible for composing various groups of students with similar levels and assigning them to the various slots that we have.
* There are a limited number of slots throughout the week and we will do our best to accommodate your scheduling needs. Once assigned the slot and the group composition will remain the same throughout the musical year.

**Class Structure**

* Classes will consist of small groups (usually 5-7) based on the ability and/or age of the students. Children of similar abilities/age tend to learn more effectively and enthusiastically with their peers. The children seem to enjoy the company of other students. They tend to practice with more dedication and pay more attention in class. We will continue to provide each child the individualized attention he/she needs.
* At the beginning of each class we will revise the portion. covered in the previous class. This will reinforce the instruction and give students who have missed a class, an opportunity to catch up.

**Your contribution to the Effort**

* We are convinced that your child will not reap the full benefits of this class without putting in the requisite practice time. The time spent in class is a very small part of the child's overall musical learning experience. To reach any reasonable proficiency/skill level, you should expect to spend at least half-an-hour a day practicing. Practice does not make perfect, perfect praôtice makes perfect!
* Please talk with your child to impress upon him/her the importance of daily practice. Set up practice times that the child will follow and enforce it dutifully. The time spent in class' is simply not enough to consolidate the learning concepts that are taught. Practice makes the student internalize these concepts and the results will automatically come.

**Payment**

* The fee for a 1 hour lesson slot is the same regardless of group size. The fee reserves a specific time slot for your student.
* Payment is due at the beginning of each month for lessons that will be taught that month. Please check the calendar to see how many lessons your child will have in a particular month. Monthly payments are made in advance for that month.

**Cancellation Policy**

* A group lesson will not be cancelled if a student is unable to come to class on a certain day.
* Students must realize that once you have signed up for a time slot you are expected to come each week. We understand that your schedules change from time to time or that you may not be well on the day of your lesson, but you are still responsible for the payment of that lesson.
* Since every lesson starts with a revision of the previous lesson there will be enough of an opportunity to go over the missed portion in the class.
* If we are unable to hold a lesson on a certain date, we will let you know ahead of time. If you have already paid for the class, please deduct the amount from the fees for the next month.

**Other Important Information**

We reserve the right to alter the terms and conditions of this agreement at anytime without any prior notice.

**Website**

Please go to our website and register to apply for access. Please provide all your contact information to us on the site while registering for access. Our website is [www.ragamalika.net](http://www.ragamalika.net)

**Communication**

Almost all communication will be via email provided while registering in the website. It is the responsibility of the student to check email daily to stay current regarding class schedules and any other announcement(s) communicated via email. \* The student will ensure that Ragamalika emails don’t end up in the spam folder. \*\* Ragamalika is not responsible for classes missed due to the student not checking emails. \*\*\* Students are responsible to log on to the Ragamalika website to keep us updated of their current email address. \*\*\*\* Any classes missed due to lack of checking email will be the student(s) responsibility and will be considered a missed class if email was sent out but not read.

**Holidays in 2012-2013 School Year**

Please see our website for the holidays in the 2012-2013 school year. [www.ragamalika.net](http://www.ragamalika.net)

**Parking and a few other things to follow**

We live in a residential neighborhood with limited parking. There is space for exactly 3-5 cars to park on the cul-de-sac. Please park considerately to enable all three parking spaces to be used. As such, please follow the following:

* Do not block driveways
* Do not park in our driveway
* Do not block our mailbox or neighbor’s mailboxes
* Do not back your car into our mailbox or neighbor’s mailboxes.
* Do not walk across our neighbor’s yard or our yard.
* No vandalism of any property will be tolerated
* Do not congregate / have a chat with other parents in the cul-de-sac (you are welcome to socialize elsewhere such as Harris Teeter Starbucks which is a stone’s throw away from our house or some nearby shopping area)

Please try to carpool whenever possible by parking your car in a nearby shopping center and trying to carpool to our residence. Its green as well as reduces the number of cars in the cul-de-sac.

Parents are expected to drop their kids off and leave so the parking lot is clear of cars. Return to pick up your kids at the top of the hour (on time).