

Spirit of Dance Awards

NEW POLICIES FOR RETURNING TO DANCE COMPETITION

SCHEDULING:

- Studios will be scheduled for a specific block of time to ensure occupancy compliance with the venue and state requirements at the time of the event.
- All independent entries will be scheduled during one specific time block.
- We will do our best to allow for costume changes for those dancers with multiple entries, within the studio time block.
- Unfortunately, we cannot allow productions at this time. Groups over 10 dancers will be allowed if state guidelines allow at the time of the event.
- All dancers, teachers and families will be asked to leave the venue once their time block is complete.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

- Building capacity will not exceed that determined by state recommendations at the time of the event.
- Increased cleaning and sanitation efforts will be in place, along with hand sanitation stations.
- Dressing areas will be provided for each studio with no more than the maximum allowed at the time in accordance to state policies.
- There will be limited designated spectator spaces specifically for each studio. All audience members must practice social distancing and may be required to wear masks at all times as determined by state recommendations.
- The stage and backstage area will be cleaned and disinfected periodically throughout the day.

LIVE STREAMING:

- When possible, we will be live streaming our events! We encourage you to invite your families and friends to watch our live stream from home. More information to come.
- The Overall Awards will be live streamed immediately following the last entry of the day.

NEW PROCEDURES:

- Anyone entering the venue must adhere to CDC and State recommendations regarding social distancing, hand washing, sanitizing and face masks, which will be posted and monitored.
- Audience will be limited to immediate family of dancers only. Sorry, we cannot have extended family or friends at this time.
- We ask that if anyone presents with flu-like symptoms, they do not attend or enter the venue.
- All dancers may be asked to practice social distancing and may be required to wear a mask when not on stage, in accordance with state recommendations at the time of the event.
- Sanitizing stations will be available for use backstage and in dressing areas.
- Staff members will receive temperature checks on a daily basis. Studio owners are encouraged to check the temperatures of their staff and/or dancers as well.
- All SDA staff members may be required to wear face coverings or masks, in accordance of state recommendations at the time of the event.

COSTUMES & PROPS:

- Costumes, hair, and make-up should be simplified or kept to a minimum and will not result in any point deductions. All costuming, hair and make-up should be done prior to arriving when possible.
- Costume changes will be allowed within the studio time block for dancers with multiple entries.
- Costumes are not required and will not reflect in the scoring. If a dancer(s) chooses to wear a face covering or any other protective equipment on stage, there will not be any point deductions.
- Shoes and tights are strongly recommended for all performances, for all genres. Shoes or some type of foot covering must be worn while walking in the venue and backstage areas. (Bare feet will not be permitted.)
- Props should be kept to a minimum and must be able to be handled by the dancer and one other person to minimize the number of people backstage. Sorry, elaborate props will not be allowed at this time. Please check with the SDA office if you are unsure what will be permitted.

BACKSTAGE PROCEDURES:

- Dancers will be allowed backstage 2-3 numbers prior to their scheduled time.
- There will be one (1) teacher allowed backstage for each studio entry. Families, friends, and multiple teachers will not be permitted. This will be strictly enforced as we cannot have a crowded backstage area.
- Independent entries will be allowed one (1) family member backstage.
- The area will be clearly marked with 6 ft lines to adhere to the social distancing guidelines.
- There will be bottled water available for dancers backstage, however we will not be supplying any community use supplies, (hairspray, bobby pins, etc.).

MERCHANDISE & CONCESSIONS:

- Merchandise will be available for purchase however we cannot allow merchandise to be tried on or accept returns.
- The area will be clearly marked with 6 ft lines to adhere to the social distancing guidelines.
- We prefer all transactions to be made by credit card as to work within the no contact precautions.

AWARDS:

- Adjudicated awards (bagged pins only) will be presented on site to each dancer, with Overall Awards announced virtually at the end of the event.
- Studios will have the option to donate the funds for their adjudicated & overall trophies to a charity of their choice, or to receive SDA credit to be used at a future event. (Trophies will not be awarded or sold at this time.)
- Cash prize awards and scholarship awards will still be awarded for the winner of each age category, providing all requirements are met.