

Spirit of Dance Awards

FAQ's for Danvers Competition

Is there a limit to the number of people?

We are very limited in the number of people that can be indoors at one time. There will be 3 spaces used; one large area for the stage and judges table, one for a dressing area, and one for parents/families to watch a live feed. Each space cannot have more than 25 people at any one time. If you have more than 25 dancers attending, we will work with you to break up your studio into groups and run one group after the other, as to not exceed the limits. We ask that you monitor and enforce this with your families. We understand that families & friends would like to be there to cheer on their dancers, but unfortunately it is not possible at this time.

What is the largest group allowed?

We expect the majority of entries to be solos, duos, trios and small groups. That being said, if you have been rehearsing large groups (15 dancers or less) and you, your dancers, and families are comfortable with the group working together, then we will allow them to compete as long as we adhere to the 25 person total limit, per space. Unfortunately, we cannot allow ultra-groups or productions to run at this time, nor groups over 15 dancers.

Do the dancers have to wear masks on stage?

We recommend and encourage masks be worn when dancers are not able to socially distance on stage. Having said this, if your dancers have been rehearsing together without masks, in or out of the studio, we will not require them while performing. If you, your dancers, and families are comfortable with this, we will leave it up to the studio director. Dancers must wear their masks backstage until they are taking the stage. If a dancer chooses to wear a mask onstage, points will not be deducted.

Does everyone have to wear a mask?

Masks must be worn by all dancers, teachers, and families at all times. The only exception to this is if the dancers are on stage.

Is there a dressing area?

Yes, there will be a suitable dressing space. We ask that dancers come ready to dance if possible, to limit the number of costume changes. If dancers have multiple costume changes, please try to simplify as best as possible (simplifying tights, make-up, hair, etc.).

How big is the stage? Is it on the ground or elevated?

There will have a professional elevated stage built, with marley flooring. The approximate dimensions of the stage are 32 x 40, and the height is approximately 2 feet.

Is there a limit to the number of entries per dancer?

We are not limiting the number of entries per dancer, but please consider your studio size and be aware that they will have to perform all of their entries within your studio time block, some possibly back to back. We will try to allow time for short breaks, however the time for each studio is not unlimited and we must keep on a schedule. For this reason, you may want to consider limiting the number of entries per dancer (thus minimizing multiple costume changes).

Will you allow lifts/touch formations on stage?

This will be left to the studio director's discretion. Again, if you have been rehearsing these groups and you, your dancers, and families are comfortable with the group working together, then we will allow them to compete. Dancers will be dancing with their own studios only, so please follow your own individual studio policies.

What about props and costumes?

We ask that props be kept to a minimum and should be able to be carried on/off stage by the dancer(s). Unfortunately, we cannot have multiple "prop people" backstage during this event. Costumes are optional and points will not be deducted.

How are the dancers adjudicated?

Adjudicated awards are ongoing and will be announced after your studio block. Individually bagged PINS and trophies will be presented to each dancer. We are running paperless for this event, with all scores available after the event.

Will there be video critiques?

Dancers will be adjudicated in the same way as our seasonal events, with video critiques available in the dance studio's DanceBUG account (please see our website for more info).

What about Overall Awards?

Overall awards will be announced virtually and streamed on the Monday following competition. Cash awards, scholarships, and choreography awards will be sent by mail.

Will this event be streamed?

Yes, we will be streaming this event live. There will also be one room available with a live feed of the stage for parents/teachers, etc., with a maximum number of 25 people allowed. We will do our very best to maintain the stream throughout the weekend, however please note that there are sometimes technical issues associated when live streaming an event.