

SPIRIT OF DANCE AWARDS PROTOCOLS & POLICIES FOR COMPETITION 2020-2021

SCHEDULING:

Studios will be scheduled for a specific block of time.

Only 2 studios will be permitted in the building at one time, each in separate designated areas.

All Independent entries will be scheduled during one time block.

Studios with less than 5 entries may be scheduled with Independent entries.

We will do our best to allow for costume changes for those dancers with multiple entries, (within the studio time block).

BUILDING AND 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 allotted number of people per state requirements.

All audience members must practice social distancing and may be required to wear masks at all times (as health regulations indicate at that time), as determined by the individual states.

NEW PROCEDURES:

Anyone entering the venue must adhere to CDC and State recommendations regarding hand washing, hand sanitizing, and face masks, which will be posted and monitored.

We ask that anyone experiencing flu symptoms or any type of illness does not attend.

All dancers must practice social distancing and may be required to wear a face mask when not on stage.

Sanitizing stations will be available for use backstage and in dressing areas.

All SDA staff will be required to have temperature checks at the start of each day of all events.

Depending on venue and state requirements, a list of attendees may be required prior to the event for contact tracing.

COSTUMES & PROPS:

Costumes, hair and make-up should be kept to a minimum and should be done prior to arriving when possible.

Costume changes will be allowed within the studio time block.

Costumes are not required and will not reflect in the scoring of the judges.

Shoes are highly recommended for all performances, regardless of genre. Shoes must be worn while walking in the venue.

For the time being, we ask that props be kept to the very minimum.

Props must be able to be carried on/off stage by the dancer(s), as we cannot allow multiple prop people backstage.

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 entry. Families, friends, multiple teachers will not be permitted.

This will be strictly enforced as we cannot have a crowd backstage.

There will be bottled water available for dancers backstage, however we will not be supplying any community use supplies, (hairspray, bobby pins, etc.) until further notice.

AWARDS:

Adjudicated awards (pins & trophies) will be presented on site to each dancer/group during their time block.

Overall Awards will be announced virtually, on the Monday following the event. Overall awards will be sent out to studios.

Cash prize awards, scholarship awards, and choreography awards, etc, will be awarded provided all requirements are met, and will be sent out to the studios.

MERCHANDISE :

Merchandise will be available for purchase, however we cannot allow merchandise to be tried on or accept returns.

This 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 touch precautions.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES AND WILL UPDATE OUR SAFETY PROTOCOLS AS THE STATE MANDATES CONTINUE TO CHANGE GOING FORWARD. AS THERE IS STILL MUCH UNCERTAINTY AROUND THE 2021 SEASON, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO OFFER A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR DANCERS.