

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

MESSAGE:

The health and safety of your dancers is very important to us at SDA. Our goal, as always, is to provide a fun, safe, and exciting environment to showcase the dancers' talents and hard work. We are planning for a full (in-person) season in 2021 with our new safety procedures and protocols in place. As we move forward into the new season, we will continue to monitor public health policies and will update our safety protocols as state guidelines/recommendations evolve. Our entire staff is looking forward to an exciting season and we can't wait to see you in 2021!

SCHEDULING:

Studios will be scheduled for a specific block of time. Independent entries may be scheduled during one time block. Studios with less than 15 entries may be scheduled with other studios and/or with Independent entries. We will do our best to allow for costume changes for 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/viewing members, directors, teachers, and dancers must practice social distancing and may be required to wear masks at all times, as determined by the individual states.

NEW PROCEDURES:

Anyone entering the venue must adhere to CDC, state, and venue recommendations/requirements 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 SDA staff will be required to have temperature checks at the start of each day of all events. Depending on venue and state requirements temperature checks may be required for all attendees. A list of attendees may be required prior to the event for contact tracing, depending on venue and state requirements.

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 or foot coverings must be worn while walking in the venue. We ask that props be kept fairly simple and should be able to be carried on/off stage by a small number of people, as we may be restricted by the number of helpers permitted 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, and multiple teachers will not be permitted. There will be bottled water available backstage for dancers, however we will not be providing 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 immediately after their time block. Overall Awards will be announced virtually via social media, on the Monday following the event. Overall Awards, Scholarship Awards, Choreography Awards, Titles, and cash prize awards, etc, will be awarded as in past years, and mailed out to the studios (please check/update your mailing address in DanceBUG).

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.