



## Information about Competitions: Please read carefully

Dear Parents & Students:

We would like to inform and clarify some things to expect when attending Dance Competitions for those of you that may be NEW to competitions. Your first experience may seem overwhelming and we want to outline for you what to expect, please read over carefully and contact teacher with any questions.

Schedule for each competition will be sent out when available and will be posted on our website. Schedule will not be available until 2 or 3 weeks before competition dates. We have NO control over the schedule or when the schedule will arrive.

- The schedule will be itemized by day and session, you will need to locate your dancer's class to see what day & session they must be at the competition and what time they must be ready at the competition.
- Dancer will dance once for each discipline that they are registered.
- **ADMISSION CHARGE:** There will be a minimal charge to watch the competition. This amount will vary from one competition to the other. CASH ONLY - Please have cash on hand if you intend to watch, No ATM on site.
  - If you decide not to watch you cannot wait in the Dressing Room or the Lobby, you must come back for your dancer after they have danced.
- **Parking** around the facilities may be somewhat difficult with the amount of dancers attending, please give yourself extra time to park and arrive at the schedule time indicated for your dancer.

### **DANCERS DRESSING ROOM:**

- Once you arrive at the facility please proceed to dressing rooms (located downstairs stairway to your left) and look for a sign "Dance Plus". This is where all members of Dance Plus should be located so that teachers & members of the competition can find them.
- Your dancer must be dressed in their costume with hair & make-up completed by the time indicated on competition schedule sent home. This is your "Dressed & Ready" time.
- Dancers must now stay in the dressing room with Dance Plus Staff until they have performed. Parents are asked **to leave the dressing rooms**, you are free to go into the audience to watch or make arrangements with your child to pick up after they have performed on stage.
- Please consider yourself to be at the competition for the remainder of the session which your child dances, we can not determine what time they will be done.
- Parents **can not stay in dressing rooms** while their dancer performs, dancers should stay with other members of their group and wait for their teacher who may be busy with another group.
- Once dancers have performed they are FREE to go. Please ensure that your dancer knows where you are meeting them for pickup. Younger dancers should be picked up from the dressing rooms by their parents.
- **NO FATHERS are allowed in the dressing rooms.** Dressing rooms are usually ONE big room with different ages of dancers and can not have fathers in the dressing rooms while dancers are changing. thank you for your consideration & co-operation. All Fathers will be asked to leave the dressing room areas.
- Do not send any valuables with your dancer. Dressing Rooms are quite crowded and things can be misplaced with that many dancers in the room. Be sure that your dancer has all of their items, costume pieces, shoes etc when they leave the competition

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- The competition directors nor Dance Plus take any responsibility for any Lost or Stolen items.
- Please understand we can only estimate an arrival time for our groups. We allow time for dancers to arrive and rehearse the routine before they line up to perform, but we do not have any control over the competition or the exact time that they will compete. Competition may run ahead of schedule or behind schedule they sent out to us, this is under the Judges control, some are faster than others, dancers must stay until they have performed.
- The wait to perform on stage can sometime be quite lengthy depending on whether the competition is running on schedule or not, the dressing rooms can become quite warm, so having something quiet to do while waiting is great. Competition/Dance Plus is not responsible for Lost or Stolen items, please look after your stuff and keep it all together in your bag/garment bag.
- Some competition will offer photography or videography that you may purchase of your dancer's performance if you choose.

### **FOOD OR DRINK:**

- **NO food or drink is allowed in the Dressing rooms** except a closed water bottle is fine in their dance bag.
- All competitions should have a concession available.

### **AWARDS:**

- Results will be an on Stage Adjudication or posted on website depending on competition, however this sometimes take a while for results to be posted. They will only post results once or twice in a session.
- **SOLO OR DUET** - ON STAGE adjudication will be done throughout the day, solos or duets should attend the ON STAGE adjudication to receive their awards as there will not be another location to get their award.
- **GROUP Awards:** On stage adjudication will also be done for Groups, if would be nice if there was a few members from each group to accept the award. Group awards will be given out to students in class by their teachers.
- The staff will record all results and will read groups score sheets in class and had out any awards at their next class.
- NO one can approach the judges or the competition directors. All results are FINAL and the judges opinion cannot be challenged.

We hope that this information answers a few questions regarding Competitions and that your first experience of "Dance Competitions" will be a positive one.

Dancers train to perform, so we are so happy that we are able to provide our dancers with the experience of performing at local competitions.

Joyce, Deanna & Staff



We are all born to  
**Dance**  
 It's good for the soul!