



COMPETITION NEWSLETTER

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?

- Arrive one hour prior to your competing time, in costume with hair/makeup done. Specific hair and makeup instructions will be given out for each class separately.

WHY DO I NEED TO ARRIVE EARLY?

- All dancers need to arrive early to properly warm-up and practice their routine.
- You may perform earlier than expected; competitions can run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule.
- Your classmates will worry if you are not on time.

ORGANIZE YOUR COSTUME

- Label everything – especially your shoes!
- Put small items into a zip-lock bag.
- Keep any props with your costume so you don't forget them.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

- Remember to grab your shoes; you won't be able to dance without them.
- Bring your makeup and hair stuff for last minute touch-ups.
- Competitions can also run behind schedule...bring a bottle of water and light snack with you.

DANCE MUSIC

- Solo/duo/trios – remember to bring the backup CD of your music just in case...you never know what might happen.
- If the teacher will not be able to attend the competition, one person from the group will be in charge of bringing the CD.

COMPETITION ETIQUETTE

- Act appropriately at competitions; do not make negative comments towards other dancers or towards their costumes.
- Congratulate other competitors on their performances.
- Work as a TEAM! Help each other out with hair/makeup, etc. The more you work together, the better you will look as a group.

ADJUDICATIONS & AWARDS

- We prefer that all dancers stay for the adjudications and awards section of their category, unless they need to return to school or the dance studio.
- Please remember to behave appropriately while on stage. Wait patiently and quietly while the awards are being given out.
- If your group is called, one dancer may go up to accept the award.
- In the past we have had many groups and individual dancers receive special awards, if you leave you may miss out on sharing the excitement and accomplishment.
- Sharise or one of the teachers will pick up all of the adjudication sheets. Group adjudications will be read out in each class following the competition. Solo adjudications may be picked up in the office.

TEACHERS

- Teachers are not expected to attend competitions. Many of them have other obligations like teaching, other jobs and families.
- Please do not ask teachers where they were, as they do their best to make it to as many of the competitions as possible throughout the year.

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK YOUR TEACHER OR ENQUIRE AT THE OFFICE SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER EXCITING COMPETITION SEASON!!