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ENTRY GUIDELINES!

♦ ♦ PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ♦ ♦

Elite Dance Cup's rules may differ from other competitions and are updated each year. By entering an Elite Dance Cup competition you agree to all Rules, Policies, and Procedures set forth by Elite Dance Cup.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION, POINT DEDUCTION, AND/OR REJECTION OF ENTRIES.

Entry forms must be completed on-line with payment in full or postmarked no later than the Early Bird deadline date to receive discounted rate.

ENTRIES ARE NOT CONSIDERED RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE WITHOUT FULL STUDIO PAYMENT.

1. Elite Dance Cup **LIMITS** the number of entries to the competition time available in each city. Elite Dance Cup reserves the right to add or cancel a day of competition in any city if applicable.
2. Elite Dance Cup accepts all entries on a first come, first served basis. Elite Dance Cup **CANNOT** guarantee a space in its program even if entries are postmarked or received prior to or by the loyalty or deadline dates.
3. All Entries must be through a Studio. Elite Dance Cup does not accept independent entries.
4. Elite Dance Cup accepts entries submitted online only. All information must be completed upon submission. **NO** phone, mail, E-mail, or Fax entries will be accepted. All entries must be from a studio and accompanied by payment in full in the form of one studio check or credit card payment. Otherwise entries will be deemed incomplete and could be subject to late fees or forfeit acceptance. A \$50.00 service fee will be assessed for all checks returned to Elite Dance Cup by the bank.
5. You must contact the office during business hours to ensure your entries have been received on or prior to the deadline date. Elite Dance Cup strongly suggests using our on-line registration, overnight service or priority mail. Elite Dance Cup is not responsible for delayed entries and accepts no responsibility for entries not received before the deadline.
6. Entry Fees are non-refundable
7. Elite Dance Cup will not accept entries after the deadline date.
8. A \$10.00 per change fee will be assessed to any entry requested after event deadline date. All changes must be made on-line or by email and paid at time of change.
9. Elite Dance Cup will not accept entries or changes once program has gone to print. Absolutely no on-sight entries will be accepted. All entries must be pre-registered through the Elite Dance Cup office in order to participate in any competition.
10. Studios may compete in more than one city; however, the Elite Cup winner will not be eligible to compete with the same routine at another regional competition in the same season.
11. Elite Dance Cup, LLC reserves the right to refuse any entry at any time for any reason.

GENERAL RULES!

PROPS

1. All props other than hand-held items must be discussed with the on-site stage manager before loading in the venue space.
2. Prop setup and breakdown time is limited; solo's, duo/trio's, groups and lines to one (1) minute set-up and 30 seconds tear down. Productions are limited to two (2) minutes set-up and one (1) minute tear down. A **3-point deduction** will be made every 15 seconds over the stated times. Please be prompt and efficient with your setup and breakdown.
3. Props must be freestanding and moved by competitors or persons designated by the studio. No venue personnel assistance will be provided or permitted. Other than dancers, no person shall remain on stage during performances.
4. Studios are responsible for prop removal and stage cleanup to ensure no debris is left on the stage at the conclusion of their performance. A **3-point deduction** will be imposed if Elite Dance Cup staff cleans debris left on stage.
5. Dangerous props are not allowed, to include, but not limited to: pyrotechnics, fire, liquids of any kind, glass, swords, and knives. Routines are not permitted to include and type of prop, which has the capability of causing injury or compromising performance space.
6. The following items are prohibited: confetti, glitter, sand, hanging scenery/backdrops, special lighting, fog/bubble machines, live animals, live people, and any fluids or items that may affect or compromise the stage floor or performance space. Helium balloons are only allowed if weighted and permitted by the venue.
7. Props must be loaded in and out of venue on the same day they will be used. Elite Dance Cup will not allow props stored in the wings or backstage, and will not be responsible for props left overnight or unattended. Prop assembly must be discussed with the stage manager of the competition upon arrival to the venue.
8. Any props which damages the performance venue in any way due to dragging, weight, over height, sharp points, etc., must have protective devices on the bottom to prevent damage to facility flooring or marley. The entry for which the damage occurred will be disqualified and studio owner/directors will be held liable for all damages.
9. No prop items of any kind may be thrown from stage into the audience or house section of the theater.
10. Props requiring an electric outlet are strictly prohibited. Self-powered props are allowed.

MUSIC GUIDELINES

1. Elite Dance Cup prefers you submit your music electronically via our online music upload system located within your studio account. The following formats will be accepted: MP3, MP4, or M4a. Music can only be uploaded after registration has been finalized for your event.
2. Before electronically uploading, make sure music file is named identical to the Routine Name submitted to Elite Dance Cup listed on your entry.
3. In choosing to electronically upload you must upload music for every entry submitted for the event. Partial uploads will not be accepted. *Example (10 routines entered, 10 music files must be uploaded)*
4. Music upload deadline is 12:00 noon the Thursday before your event.
5. If you prefer not to upload music electronically, Elite Dance Cup will only accept music on USB. All music must be submitted on one (1) USB clearly labeled with Studio Name.
6. Music submitted via USB will only be accepted:
 - a. Each music file must have the Entry Number for the routine per the event.
 - b. Named identical to the Routine Name submitted on your entry.
 - c. No other music files on the USB.
7. Music submitted via USB must be turned in at the Registration Table during the first session of competition by the studio director or representative. Multiple USB's will not be accepted.
8. All Studio's should have at least one (1) back-up for music and can be USB, i-pad or i-pod correctly labeled.
9. Make certain you have uploaded the correct version of your music as pitch, speed control and fade outs cannot be adjusted.

INAPPROPRIATE MOVEMENTS, LYRICS & COSTUMING

Elite Dance Cup promotes a family atmosphere suitable for all ages. When choosing music, please be aware of other participants and the audience. Elite Dance Cup requires that you edit music containing questionable lyrics or phrasing that would be considered inappropriate. Choreography must also be suited for family viewing. Therefore, any choreography displaying acts of violence, social prejudice or overt sexual innuendo would be deemed inappropriate. A mandatory 10-point deduction will be reflected on the score sheets of any entries deemed by the judges as not suitable for family viewing including costuming or the playing of questionable lyrics considered inappropriate. Elite Dance Cup reserves the right to terminate a routine at any point in the performance upon the request by the panel of judges.

EXCEPTIONS & RESTRICTIONS

1. Elite Dance Cup Reserves the right to limit the number of solo entries according to time constraints in a city. Once the maximum number of solos has been reached, no additional solos will be accepted.
2. Competitors are allowed to compete in any of the three (3) levels of competition, however only 50% crossovers will be allowed one (1) level up or down from qualified level. (Please read level qualifications)
3. Rehearsal on the stage is strictly prohibited. At no time prior to or during the competition are dancers permitted to rehearse on the competition floor. Violations may result in disqualification
4. Entrances and exits to the performance area before, during, and after the course of a routine may be done only from the designated wing area (Stage right or Stage left)
5. Coaching by anyone during the course of a routine is strictly prohibited.
6. Any routine not completed will be adjudicated only on the portion of the routine that has performed. Routines will **NOT** be allowed to perform again except in the event of a technical malfunction on the part of Elite Dance Cup.
7. In the event a performance is not ready or misses their scheduled performance time/order. The performance will be adjudicated only.

DISCLAIMERS

Any performer who competes in a dance competition takes certain inherent risk. This includes, but is not limited to sprains, bruises, pulled muscles, and broken bones. Participation in this competition indicates the acceptance of such risks by performers. Therefore by virtue of entering this event, it is agreed that participants will not hold Elite Dance Cup, LLC or its officers, directors, staff or employees responsible for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted while in attendance and/or participating in activity related to an Elite Dance Cup Competition. Elite Dance Cup, LLC and the host venues assume no responsibility for personal injury or loss of property at its events. The insurance policy of the competitor will be the only source of reimbursement.

By entering an Elite Dance Cup competition, participants (ie., dancers, studio owners, choreographers and parents) give their permission and consent to Elite Dance Cup to use their choreography, photographs, electronic/video images, and/or likeness, for appearance on video, television, or any other electronic media for advertising, promotion, news coverage, and/or commercial use of our events without any form of compensation.

Elite Dance Cup is not responsible for any studio owner's packet(s), awards, music or any personal belongings left or misplaced at an Elite Dance Cup event. Unclaimed items will not be mailed including score sheets, critiques, music and awards.

Elite Dance Cup reserves the right to cancel any competition due to weather, number of entries, or any other circumstance deemed necessary.

Elite Dance Cup has the right to reduce, substitute or consolidate divisions for cash awards, gift certificates, and trophies accordingly in cities with less than 200 total entries.

VENUE INFORMATION

1. Competition is open to the general public. No admission fee will be charged.
2. Smoking is prohibited in all competition areas including backstage and dressing areas.
3. No food or drink will be permitted backstage or in seating areas of all facilities.
4. For your safety and that of others, please do not block aisles or emergency exits. Please remove all personal items including liter from restrooms and dressing areas.
5. Any person(s) who cause damage to venue property by either misuse or abuse will assume full financial responsibility for repair, replacement, and/or restitution. The aforementioned may result in the disqualification of the affiliated organization.
6. No dressing room space will be assigned or saved for individual studios; all competitors must share space available. Please be considerate as to the belongings and personal space of others.
7. Good sportsmanship is expected from all competitors, teachers and parents. Failure to display such conduct may result in immediate disqualification of affiliated organization.
8. Please help Elite Dance Cup maintain a positive and respectful audience for all competitors. This includes, but is not limited to: not talking or moving about during a performance, cellular phone, photography or video camera use which is prohibited inside all auditoriums. Applause is always welcomed and appreciated by the performers. Improper behavior may result in the disqualification of the affiliated organization.

VIDEOTAPES, PHOTOS & CELLPHONES

1. Photography is strictly prohibited during competition due to the negative impact it places on dancers while performing. Photography is only permitted during the award ceremony.
2. Cellular phones should be turned to the off or vibrate mode while seated in the theatre. Cellular phone use is only permitted in the lobby of the venue. Cellular phones used for photography or video-recording purposes will result in the disqualification of the affiliated organization.
3. Videotaping by individuals at any Elite Dance Cup event, Regional or National Competition is prohibited. Violations will result in the disqualification of the affiliated organization.
4. Elite Dance Cup reserves the right to remove the media being used and/or those using it from the venue.
5. These rules will be strictly enforced to protect the integrity of individual choreography.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS

Souvenir programs will be sold at the registration table for a nominal fee. Information contained in the souvenir program is determined by accurate, timely and legible submission of entries. Studios that do not provide correct and completed forms at the time of entry may not be included in the souvenir program. Change request after program is submitted may not be reflected in print. Elite Dance Cup assumes no responsibility for missing or misspelled names.