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Elite DANCE CUP

AN Experience LIKE NO OTHER!

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ENTRY GUIDELINES!

♦ ♦ *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY* ♦ ♦

Elite Dance Cup's rules & guidelines 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.

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 space in its program even if entries are postmarked or received prior to or by the deadline dates.

3. Elite Dance Cup does not accept independent entries. All Entries must be registered by a Studio. Registering less than 5 routines please contact Elite Dance Cup.

4. Elite Dance Cup only accepts entries submitted through our online registration system.

5. All entry fees and deposits are non-refundable. No exceptions.

6. All entry fees will freeze 30 days prior to each event. Any changes will incur additional change fees after freeze date.

7. Elite Dance Cup will not accept entries or changes once program has gone to print. Absolutely no on-sight entries will be accepted.

8. Studios may compete in more than one city; however, an Elite Cup Winner will not be eligible to compete with the same routine at another Regional Competition during the same season or during the following season.

9. Any routine that qualifies for the Showcase of Stars or any National Championship at the National Finals will not be eligible to compete with the same routine during the following season.

10. Elite Dance Cup, LLC reserves the right to refuse any entry or studio at any time for any reason.

GENERAL RULES!

PROPS & PROHIBITED ITEMS

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. 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.
5. Dangerous props are not allowed, to include, but not limited to: pyrotechnics, fire, liquids of any kind (including paint), glass, swords, and knives. Routines are not permitted to include props, which has the capability of causing injury or compromising performance space. Props requiring an electric outlet are strictly prohibited. Self-powered props are allowed.
6. 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 backstage manager of the competition upon arrival to the venue.
7. Any props which damages the performance venue in any way due to dragging, weight, height, sharp points, etc., must have protective devices 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 and invoiced for all damages.
8. The following items are prohibited: confetti, glitter, sand, hanging scenery/backdrops, special lighting, fog/bubble machines, live animals, live people, and any fluids (including paint) 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.
9. No items of any kind may be thrown from stage into the audience or house section of the theater.

*** Any violations of the above listed rules will incur a 2-point deduction.**

MUSIC GUIDELINES

Elite Dance Cup uses an electronic music file upload system for all performances. Studios may access the Music Upload from their account dashboard. It is **mandatory** for all studios to submit their competition music electronically using the Music Upload function.

1. Music files can only be uploaded after entries have been registered.
2. Please label the file with the same name of each registered routine.
3. Make certain you have uploaded the correct version of your music as pitch, speed control and fade outs cannot be adjusted.
4. Music Upload supports MP3, M4A, and MP4 files.
5. Uploaded music files must be DRM free.
6. Music uploads will close at 5:00 PM CST on the Monday before each event. Music submitted after upload closes or on-site will incur a $10.00 fee per routine.
7. Elite Dance Cup will not accept a new version of the music file after uploads have closed or at the event. Elite Dance Cup will only use a backup **(USB)** if there are technical difficulties. No computers, ipods, ipads or phones will be accepted.

UNAPPROVED MUSIC

No studio, group, duo/trio, or soloist may use **ANY** music owned by Kirbyko Music LLC or Watson Music Group without rights. Including: "Space Jam", "Total Eclipse of the Heart", "Whoomp There It Is", "Jock Jams", "2 Unlimited - Twilight Zone", "Get Low by Lil Jon", "The Most Beautiful Girl In The World", "Woot There It Is", & "Danke Schoen by Wayne Newton"

Violators of this rule will be subject to copyright fees.

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. Any routine deemed by the judges as not suitable for family viewing including costuming, choreography, or the playing of questionable lyrics will be disqualified from High Score Placement.

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. 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.
3. 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)
4. Coaching by anyone during the course of a routine is strictly prohibited.
5. Except for technical malfunction on the part of Elite Dance Cup. Re-performance of any routine will be adjudicated only.
6. In the event a performance misses their scheduled performance time/order. The performance may be adjudicated only.

NO PHOTO / VIDEO

1. Each registered participant will receive **FREE** Photos & Video of their performed routine(s).
2. The use of **ANY** electronic device for photography and videography is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** during all performances as well as in the dressing rooms. Failure to comply may result in the routine performing for adjudication only as well as confiscation of the recordings and/or photographs.
3. **Any spectator that fails to comply with Elite Dance Cup's No Photo/Video rule may be escorted and removed from the event.**
4. These rules will be strictly enforced to protect the integrity of individual choreography and the safety of the performers.

VENUE INFORMATION

1. No food or drink will be permitted backstage or in seating areas of all facilities.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Good sportsmanship is expected from all competitors, teachers and parents. Failure to display such conduct may result in immediate disqualification of affiliated organization.
6. Please help Elite Dance Cup maintain a positive and respectful audience for all competitors. This includes, but is not limited to: talking or moving about during a performance. Applause is always welcomed and appreciated by the performers. Improper behavior may result in the disqualification of the affiliated organization.
7. **Photography and videography are strictly prohibited during competition. Violations will result in routine performing for adjudication only. This rule is in place to protect the choreography of teachers and the privacy of the performers.**

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 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.

Elite Dance Cup offers free photo and video to each performer in all cities, this may be subject to the number of entries registered at a regional event.