NATIONAL FINALS!

2027

All Regional adjudication placement winners of Gold or above are eligible to participate in National Finals. Dancers must compete in the same age category, performance category, and general category as the routine(s) qualified at the regional event.

For National Finals, substitution of dancers from the Regional qualifying entry is permitted in all divisions/categories except Solos. Performances must be comprised of at least 50% of the original dancers from the Regional qualifying entry. When substituting dancers in a performance, be aware that any modifications may change the level or age average. Any dancer substituted remain subject to the Regional leveling and qualifying rules.

The Elite Cup Award will not be awarded at National. At Elite Dance Cup's National Finals each routine will compete to make it into the **Elite Showcase of Stars**. These selected routines based on national competition scores then re-compete for the Title of Elite Dance Cup National Champion in the 12 and under and 13 and over Age Division in the Encore and Elite Competition Levels.

National Production!
All productions will compete for National Production Champion.

National Solo & Duo/Trio Championship!
Selected solo and duo/trio routines based on national competition scores will have a chance to re-compete for the Title of Elite Dance Cup National Solo & Duo/Trio Champions.

National Master Classes!
At each of Elite Dance Cup's National Finals dancers have the option to attend four (one hour) Master Classes. These classes will be held during the week of National Competition and taught by National renowned Teachers and Choreographers.

National T-Shirt!
A special designed National T-shirt including your Studios Name (studio names will only be included if national registration is completed before deadline dates) will be available for purchase.

NATIONAL TITLE!

Regional Title contestants receiving Elite Gold adjudication or higher will be eligible to enter the National Title Competition. Competitors entering the National Title Competition will be scored by a panel of judges based on the soloist performance in three different categories.

1. 25% - Improv & Leap Competition - Scored by judges *(information to follow national title registration)*
2. 25% - Audition Class *(to be treated as though dancer would be attending a regular audition for a part or role)*
3. 50% - Solo Performance *(this performance will be the first and only time judges will see dancers title solos)*

If less than three (3) enter, the National Title will only be awarded if the soloist scores a Elite Gold or above. Each of the National Title Winners will receive a plaque or trophy, and a **Gift Certificate**.

****Please note a Title Solo that does not qualify for the National Title Competition, may be moved to the Solo Category for Nationals.*

ELITE SHOWCASE OF STARS GALA!

Elite Showcase of Stars is the culminating event of the National Finals, bringing together some of the most outstanding performances of the week for one final opportunity to take the stage. Dancers, teachers, families, and guests are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our National Champions and Star Performers during this special evening.

Showcase Competition

The top highest-scoring group or line routine from each of the four age divisions in both the **Encore and Elite Levels**, based on National Finals competition scores, will be invited to compete for the title of **Elite Dance Cup National Showcase Champion**.

Showcase routines will compete in a **winner-take-all format**, with all previous National Finals scores dropped and routines performing again for a fresh evaluation by the judging panel. Studios may be limited to **one Showcase entry per age division per level.**

Guest Performances

The following National Champions and selected routines may be invited to perform as special guest performers during the Showcase:

- Highest Scoring Premier Routine
- National Encore Solo Champion
- National Elite Solo Champion
- National Encore Duo/Trio Champion
- National Elite Duo/Trio Champion
- Elite Star Performers Opening Number

Gala Attire

Dress to Impress! Dancers, teachers, families, and guests are encouraged to dress in their best attire for this special evening celebrating our National Champions, Star Performers, and the accomplishments of the National Finals.

Showcase is a celebration of the talent, dedication, and artistry demonstrated throughout the National Finals and serves as the final spotlight of the Elite Dance Cup National experience.

ELITE STAR PERFORMERS!

Individual dancers selected at regional events by invitation only, will have the opportunity to work with Master Choreographers and dancers from other studios to perform an opening number routine the last day of the National Final. The Elite Star Performers will have a chance to win scholarships and each performer will receive a performance top (to be worn during performance) and specially designed gifts.

Dancers will need to bring the following:

Female Performers

1. A basic black leotard either spaghetti strap or tank style
2. Fitted Black dance shorts (no markings)
3. Nude tights
4. Nude jazz shoes

Male Performers

1. Black dance pants (no markings)
2. Black jazz shoes

Elite Star Performers paperwork and $150 fee must be received in the Elite Dance Cup Office by:
May 22, 2027

Paperwork received without entry fees will not be considered complete. Incomplete paperwork cannot be processed until payment is received. Your entire studio does not have to attend a National Final in order for a selected performer to participate as an Elite Star Performer. However each participate must compete in one routine at a National Final to qualify.