COMPETITION PERFORMANCE ORDER AND CHANGES

Elite Dance Cup does not have a general format in which we follow at our regional or national competitions. Every schedule is set up based on the breakdown of entries received for the particular event. After all entries are processed a schedule is set which best accommodates the entries for the particular competition. We do this to best utilize time available at each event.

A competition schedule, approximate performance and award times will be sent out no later than ONE WEEK prior to each event via **STUDIO EMAIL submitted at registration.**

It is the responsibility of the studio director to review all information before submitting. Changes to the program/paperwork are made at the discretion of the Elite Dance Cup office staff. Each entry change will be subject to a **$10.00 change fee** after freeze date (30 days prior to each event). All change submissions must be made via email and paid online for change to process. No changes will be allowed 10 days prior to the first day of competition event.

Routines are expected to perform in the order they are scheduled. Elite Dance Cup will place routines containing the same competitor, on average at least 4 routines apart. Competitors are expected to be prompt and ready with all costume changes. Competing out of order for any reason without prior approval by the on-site Stage Manager will result in **adjudication only and will not be eligible for overall awards.**

Elite Dance Cup will make every effort to accommodate scheduling requests included under Special Instructions on the entry form; however, requests may not be honored due to the hardship it places on other competitors. **Dancers who request to dance outside of their scheduled grouping of age, general or performance category may do so for adjudication only.**

SCORING GUIDELINES!

Regional Placement Awards!

Elite Dance Cup competition will have three judges offering impartial and constructive video adjudication. Each judge has a total of 100 points to award each routine.

Inspire Level	Premier Level	Encore Level	Elite Level
Elite Reserve | NA	Elite Reserve | NA	Elite Reserve | 300 - 290	Elite Reserve | 300 - 290
Elite Gold | 300 - 270	Elite Gold | 300 - 270	Elite Gold | 289 - 277	Elite Gold | 289 - 280
High Gold | 269 - 257	High Gold | 269 - 257	High Gold | 276 - 264	High Gold | 279 - 270
Gold | 256 - 245	Gold | 256 - 245	Gold | 263 - 250	Gold | 269 - 255
High Silver | 244 - 230	High Silver | 244 - 230	High Silver | 249 - 235	High Silver | 254 - 240
Silver | 229 - under	Silver | 229 - under	Silver | 234 - under	Silver | 239 - under

Elite Dance Cup awards a regional plaque, trophy, or medal to the studio for each routine based on the regional scoring guidelines for the routine. Corresponding ribbons/pins will be awarded to each member of the routine.

- Decisions of the judges are final. Any protest must be submitted in writing to the on-site Director by the studio owner/teacher before the awards presentation begins.
- Elite Dance Cup will use its full range of scoring for placement awards. In other words, Elite Reserve through Silver will be adjudicated at each competition. Elite Dance Cup will break all ties for awards. In the event of a tie, the routine with the highest total score for technique then performance is deemed the higher score. Scoring sheets will be returned to the judges for a final decision if ties cannot be broken by this method.

Overall High Score Awards!

Overall High Score Awards will be awarded to the overall high scoring routine in each of the Premier, Encore, and Elite Levels and in each of the Petite, Junior, Pre-teen, Teen, and Senior Age Categories. These awards will be given in each of the General Categories of Solo, Duo/Trio, Small Group, Large Group, and Line. Overall High Score will be awarded to the overall high scoring routine in the Inspire Level in the 12 & under and the 13 & over age divisions. There awards will be given in each of the General Categories.

Overall Production will be awarded to the highest scoring production at the Encore Level combining all age categories.

Each of the overall high scoring routines will receive one studio plaque or trophy and individual corresponding ribbons/pins.

There must be a minimum of 3 acts in the age category and general category to automatically award an overall placement.

OVERALL HIGH SCORE CASH AWARDS

Must have a minimum of 5 acts in each general category and age category to award.
Cash Awards in Elite Level Only - Gift Certificate in Encore Level

	Petite	Junior	Pre - teen	Teen	Senior
Solo	*$50.00 Gift Certificate*	*$50.00 Gift Certificate*	*$50.00 Gift Certificate*	*$50.00 Gift Certificate*	*$50.00 Gift Certificate*
Title Solo	*$100.00 Gift Certificate*	*$100.00 Gift Certificate*	*$100.00 Gift Certificate*	*$100.00 Gift Certificate*	*$100.00 Gift Certificate*
Duo/Trio	*$75.00 Cash Award*	*$75.00 Cash Award*	*$75.00 Cash Award*	*$75.00 Cash Award*	*$75.00 Cash Award*
Small Group	*$100.00 Cash Award*	*$100.00 Cash Award*	*$100.00 Cash Award*	*$100.00 Cash Award*	*$100.00 Cash Award*
Large Group	*$125.00 Cash Award*	*$125.00 Cash Award*	*$125.00 Cash Award*	*$125.00 Cash Award*	*$125.00 Cash Award*
Line	*$150.00 Cash Award*	*$150.00 Cash Award*	*$150.00 Cash Award*	*$150.00 Cash Award*	*$150.00 Cash Award*

	1st	2nd	3rd
Production	*$200.00 Cash Award*	*$100.00 Cash Award*	*$75.00 Cash Award*

Must have a minimum of 5 acts in general category to award 1st and 10 acts to award 2nd & 3rd

Divisional High Score Awards!

Divisional High Score Awards will be awarded to the highest scoring routine combining Petite|Junior|Pre-teen in the 12 & under & Teen|Senior in the 13 & over in each of the general categories of Solo, Duo/Trio, Small Group, Large Group, and Line. They must have a minimum of 10 acts in the general category to award.

Regional Judges Awards!

Special awards chosen by the panel of Judges will be given.

Spotlight Awards!

Special award given at the discretion of the Judges to group routines.

Studio of Excellence Award!

The ADCC (Association of Dance Competitions and Conventions) is a nonprofit association supporting excellence in the dance convention and competition industry. Elite Dance Cup is a proud member of the ADCC and delighted to participate in the Studio of Excellence Awards. To be eligible a studio must enter a minimum of 5 groups or lines. The average of your 5 highest scoring group routines from the Premier, Encore, and Elite Levels regardless of age will determine the winner. Winners will receive an ADCC Banner.

Elite Entertainment Award!

A special trophy will be awarded in the Elite and Encore Levels, this award will be presented to the teacher/choreographer of the routine deemed by the judges to be the most entertaining of the competition. Levels will be combined if less than 25 group entries are in the level.

Elite Choreography Award!

A special trophy will be awarded in the Elite and Encore Levels, this award will be presented to the teacher/choreographer of the routine deemed by the judges to be the best choreography of the competition. Levels will be combined if less than 25 group entries are in the level.

Elite Cup Award!

A special trophy will be awarded to the teacher/choreography in both the Elite Level and in the Encore Level for the group routine receiving the highest score of the competition in their respective levels. Levels will be combined if less than 25 group entries per level are registered.
The Elite Cup Award is not awarded at Nationals. For more National information visit the National Finals section.

TITLE COMPETITION!

Elite Dance Cup's Title Category is a completely separate category from the Solo Category and will not be included for placement in the Solo Category.

Dancers wishing to compete for the Elite Dance Cup Title must:

1. Select the Title Category at time of online registration. No on-site entries will be accepted.
2. Enter one (1) solo in the Title Solo Category which will count towards a dancers maximum of three (3) total solo entires allowed.
3. There must be a minimum of three (3) competitors in each Level and Age Category of the Title Competition to automatically award the Title.
4. If less than three (3) enter, the Title will only be awarded if the soloist scores a Elite Gold or above.
   Each of the Title Winners will receive a plaque or trophy, and Gift Certificate.

Title Levels and Age Categories:
Encore Mr. and Miss Petite, Encore Mr. and Miss Junior, Encore Mr. and Miss Pre-Teen, Encore Mr. and Miss Teen, Encore Mr. and Miss Senior. Elite Mr. and Miss Junior, Elite Mr. and Miss Pre-Teen, Elite Mr. and Miss Teen, and Elite Mr. and Miss Senior.

SCHOLARSHIPS!

High School Dance Intensive & Audition Scholarship

Elite Dance Cup awards to promising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, scholarships to attend the renowned Oklahoma City University's, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment OCU Dance Advantage High School Workshop. In addition select invitations to Audition for Oklahoma City University's, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment will be awarded.

INVITATIONS

Elite Star Performers (National Opening Number Invitations)

The recipients of this award are invited to be part of the Elite Showcase of Stars Opening Number. These special invitations are given to dancer(s) that display a passion for performing on stage. They will receive an invitation envelope at regional events with information detailing the opportunities that will be offered.

ON-SITE OPPORTUNITIES!

Improv Competition

Elite Dance Cup will host an Improv Competition at each Regional event. The competition will be held in the Petite/Junior/Pre-teen (12 & Under) age category. The competition will take place prior to the awards presentation for the age category. Formatted much like an audition, the dancers are each assigned a number and perform their Improv for the judges in groups of approximately 3 to 8. Depending on the number of entries, following the preliminary, semi final and final rounds judges will select a winner. Music and genre are randomly chosen, each group will have 45 seconds to dance with a 10 second countdown. Individual dancers can sign-up at the Elite Boutique throughout the competition before the awards presentation of their age category for **$30.00 per dancer**. Winners will receive an award.

Turn & Leap Competition

Elite Dance Cup will host a Turn & Leap Competition at each regional event. The competition will be held in the Teen/Senior (13 & Over) age category. The competition will take place prior to the awards presentation for the age category. Formatted much like an audition, the dancers are each assigned a number and perform a turn and leap of the judges choice and then one of their favorites. Depending on the number of entries, following the preliminary, semi final and final rounds judges will select a winner. Individual dancers can sign-up at the Elite Boutique throughout the competition before the awards presentation of their age category for **$30.00 per dancer**. Winners will receive an award.

ON-SITE & ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES!

The Face of Elite

Elite Dance Cup will have a Search for The Face of Elite. Any 2027 Season participants can register at the Elite Boutique on-site or online for **$50.00 per dancer** and submit 2 pictures 5x7 or larger. One picture must be in full costume and a full body shot. A short excerpt of why the participating dancer should be selected to represent Elite Dance Cup in 2028 will also be required to enter. One or two Finalist(s) (depending on entries received) will be selected from each Regional event to advance to the Final Round. The 2028 Face of Elite Finalists and Winner will be selected in May by The Face of Elite deciding Panel. Winner will be required to attend one of Elite Dance Cup's 2027 National Finals for photo shoot. The Face of Elite will be featured in Elite Dance Cup's 2028 advertising campaign.

Regional T-Shirt Bundles

A pre-order Regional T-Shirt Bundle form will be available for online purchase. Bundles will consist of one (1) Regional tour t-shirt, one (1) Regional event souvenir program, and one (1) Regional tour lapel pin all for a great bundle price of **$35.00 per bundle**. Pre-ordered bundles will be available for pickup at your Regional event at the Elite Boutique under the dancer's name and studio entered at time of purchase. All pre-ordered bundles can not be exchanged. All pre-ordered bundles are non-refundable. All sales are final.