



2019 Rules & Regulations

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE READ AND UNDERSTOOD BEFORE YOUR ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED. ANY VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES MAY RESULT IN THE ACT(S) BEING DISQUALIFIED AND NOT BEING ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT OR AWARDS AND BEING ANNOUNCED FOR ADJUDICATION PURPOSES ONLY. YOUR REGISTRATION TO OUR EVENT DEMONSTRATES THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND FULLY ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT OUR COMPETITION ADHERES TO FOR ALL EVENTS.

Showbiz National Talent Competition, its directors, staff and associates, shall in no way assume responsibility for the following: participant accidents, spectator accidents or theft of any kind.

A. NEW FOR 2019

I. Regional High Point Soloists in all age divisions and levels will receive Free Entry to Nationals.

II. Regional High Point Duet/Trio winners in all age divisions and levels will receive Free Entry to Nationals.

III. Regional Group Icon Winners in all age divisions and levels will receive Free Entry to Nationals.

IV. Regional Top Choreographer routine will receive Free Entry to Nationals.

V. All Regional Miss/Mr. Showbiz Winners will receive 1 Free Solo Entry to Nationals.

VI. At our National Grand Finals, the Top 5 Sapphire GROUPS (Small, Large, Line, and Production combined) through all ages and with NO DUPLICATION OF STUDIO will be invited back to re-compete for Cash or Prize awards.

VII. The Regional Studio of the Year at each event will additionally receive a \$500 credit to Nationals.

VIII. Scoring Within Each Level of Competition is Awarded As Follows:

Elite (294-300); Platinum (285-293.9); High Gold (270-284.9); and Gold (255-269.9).

IX. New Trick Rule: A routine is allowed a total of 3 Acrobatic tricks per routine before the routine must be placed in the open division. A trick is classified as an acrobatic move where the dancer is upside down and both hands are off the ground. (example: front or back ariel, front or back layout, front or back tuck)

X. New qualifications for Regional Studio of the Year: Studios who enter at least two group routines in the four

age divisions of Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior in the Diamond level only will be eligible for this recognition. The two highest scores from each qualifying studio in the Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior ages will be calculated. The studio with the highest cumulative score will be awarded the Elite Top Studio Award along with a \$500 cash award, \$500 credit in Biz Bucks and a \$500 credit towards our 2019 Nationals in recognition of the studio's excellence and diversity.

XI. Student Choreography Award: At the discretion of our panel of judges, a Student Choreography Award may be presented for outstanding work in the area of Choreography.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

I. AGE DIVISIONS:

SOLOS

Mini - 5 and Under; Petite - 6-7 Years; Pre Junior - 8-9 Years; Junior - 10-11 Years; Pre Teen - 12 Years; Teen 13-14 Years; Pre Senior - 15-16 Years; Senior - 17-19; and Adult - 20 + Years.

DUET/TRIO AND GROUPS

Mini - 5 and Under; Petite - 6-8 Years; Junior - 9-11 Years; Teen - 12-14 Years; Senior - 15-19 Years; and Adult - 20 + Years.

II. TYPES OF ENTRIES

Solo (1 performer); Duet/Trio (2-3 performers); Small Group (4-9 performers); Large Group (10-19 performers); Line (20+ performers); and Production (25+ performers).

III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sapphire Level (Beginner/Intermediate - under 6 hours per week)

Ruby Level (Intermediate - under 10 hours per week)

Diamond Level (Advanced - over 10 hours per week)

IV. TIME LIMITS (up to and not above, in minutes and seconds)

SOLOS & DUET/TRIOS	2m 45s
SMALL GROUPS	3m 00s
LARGE GROUPS	4m 00s
LINE	5m 00s
PRODUCTION	7m 00s

Additional time may be purchased for \$5 per performer for an additional 30 seconds of time.

V. CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:

Acro/Gymnastics, Adult, Ballet, Biz Kids, Clogging, Contemporary, Folkloric, Hip Hop, Improv, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Musical Theater, Open, Pointe, Pom Pom, Song and Dance, and Tap.

The Adult Category is for any solo, duet/trio or group that has a performer 20 years or older. Adult and Biz Kids performers will receive their appropriate placement award along with the judges' critiques. Adult and Biz Kids categories are not eligible for Top 10 placement.

VI. CATEGORY AGE BREAKDOWN:

4 years and under, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years, 19 years, 20+ years (for all categories of competition).

The average age will determine the age of the group. Example: Average 9.0 to 9.9 = 9 years.

ALL AGE DIVISIONS ARE DETERMINED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019.

Performers must be responsible for proof of age at the competition (if required). Any routine with a dancer 20 years of age or older will automatically be placed in the Adult category and will not be eligible for Top 10 placement.

VII. LEVEL DETERMINATION:

In order to keep levels fair for each studio attending, Showbiz utilizes a point ratio system for determining the specific level of a routine.

At registration, you will select a level for each dancer that will carry through with them in each of their routines. The level in which they are placed will follow them into every routine they compete. **Please note that the judges will have the ability to move any routine up or down a level if all three are in agreement that the routine is not placed in the correct level.**

Sapphire dancers are 1 point each; Ruby dancers are 2 points each; and Diamond dancers are 3 points each. There are not separate group level placements.

For example, if a routine has 5 Ruby dancers and 3 Diamond dancers, the following equation would apply to determine the level. 5 Ruby Dancers x 2 points = 10 points. 3 Diamond Dancers x 3 points = 9 points. 10 is greater than 9 so the routine would be a Ruby level routine.

Please note that in the event of a tie between the number of points, the routines is placed in the higher level of competition.

Placement of levels for individual dancers is completely at the discretion of the studio director. A performer may only be placed in one level and will stay in that level through the competition season. We at Showbiz understand that you as a director know your dancers abilities best and trust that you will practice with good faith in the spirit of healthy competition. As always, we are confident that you will use your best judgement in placing your dancers in the correct levels.

VIII. BUMP RULE:

The average age of each entry will not drop more than one age division below the age of the oldest dancer in the routine, regardless of the average age. For example, if an act averages out in the junior age division, but contains a senior age dancer in the routine, the entry will compete in the teen age division.

IX. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

An exact time schedule of all your respective routines will be emailed approximately 10 days prior to the competition date for final review. You will have two days to review and request changes and additions. The final competition schedule will come out a week prior to the event after any changes and additions have been made. Any changes or additions requested after the final competition has been sent out will incur a \$20 fee, if approved by the Show Director. Schedules may vary from location to location depending on the number of acts that are registered. Any act going out of the prearranged scheduled order (other than approved costume delays) will perform for judges' scores and comments only. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For venue and hotel accommodations, please check the Showbiz website for information.

A confirmation will be returned to you for your approval. It is your responsibility to ensure everything is correct. **No routine will be permitted to level down after the schedule is released.** Any changes after the final show schedule is e-mailed to your studio will incur a \$20 per change fee and all changes are at the discretion of the show director.

X. CHECK IN ON TIME:

All dancers should be in the building at least 2 hours before their scheduled time. If a routine is late for CHECK IN and found rehearsing or purposely holding, they will be docked 3 points in the Showmanship Category. For dancers who are scheduled to perform within the first 2 hours of the competition, they should be present when the doors open.

XI. ADJUDICATION:

A qualified panel of diverse judges will be selected to adjudicate each regional competition. The scores and comments solely reflect the opinions of the judges and not necessarily the opinions of the Showbiz Directors and Staff. Judges will score on Technique (20-45), Execution (20-40) and Showmanship (5-15) for each act. With this scoring system, there may be multiple duplicate awards presented within each age group for each category.

Each level will have the following awards available: ELITE, PLATINUM, HIGH GOLD, and GOLD Placement for the Diamond, Ruby, and Sapphire levels. Each Level will be awarded its placement based on the following scoring ranges: Elite (294-300), Platinum (285-293.9), High Gold (270-284.9) and Gold (255-269.9). The judges' panel will break any and all ties for the Top Ten Finalists. Should a tie occur, the auditor will add the 3 Technique scores together; if still not broken, the 3 scores from Execution will be added to determine the highest score; and if still not broken, the panel of judges will make the final decision. Each routine will receive an individual audio critique. Judges' scores and critiques will be released to the Studio Director ONLY through the studio account.

Top Ten finalists will be announced for the Diamond, Ruby and Sapphire Levels for each division of competition as well as awards. For performers who are competing multiple solos, only the highest scoring solo will place in the top ten finalists.

XII. PAYMENT:

Please see Fee Guide. All entries and payments are due at least 30 days prior to the competition date to receive the **"Before 30 Day Pricing Fee"**. Entries received within 30 days of the event will receive the **"Within 30 Day Pricing Fee"**. In addition, entries that are not paid in full at least 10 days prior to the competition date will pay the **"Within 30 Day Pricing Fee"** plus a late fee and will not be included in the prepared competition schedule and may not be accepted. Please note that registration alone does not guarantee placement in an event as payment must be received to confirm placement in the event.

Payments made before 30 days prior to the competition may be by check, cash, credit card or money order. **For entries received within 30 days of the event, we require payment by certified funds only. We cannot accept a studio or personal check for entries received after this 30 day deadline.**

Please note that a studio will not be allowed to perform until all entries are paid in full. No entry is guaranteed until payment has been received and processed. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Registration on our website does not confirm your space until payment is received. Showbiz reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation. No refunds will be provided after payment has been received and registration is processed.

Payment may be made by check, money order, or credit card. A Processing Fee of 2.5% will be added to all credit card payments.

XIII. CREDIT AND REFUNDS:

No refunds will be provided once payment has been received and processed. Our sole exception is if a routine is scheduled during regular school hours, the routine will be given the option to withdraw and receive a full refund. For injury or health related reasons, the routine may scratch and receive credit towards a 2019 event, including our 2019 Nationals, or credit towards a 2020 regional event.

IX. MUSIC CHECK IN:

All music must be uploaded through the registration portal 10 days prior to the event. Back-up resources should always be available on site at the competition on a USB Flash Drive, iPod, iPads or laptops should an issue arise. All audio resources are the directors' responsibility as no refunds will be provided for music that is not present or does not properly play.

Failure or refusal to upload your music will result in a 1 point deduction per routine, in the showmanship category.

X. PERSONAL ITEMS:

Showbiz National Talent Competition, it's directors, staff and associates shall in no way assume responsibility for lost possessions or theft of any kind at any venue. Please be safe and keep any personal items of value safe at home.

C. COMPETITION INFORMATION

I. AWARDS PRESENTATION FORMAT:

Studios will have the option to receive their adjudicated score and pick up their awards immediately following the completion of their routine. A studio may designate any representative to pick up the awards, or have the dancers pick them up.

Studios may also waive the immediate results and awards and pick them up at the conclusion of the awards assembly if they wish for the dancers to wait until they have completed all of their routines.

The decision is up to the studio as to how they would like to proceed.

During the awards assembly, all of the acts will be announced with their adjudicated score. However, the awards will move more efficiently as the physical awards will not be handed out following the announcement of the adjudicated score since they will be either picked up following the routine or set aside for pickup by a studio representative following the awards assembly. The only awards that will be handed out at the time of announcements are the specials and top overall placements.

All soloists must be present for the announcement of Mr. and Miss Showbiz Title, Costume Award, Photogenic Award, Icon Award and the Top 10 overalls.

II. FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTS:

The companies of Westerfield Management understand the broad range of styles and appropriateness that dancers are exposed to in our country; however, we expect each and every routine to be in good taste for viewing by a "family-friendly" audience. Inappropriate routines are not acceptable and, at minimum, will have points deducted to not being eligible for Top Ten and/or at most be disqualified. For any one judge that marks the "Ethical Standards" box on the score sheet, an automatic 5 points will be deducted. If all three judges mark the "Ethical Standards" box, the routine will be automatically disqualified from the competition. Again, this decision is based on the independent opinion of the respective judges and may not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Showbiz Directors and Staff.

III. PROPS:

FOR SAFETY MEASURES, A DANCER MAY NOT STAND ON A PROP THAT IS ABOVE 7FT HIGH. Props must be carried on stage by the performer or your own staff (instructor, parent, coach, etc.). The placement of props, mats, etc., must be completed within 2 minutes of the end of the preceding act. The timing of the act will begin after the 2 - minute prep time. Please contact our National Headquarters if you need further clarification of prop guidelines.

NO DANGEROUS PROPS ARE ALLOWED ON STAGE. EXAMPLE: FIRE, METAL SWORDS, METAL KNIVES OR ANY ITEMS HAVING SHARP POINTS OR EDGES. SIMULATED WEAPONS WITH DULL, SAFE EDGES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

IN ADDITION, NO FORM OF PAINT, CHALK, LIQUID, POWDER, SAND, OR GEL MAY BE USED. ANYTHING THAT WOULD AFFECT OR DAMAGE THE DANCING SURFACE WILL BE SUBJECT TO

IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. Performers must be prepared to completely clear the stage of any loose items or litter (feathers, streamers, petals, etc.)

NO LIVE ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED ON THE STAGE.

ANY STUDIO THAT UNREASONABLY DELAYS THE COMPETITION WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ACT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHOW DIRECTOR AND JUDGING PANEL.

IV. PERFORMERS:

No Performer is allowed to perform in the front stage area surrounding the Judges and Audit tables, which includes no projecting or jumping on or off the front of the stage. (MC, Judges, Video and Audit Areas) Any performer who begins offstage must move to the stage at some point during the performance. No lifts tumbling or tricks of any kind and or props are permitted offstage. Nothing, which may cause any harm or damage to a person or object, may be intentionally thrown or shot from the stage. Any changes made to the approved routine is cause for disqualification. Any routine which involves any dancer(s) being off stage at any time during the routine must give prior written notice and description of the routine and the number of dancers off stage at least 30 days prior to the competition for approval. (Fire Marshal Approval) All approved routines are eligible for high point awards.

V. Soloist

Dancers can now register up to 3 solos per regional event that will be eligible for Awards and Titles. Only one solo per dancer will be placed in the Top 10 as placement will be based on the highest scoring solo only. Soloists may not compete multiple routines in the same category.

V. INDEPENDENT ENTRIES

Independent entries are accepted at our competition.

VI. PHOTO/VIDEO:

A professional videographer and photographer will be available at each event. By entering a Showbiz Talent Competition, you release your likeness, name and performance for video and photographic reproduction for perpetuity.

THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF EQUIPMENT WITH THE ABILITY TO CAPTURE PHOTO OR VIDEO IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. For the protection and security of those participating at our events, absolutely NO EQUIPMENT WITH THE ABILITY TO CAPTURE PHOTO OR VIDEO ARE ALLOWED during a performance on stage.

D. AWARDS AND TITLES AT THE EVENT

I. REGIONAL ELITE TOP STUDIO:

Studios who enter at least two group routines in the four age divisions of Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior in the Diamond level only will be eligible for this recognition. The two highest scores from each qualifying studio in the Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior ages will be calculated. The studio with the highest cumulative score from these eight Diamond Routines will be awarded the Regional Elite Top Studio award along with a \$500 cash award,

\$500 in Biz Bucks Credit and \$500 credit towards 2019 Nationals in recognition of the studio's excellence and diversity.

II. MR. AND MISS SHOWBIZ:

The following will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. This selection is separate from the scores the judges will be giving for the overall performance. One Mini, Petite, Pre Junior, Junior, Pre Teen, Teen, Pre Senior and Senior male as well as one Mini, Petite, Pre Junior, Junior, Pre Teen, Teen, Pre Senior and Senior female will be selected. Each Mr. and Miss Showbiz Title winner will be awarded a trophy and a free solo at Nationals. The selection will be made by the judges on the basis of the performer exhibiting the most professional entertainment skills.

III. SHOWBIZ GROUP ICON AWARD:

The group routine (including all sizes) receiving the highest score of the entire competition will be awarded the coveted Showbiz Group Icon Award. This award will be presented in Diamond, Ruby and Sapphire levels of competition. The Icon group winners will receive a \$250 cash award, \$250 Biz Bucks credit and a free entry to 2019 Nationals.

IV. SHOWBIZ SOLO ICON AWARD:

An award will be presented in each age division to the most talented dancer on the basis of the performer's abilities in that genre of dance. ALL GENRES OF DANCE ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD. Each category must have a minimum of 3 separate performers to be eligible. Each winner of the Showbiz Icon in each age division, for Sapphire, Ruby and Diamond levels, will be awarded an Icon Solo Banner.

V. TOP CHOREOGRAPHER AWARD:

This award will be chosen by the judges at final awards segment of competition for each regional. The one routine and choreographer of the entire event that most stood out in the judges' collective opinion will be awarded the Top Choreography Trophy with \$150.00 in cash awards, \$150 in Biz Bucks credit and free entry to 2019 Nationals.

VI. GROUP CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD:

At the discretion of our panel of judges, a Choreography Award may be presented for outstanding work in the area of Choreography in the Sapphire, Ruby and Diamond Levels.

VII. STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD:

At the discretion of our panel of judges, a Student Choreography Award may be presented for outstanding work in the area of Choreography.

VIII. HOLLYWOOD PHOTOGENIC AWARD:

An award will be presented to the Soloist judged most photogenic in each age division of competition. Soloists must bring a 5x7 or 8x10 recent black and white or color photo with your name, age, routine number, address and studio you represent on the back of the photo. Photos will be returned on the day of competition. It is the responsibility of each individual to pick up his or her photos. No photos will be returned after competition. Showbiz National Talent/PrimeTime Dance is not

responsible for loss or damage to any photograph not picked up at the end of the competition. You must be a registered solo competitor to enter photogenic. If you wish to enter the photogenic competition, you must do so at the competition. Do not mail in pictures or fees for photogenic entries. The fee for the photogenic title is \$30.00 per entry. All individuals must be entered at least 25 acts before the awards ceremonies for each age division.

IX. COSTUME AWARD:

In the Sapphire, Ruby and Diamond levels, one Mini, Petite, Pre Junior, Junior, Pre Teen, Teen, Pre Senior and Senior will be selected from the Solo division of competition only. The selection will be made by the judges on overall design, creativity, fit and workmanship. All soloists are automatically registered for the outstanding costume award without any additional fee.

X. GROUP COSTUME AWARD:

One group costume award will be presented at the final group awards ceremony based on overall design, creativity, fit and workmanship as selected by our judges.

XI. OUTSTANDING PROP AWARD:

One prop award will be presented to a routine during the final group awards ceremony based on originality, creativity, and use as selected by our judges.

XII. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

While the expectation is that all studios will demonstrate good sportsmanship at each event, one studio will be selected for this prestigious Award at each competition. We believe sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that dance is enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship and camaraderie with one's competitors.

XIII. PRIZES AND AWARDS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL ROUTINES:

Please see our 2019 Prize Sheet for more details. One appropriate placement award will be presented to every act in every category and age divisions for all levels. The Sapphire level will be awarded in Biz Bucks. There must be a Minimum of Five Routines in each entry type and age division for the Biz Bucks to be awarded in full. The Ruby and Diamond level of competition will receive Biz Bucks and cash prizes. If there is less than Five Routines in the age division, then the prize will be awarded in Biz Bucks that equal 50% of the cash prize noted. The Biz Bucks may be used towards our 2020 season or at any other event in 2019, including our Nationals. Entry types that include a sole act that is completely unopposed will not receive a monetary prize or Biz Bucks credit.

If a studio is attending multiple events, the prize winnings will automatically be rolled over to the next event. To claim your prize winnings, please email caitlin@showbiztalent.com with your request.

All prizes claimed will be paid in full by July 15, 2019. Entry types that include a sole act that is completely unopposed will not receive a monetary prize or Biz Bucks credit.

E. NATIONALS INFORMATION

I. 2019 FREE NATIONAL ROUTINES:

Regional High Point Soloists in all age divisions and levels will receive Free Entry to Nationals. Regional High Point Duet/Trio winners in all age divisions and levels will receive Free Entry to Nationals. Regional Group Icon Winners in all age divisions and levels will receive Free Entry to Nationals. Regional Top Choreographer routine will receive Free Entry to Nationals. All Regional Miss/Mr. Showbiz Winners will receive 1 Free Solo Entry to Nationals.

II. 2019 NATIONAL SOLO "SHOW-DOWN":

The Top Three Solo Finalists from each division of competition (Mini, Petite, Pre Junior, Junior, Pre Teen, Teen, Pre Senior and Senior) in the Ruby and Diamond Levels will return for the Showbiz SOLO "Show-Down". Once the finalists are announced there are no replacements allowed. Should a soloist not be available to compete, they will not be replaced. There must be a minimum of 5 competing dancers in each division in order to have a Solo "Show-Down". All scores will be scratched from the first round of competition and each of the Top Three finalists will re-compete for the Overall Solo Title. This event will be separate from the Championship Finals held on the final day. Cash or prizes will be awarded to each of the finalists.

III. 2019 NATIONAL DUET/TRIO "BATTLE":

There must be a minimum of 3 competing routines from 3 different studios in order to qualify for Duet/Trio Battle. The Top Three Duet/Trio Finalists from each division of competition (Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior) In the Ruby and Diamond Levels, with no duplication of studio, will return for the Showbiz DUET/TRIO "BATTLE". All scores will be scratched from the first round of competition and each of the Top finalists will then re-compete for the Overall Duet/Trio Champion Title in the Ruby and Diamond Level. This event will be separate from the Championship Finals held on the final day. Cash or prizes will be awarded to each of the finalists.

IV. 2019 NATIONAL GRAND FINALS:

On the final day of competition, the top 5 Sapphire GROUPS (Small, Large, Line, and Production combined) through all ages and with NO DUPLICATION OF STUDIO will be invited back to re-compete for Cash or Prize awards. The Top 5 Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior SMALL GROUPS from the Ruby and Diamond levels with NO DUPLICATION OF STUDIO (a total of 50 Small Groups) will be invited back to re-compete for Cash or Prize awards. The Top 5 Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior Large Groups from the Ruby and Diamond levels with NO DUPLICATION OF STUDIO (a total of 50 groups) will be invited back to re-compete for Cash and Prize awards. The Top 5 Line from the Ruby and Diamond levels with NO DUPLICATION OF STUDIO (a total of 10 Lines) will re-compete for Cash or Prize awards. Finally, the Top 5 Production groups from the Ruby and Diamond levels with NO DUPLICATION OF STUDIO (a maximum of 10 groups) will re-compete for Cash or Prize awards. Once finalists are announced there will be no replacement of performers allowed. Should a group not be available to compete in the Showbiz Grand Finals, the group will not be replaced. There must be a Minimum of Five Routines in each age division and level to qualify for the full cash prize amounts to be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If there is less than five routines in the age division, all prizes will be awarded

in Biz Bucks (Valid for the 2020 Season).

F. CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Acro/Gymnastics:

A style blending dance with acrobatics, emphasizing on flexibility and aerial tricks.

Ballet:

A classical form of dance developed through the centuries originating in Italy and formalized France. Ballet emphasizes the outward rotation of the legs/feet, and specified positions of the torso, shoulders, arms, and head. Choreography should be pulled from Classical, Neo-Classical to Contemporary vocabulary with a strong focus on technique and precision in this category. *Pointe- An extension of ballet technique with dance steps executed "sur les pointe" while wearing pointe shoes.

Biz Kids:

This is a great non-competitive way to get new competition kids acclimated to the stage! This category is a great way to keep it fun and light hearted for a child or group to receive positive feedback and encouragement without being concerned about placement in the overalls.

Clogging:

A folk dance otherwise known as flat-footing, foot-stomping, buck dancing, clog dancing or jigging. Clogging technique is different than tap technique being that the steps are often focused more on the down beat rather than the up beat. Clogging shoes are often black, white, or black and white, and generally have double taps or "jingle taps". There are four taps on each shoe, two on the toe and two on the heel. One is securely fastened to the shoe, while the other is more loosely fastened.

Contemporary:

A fusion of various styles while demonstrating a strong foundation in ballet and modern technique.

Folkloric:

A number focusing solely on one's culture, heritage or traditions. The folkloric category usually consists of ethnic dancing.

Hip Hop:

A style of street dance that is primarily performed to hip hop music. Hip hop is a culture rooted in urban social dancing and often calls for the dancer to freestyle (improvisation) and can include breaking, popping, locking, krumping etc..

Improv:

The act of dancing without defining movement previously; the dancer does not know what he/she will execute or what music will be played, but rather moves spontaneously and freely, in opposition to composed dance.

Jazz:

A technique whose roots are a blending of traditional Afro-Caribbean and classical dance performed to jazz music. This

technique has evolved to incorporate various styles of dance and genres of music but still distinguishes itself by its musicality with an emphasis and strong accents and characterization.

Lyrical:

A style of Jazz & Ballet technique demonstrating clean, classical lines while emphasizing emotional interpretation of the lyrics in the music.

Modern:

A technique which stresses movement originating from the dancers core/center (pelvis) and less emphasis on the legs and feet as the primary catalyst for movement as done in ballet. It is usually performed in bare feet It employs such elements as contact-release, spiraling, floor work, fall and recovery, and improvisation.

Musical Theater:

Any style that interprets a song from a Musical, Movie or Broadway show. Can involve (but not required) the dancer(s) lip-syncing the words to the music.

Open:

A specific or combination of any style of dance including Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Musical Theater or Contemporary. In some cases dancers may have one or more solos in the same style. In accordance to the guidelines dancers are only allowed to compete one solo per category, however the second solo can be competed in the Open Division.

Pom Pom:

A cheer/drill team style category in which the performers dance with Pom Poms. Pom Pom routines primarily use jazz technique to upbeat music. Dances should demonstrate ensemble choreography with precision and sharp accurate arm movements so they can better show off their poms.

Song And Dance:

Any number that consists of the performers singing the music (live) and dancing.

Tap:

A form of dance characterized by using the sound of one's tap shoes hitting the floor (or other surfaces) as a percussive instrument.