



## **DANCE MANIA REGULATIONS**

DANCE MANIA INTERNATIONAL is proud to present this premier opportunity for outstanding regional and national talent to compete in the spirit of excellence and professionalism. Please read the following rules and regulations carefully as failure to comply can result in disqualification. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF COMPETITION** and must include total payment by credit card, cashier's check or money order. A 10% late fee will be assessed to entries received after the deadline. Please note that once a studios registrations are submitted, additional entries will be subject to the 10% late fee.

Please be certain that you enter the proper age performance, division and category. A confirmation will be emailed prior to the online posting of the lineup. Entry changes are permitted 72 hours PRIOR to the competition date. **ABSOLUTELY NO CATEGORY OR TITLE CHANGES WILL BE MADE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.** DANCE MANIA reserves the right to make entry additions or corrections to the lineup at any time due to clerical errors on our part.

Entries are accepted on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to the amount of performance time available. DANCE MANIA reserves the right to add additional competition days or move the competition location due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **1. ENTRY DIVISIONS AND TIME LIMITS**

~ Solo, Duet/Trio, Small Group (4-9 performers) have 3 minute time limit. Large Group (10-18 performers) have 5 minute time limit. Line (19 or more performers) have 6 minute time limit. Productions have a time limit of 8 minutes.

~ Time limits are applicable to all categories.

#### **AGE DIVISIONS**

**There are Level 1 and Level 2 divisions for all categories and age divisions. There are separate entries for Miss/Mr. DANCE MANIA in Level 1 and in 2.**

~ 4 & under, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19 & up, Pro Am

~ All age divisions at all DANCE MANIA competitions will be determined by the age of the performers on the first day of competition.

~ When determining the age division for an entry, please average the ages of the participants in an entry. Once the average is calculated round up from .5 and down from .4 i.e. 6.4 average would be in 5-6 and a 6.5 average would be in 7-9.

~ DANCE MANIA reserves the right to combine entries due to limited entries.

~ Each soloist may perform a maximum of 3 solos, but they must be in 3 different solo categories. Only 2 of the 3 solos can win an overall solo award. Only 2 of the 3 solos can be entered for title and only 1 solo can win title. The same photo and interview scores will be used for both of the solos competing for title.

~ Teachers may compete in the senior category only if the teacher instructs at an assistant teacher level for ages 0-9 and at maximum of 3 teaching days per week. Otherwise, the teacher competitor must compete in the 19 & up or the Pro Am categories.

~ Overtime results in automatic deduction of one point or a fraction thereof for every 5 seconds overtime. Contestants are required to record their own music on an individual CD. There must be

only one routine per CD properly cued at the beginning of the music. All music must be recorded at proper speed. Speed control WILL NOT be adjusted. You must have an emergency duplicate CD available. iPhones or iPads are a good idea for back up music. Some burned CDs do not read properly on all equipment.

## 2. PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES

**Ballet:** performance using ballet technique throughout routine focusing on control and execution of steps.

**Musical Theater:** performance acting out or interpreting the music. While music is generally selected from Broadway or theatre, any type of music genre can be used.

**Production:** performance with a large number of performers (19 or more). Music usually fits a particular theme and the audience is able to follow the theme through the costuming and music selection.

**Acrobatics:** performance with 80% gymnastic related technique and choreography.

**Dance Twirl:** performance using a baton and/or baton props. Must include baton techniques, dance technique and choreography.

**Jazz:** performance using jazz technique with such moves as kicks, splits, isolations, leaps, jumps, etc.

**Modern:** performance using modern style, technique, moves and choreography.

**Folklore:** performance using dance styles of a particular ethnic group.

**Song & Dance:** performance incorporates a balance of singing & any style of dancing.

**Clogging:** performance using clogging/duck style and clogging shoes only.

**Lyrical:** performance encompassing balance, flexibility and control utilizing the lyrics of the music to tell a story via choreography & movement.

**Contemporary:** performance containing a combination of lyrical, jazz & modern techniques.

**Pompom:** performance must include such elements as marching, clean & sharp arm movements, kicks, leaps, jumps, and splits. Any type of music is permissible and pompoms must be used for at least 80% of the performance.

**HipHop:** performance using hiphop technique with such moves as body isolations with jumps and pirouettes allowed.

**Prop/Novelty:** performance portraying an easily recognizable character throughout, such as a cat, clown, etc. with coordinating music and costume using a prop for 80% of the performance.

**High Kick:** performance including 55 kicks or more.

**Flag:** routine using a flag that includes basic color guard fundamentals.

**Rifle:** routine using a rifle or saber 80% of the time.

**Open:** performance categories will be separated into three categories: jazz, tap & lyrical. Original choreography with standard time limits using open style and form of dance/drill with or without music. May include more than 2 acrobatic elements. Open may consist of mixed ages.

**Tap:** performance where a dancer taps using tap technique for 80% of the time.

**Open Contemporary:** performance containing a combination of lyrical, ballet & modern techniques for at least 50% of the routine and may include more than 2 acrobatic elements.

**Open Hip Hop:** performance using hip hop technique with such moves as body isolations with jumps for at least 50% of the routine and pirouettes allowed. Other dance elements such as jazz are allowed and routine may contain more than 2 acrobatic elements.

**Open Jazz:** performance using jazz technique with such moves as kicks, splits, isolations, leaps, jumps, etc., for at least 50% of the routine. Routine may have 2 or more added acrobatic elements or other dance styles throughout the dance.

**Open Modern:** performance using modern style, technique, moves and choreography for at least 50% of the routine adding various elements of other styles added to the routine such as contemporary or lyrical. Routing may contain more than 2 acrobatic elements.

**Outstanding Costume:** judged on costume design, fit, workmanship & appearance onstage (judged onstage).

**Photo:** judged on natural looking photo 8x10, to be turned in prior to competition start time. May be in color or black & white. Must be a headshot, but does not have to be made by a professional photographer.

### 3. ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

- ~ To compete for Miss/Mr. DANCE MANIA, the performer must be entered as a soloist in the Solo Division and make an additional Title Holder fee payment.
- ~ All performances will be rated under the point scoring system.
- ~ Performers may not compete against themselves in Solos and not more than 50% of a Duet/Trio may be the same person and compete against themselves in the same age division in the same performance category. Performer may compete against herself in Small Group, Large Group, & Line.
- ~ Dance category can contain no more than 2 acrobatic/gymnastic tricks. Each judge will deduct .5 of a point for routines which contain more than 2 acrobatic/gymnastic tricks in a dance category. Connective tumbling passes are considered as one trick.
- ~ No dangerous props may be used on stage such as fire, sword or knives. General props and gymnastic mats are allowed, however, they must be in place within 2 minutes of performance as timing of the routine will begin at the end of these 2 minutes. After performance, each performer is responsible for the immediate removal of any stage litter (e.g. feathers, confetti, etc) in an efficient manner.
- ~ All Nationals participants/dancers are required to wear some type of dance shoes for all performances on the beach stage.

### 4. ADDITIONAL ENTRY AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

- ~ No phone or fax entries will be accepted. Entries must include full payment cashier's check, money order or credit card payment.
- ~ No additional sound equipment or microphones may be used or connected to the DANCE MANIA sound system. DANCE MANIA will provide one microphone at each regional.
- ~ DANCE MANIA competition is a family oriented event. If the judges feel that the costuming, song lyrics or choreography are too suggestive, sexual or violent, major points will be deducted, the performer or group will not be eligible for the High Point Award, or the entire performance may be suspended. If you have any questions regarding this rule, please contact DANCE MANIA at 228.437.6251.
- ~ All entries must compete on the day and time assigned. Any entries that do not compete on their designated day and time will automatically be adjudicated and will not be eligible for the High Point Award. Any change in competition dates and/or times is at the sole discretion of DANCE MANIA and will be determined by the amount of time available at each Regional/National Competition.
- ~ Solo routines that are not completed the first time and are attempted a second time will be adjudicated only and are not eligible for the High Point Award. Circumstances resulting from DANCE MANIA staff error that cause a performer to restart a performance will not be included in this rule.
- ~ No CASH refunds will be made for any reason. Reasonable and proven excuses will receive DANCE MANIA credit toward future events and activities.
- ~ Replacements for broken trophies can be purchased. DANCE MANIA does not keep extra inventory for replacements.
- ~ DANCE MANIA will mail score sheets and other competition materials only if DANCE MANIA is responsible for a delay in providing them during competition. If materials are ready but you fail to pick them up after competition ends, DANCE MANIA is not responsible for getting these materials to you. You may request that they be sent to you upon providing payment for mailing/shipping costs.

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## DANCE MANIA AWARDS

Each entry will be adjudicated and receive an individual achievement award.

### THE SCORING SYSTEM

Elite Platinum...300-287.5 Double Platinum...287.4-279.5 Platinum...279.4-269.5 Elite Gold...269.4 & below

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Technique...30 points                      Choreography...25 points                      Presentation...25 points  
Music & Sound...10 points                      Costuming...10 points

One trophy will be awarded to the top 1st place entry in each performance category.

A minimum of 269.5 points (Platinum) must be obtained by an entry to receive a top 1st if they are uncontested.

All ties are broken 1st by technique score, 2nd by choreography, 3rd by presentation, 4th by music, & 5th by costuming.

## **OVERALL AWARDS FOR LEVEL I AND LEVEL II**

Top overall solo – 9 & under                      Top overall solo – 10 to 14                      Top overall solo – 15 & up  
Top overall duet/trio – 9 & under                      Top overall duet/trio – 10 to 14                      Top overall duet/trio–15&up

Overall groups and Top Hats will be awarded to the highest scoring group in each age division.

The highest scoring soloist and duet/trios in Level I and Level II will be awarded for top scores in each age division.

The overall “high point” soloist award will be awarded to the highest scoring soloist in each age division for Level II only.

The same contestant can compete in up to three solos for adjudication, with only the two highest scores eligible for placement in overalls.

## **DANCER OF THE YEAR**

The highest scoring soloist from all regional competitions will earn these awards:

Mini Photo Shoot; Spotlight/Features on DANCE MANIA Website, Facebook page, and Competition Program; Encore Performance Opportunity at DANCE MANIA Nationals; Cash Prize; Additional Fun Prizes.

DMI Judges Panel will break any ties that occur for Dancer of the Year.

## **TITLE DIVISIONS**

The same contestant can compete two solos with title entries, with the highest scoring solo of the two eligible for placement. Mr. and Miss compete against each other when in the same age division.

There are two divisions for title entries. Level I and Level II will be awarded separately for all age divisions.

Miss/Mr. DM Mini                      Miss/Mr. DM PeeWee                      Miss/Mr. DM Elementary                      Miss/Mr. DM Junior  
Miss/Mr. DM Teen                      Miss/Mr. DM Senior                      Miss/Mr. DM Adult

ALL LEVEL II REGIONAL TITLE HOLDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PERFORM IN THE DANCE MANIA OPENING NUMBER AT SUN CITY NATIONALS IN PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

**SPECIALTY AWARDS** are not chosen by a point system.

Most Entertaining                      Best Costume                      Best Choreography

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD** is awarded to the studio that reflects the best attitude toward other studios and performers while backstage and during competition. This is chosen by our backstage staff.

Top Sportsmanship studio receives a \$150.00 Backdrops Beautiful Certificate.  
1st runner Sportsmanship studio up receives a \$100.00 Backdrops Beautiful Certificate.  
2nd runner up Sportsmanship studio receives a \$50.00 Backdrops Beautiful Certificate.

## **PHOTOGENIC AWARD**

Most Photogenic: 9 & under

Most Photogenic: 10-14

Most Photogenic: 15 & up

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## **DANCE MANIA TITLE**

Title will have Level 1 and Level 2 for entries. Mr. and Miss Title participants will compete together in the appropriate age division. An uncontested title participant will be required to score an Elite Gold to receive a Title Award.

The Title competition is set up in a basic audition format. It will be helpful to anyone pursuing any type of interview or audition in the future. The Title competition consists of three areas and will be worth a total 400 points.

**Solo:** demonstrates talent ability. (possible 300 points)

**Photograph:** should be an 8x10 color or black and white headshot photo that displays individuality, demonstrates qualities of yourself, and is age appropriate. This photograph is separate from Mr. and Miss Photogenic. Photographs should be turned in to the registration desk during the registration. Photograph should be labeled with the contestant's name, entry number, age division and dance studio. (possible 50 points)

**Interview** (offstage): to help determine personality, attitude, etc. This will be short and informal (approximately 1-2 minutes) and is done with a title judge after the contestant performs his/her solo. (possible 50 points)

Remember that sometimes the best dancer will not win the title. The solo is a huge part, but other variables are considered when judging the competition.

A solo contestant entering 2 solos in the title division can do so if they are in different categories. Only the contestant's highest scoring solo will be eligible for title placement.

Soloist entering title are eligible for overall solo placement, but only the highest scoring solo will be eligible for overall solo placement.

Absolutely no title changes or title additions will be made 72 hours prior to the event.

### **AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THESE DIVISIONS:**

LEVEL 1: Mini 0-6, PeeWee 7-9, Elementary 10-12, Junior 13-14, Teen 15-16, Senior 17-18, College 19-23

LEVEL 2: Mini 0-6, PeeWee 7-9, Elementary 10-12, Junior 13-14, Teen 15-16, Senior 17-18, College 19-23

Only Level 2 will be eligible for participation in the opening number at Nationals.