



# 2022 Inspire National Dance Competition Nationals Official Rules & Regulations

*Failure to comply with the rules outlined below may result in disqualification*

## Qualifications

- Studio entries must score a Flawless Gem, Crystal Diamond, Diamond or Sapphire to be eligible to compete at Nationals.
- If a studio does not attend an Inspire Regional Competition or if any particular entry was unable to compete, they may contact Inspire management for consideration.

## Master Classes

FREE MASTER CLASSES are available to all dancers registered in the Inspire Nationals Event. The class schedule will be based on the competition schedule. No cell phones, small children or other distractions will be allowed. Parents and teachers are welcome to observe.

## Inspire Improv

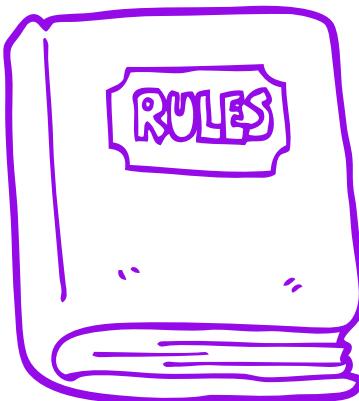
Improv auditions are available to all dancers, following a \$40 registration fee. Upon registration, dancers will receive their audition number. Dancers will receive audition and improvisation tips from our choreographers prior to the audition. All participants will listen to an excerpt of preselected music, then will be divided into groups to perform. Inspire Improv winners will be selected by age group. Winners will be given a certificate, a dance top and will perform an improv selection as the opening number for the Inspire Solo and Duo/Trio Crystal Title Showcase.

# Inspire All-Star Classes and Choreography

- Dancers were selected at regional competitions to participate as Inspire All-Stars. Participating dancers must self-register at least 3 weeks prior to the event through our website [inspirendc.com/registration/](http://inspirendc.com/registration/). There is a \$75 registration fee to participate as an Inspire All-Star. This fee covers the choreography classes and a dance top to be worn during the performance.
  - Only 150 spots are available; registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please register and pay early to reserve your spot.
  - Inspire All-Stars will have the opportunity to receive choreography/master classes in all subjects to prepare for the opening number of the Crystal Showcase Championship on the last day of Nationals.
  - There will be an Inspire All-Star meeting for all All-Star dancers and their parents/teachers on the first day of Nationals. The complete Inspire All-Star rehearsal schedule will be posted with the competition schedule, at least one week prior to Nationals.
  - Performance attire for the opening number will be ANY black bra top and black bottoms. In addition, all dancers are encouraged to bring all of their dance shoes, as the Inspire All-Star production will include several types of dance. Dancers may only appear in a portion of the routine and Inspire does not guarantee which sections of the routine a dancer will dance.
  - Dancers are expected to be at EVERY All-Star rehearsal. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the All-Star routine.
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## General Rules & Guidelines

- All Nationals entries must be registered online at least 30 days prior to the first day of competition.
- All entries will remain in the same age division as they competed in Regionals. Exceptions can be made by contacting Inspire management.
- Entries may drop from a line to large group, large group to small group or small group to duo/trio.
- Dancer substitutions are allowed; however, permission must be obtained prior to Nationals.



# Awards for Round One

	Competition Elite	Competition	Recreational
Flawless Gem	295-300	292-300	N/A
Crystal Diamond	282-294.9	278-291.9	275-300
Diamond	268-281.9	258-277.9	250-274.9
Sapphire	253-267.9	238-257.9	225-249.9
Emerald	238-252.9	218-237.9	200-224.9
Ruby	225-237.9	200-217.9	175-199.9

All entries will be judged during round one of Nationals.

If there are 5 or more entries in a category, performance awards will be given to performances with the highest total points.

The 8 performance awards categories are as follows:

1. Top Jazz Performance
2. Top Tap/Clogging Performance
3. Top Hip-Hop Performance
4. Top Lyrical Performance
5. Top Contemporary Performance
6. Top Musical Theatre/ Vocal Performance
7. Top Ballet/Pointe Performance
8. Top Open/Modern/Acro/Pom-Pon Performance

Each top performance group will be awarded a plaque and each top performance solo/duo/trio will be given an award.

- Judges' Choice and People's Choice will be awarded during each initial round of competition.
- Entries that are selected to return for the Crystal Showcase (solo/duo/trio) and the Crystal Showcase Championship (group) will be awarded a *Back to The Stage* Crystal Showcase pass (limit one per dancer). Please see below for more information regarding showcase selection.

# Crystal Showcase Showdown

## Solo and Duo/Trio Crystal Title Showcase:

- The top scoring solo/duo/trios, in all age and competition divisions, will compete in the Crystal Title Showcase on the second/third day of Nationals.
- There must be at least 7 duo/trios and 10 solos in each category in order to compete in the solo and duo/trio showdown.
- If there are 25+ solos in any given age and division, the top 5 entries will be invited back; 20-24, the top 4 entries; 15-19, the top 3; 10-14, the top 2. A soloist may only perform their highest scoring solo in the showcase.
- If there are 10+ duo/trios in any given age in division, the top 3 entries will be invited back; 7-9, the top 2. Duo/trios must consist of at least one differing dancer in order for two duo/trios from the same studio to be eligible for the showdown.
- A cash prize will be paid to the highest scoring solo and duo/trio in each age and division with the minimum number of solos and duo/trios required (10 & 7 respectively).
- In addition, certain solo/duo/trios will be selected by the judges as Deja Vu Dancers. These dancers are selected from categories that do not have enough entries to be eligible for the showdown. The Deja Vu Dancers will re-perform their entries during the Crystal Title Showcase for top scoring entries within their division. No cash prizes will be given for these performances.
- There will also be a Top Score of the Showcase award presented.

## Group/Line Crystal Showcase Championship:

- The top 2-5 highest scoring small groups and large groups/lines in the Petite, Junior, Teen and senior ages, in all divisions, will compete in the Crystal Showcase Championship. Qualification is based on score and not ranking; if there is a tie for the final spot, all tied routines will be allowed to compete. Small groups will compete separately from large groups/lines, which will compete together. If there are 16+ entries in any given age/division, the top 5 entries will be invited back; 12-15, the top 4; 8-11, the top 3; 4-7, the top 2.
- A studio can only have more than one group in any given age and division, if the additional group is comprised of entirely (100%) different dancers from the other group. Otherwise, only the highest scoring group may participate in a division.
- If a studio ties itself for Crystal Showcase qualification, the judges will decide which routine can participate.
- Performance order is determined by a blind draw.
- Cash prizes and awards will be given to the top 3 placements in each division, if there are 5+ routines; however, it is possible that more than 5 routines be included if there is a tie. Cash prizes and awards will be given to the top 2 placements if there are 4 routines and to first place only if there are 3 or less routines.
- There will also be a Top Score of the Showcase award presented.

### **Crystal Production Showcase Championship:**

- All productions will compete in the Crystal Showcase Production Showcase Championship on the final day of Nationals. There will a champion for each division.
- There must be at least 3 productions in each division (2+ studios) in order to compete in the Production Showcase. If there are less than 3 productions, the routines will compete with the other lines and will be eligible for the Group/Line Showcase.
- The Competition and Competition Elite Showcase Championship winners will receive \$375 cash AND \$375 in Inspire credit. The Recreational Showcase Championship winner will receive \$250 cash AND \$250 Inspire credit. Inspire credit can be used to purchase merchandise or can go towards registration fees for the 2023 Season.

