



2023 Inspire National Dance Competition Nationals Official Rules & Regulations

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

Qualifications

- Studio entries must achieve a Crystal Diamond, Diamond or Sapphire adjudication at a regional event to attend the Inspire NDC Nationals.
- If a studio does not attend an Inspire Regional Competition or if a particular entry was unable to compete at a regional, they may contact Inspire NDC management for consideration.

Master Classes

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

Inspire Improv

Our Improv Auditions are available for all dancers. There is a \$50 registration fee for entry into this audition. Dancers will receive a number upon registration on-site. Dancers will receive audition and improvisation tips from our choreographers prior to their audition. The audition will be divided by age division. All participants will listen to an excerpt of the music that has been selected. They will be divided into groups and will perform. Select dancers from each age division will be selected as Inspire Improv Winners. These winners will be given a certificate, a dance top and will perform a selection of improv as an opening for our Inspire S/D/T Crystal Showcase.

Inspire All-Star Classes and Choreography

- Select Junior, Teen and Senior ~ Competition and Competition Elite dancers were selected at Inspire 2023 regional events to participate as All Stars. Dancers that are participating as Inspire All-Stars must self-register by June 1st through the website: <https://inspirendc.com/all-stars/all-star-registration/>
- There is a maximum of 150 spots available, so please register and pay early to reserve your spot.
- All-Stars have the opportunity to receive choreography/master classes in all subjects of dance to prepare for the opening number of our **Crystal Showcase Championship**. This event will take place on the last day of the Nationals event.
- There will be an All-Star meeting for all All-Star dancers and their parents/teachers on the first day of Nationals. The complete, detailed All-Star rehearsal schedule will be posted when the competition schedule is posted, at least one week prior to the Nationals event.
- The costume for the opening number is ANY black top and black bottom. All All-Stars should bring this with them to the National event. Dancers should also bring all of their dance shoes; the All-Star production will include several dance styles. Most dancers will only appear in portions of the dance. Inspire NDC does not guarantee which sections you will dance in.
- There is a \$100 registration fee to participate as an Inspire All-Star. This fee covers the choreography classes and a dance top to be worn during the Opening Number Performance.
- This is an exciting opportunity - but it takes hard work and dedication to participate as an All-Star. These selected dancers are expected to be at every All-Star Rehearsal.

General Rules & Guidelines

- All National entries must register online 30 days prior to the competition date.
- All entries will remain in the same age division for Nationals as they competed at Regionals. Entries may change levels and categories with permission from Inspire Management.
- Entries may drop from a Line to a Large Group, a Large Group to a Small Group, a Small Group to a Duet/Trio.
- Inspire will allow dancer substitutions for duet/trios, small groups, large groups, and lines. However, permission must be obtained before the Nationals event.

Awards for Round One

All entries will be judged during round one of Nationals.

Nationals Adjudication Scale

	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

Top Performance awards will be given to performances with the highest overall total points in each category (when there are 5 or more entries).

The 8 Top 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 awarded an award.

- Judges 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 (groups) will be awarded with a "Back to the Stage" Crystal Showcase Pass (one per dancer). Please see specifics below for information on selection into the Showcase.

Crystal Showcase Showdown

Solo and Duo/Trio Crystal Showcase:

- The top scoring solos and duet/trios in 2 age brackets (11 and Under & 12 and Up), in all divisions (Rec/Comp/Comp Elite), will compete in the Crystal Showcase, which will take place on the second or third day of Nationals.
- The top 3-6 scoring Solos and the top 2-4 scoring Duo/Trios will be invited back based on the number of routines in round one.
- A cash prize will be paid to the highest scoring solo and duet/trio in each age and division with the minimum number of solos/duos/trios required.

11 & Under Solo Crystal Showcase: Top 3-6	12 & Up Solo Crystal Showcase: Top 3-6
For all Minis, Petites & Juniors, Broken down by level	For all Teens & Seniors, Broken down by level

11 & Under Duet/Trio Crystal Showcase: Top 2-4	12 & Up Duet/Trio Crystal Showcase: Top 2-4
For all Minis, Petites & Juniors, Broken down by level	For all Teens & Seniors, Broken down by level

Group/Line/Production Crystal Showcase Championship:

- The top 3-5 highest scoring groups in 2 age brackets (11 and Under & 12 and Up), in all divisions (Rec/Comp/Comp Elite), will compete in the Crystal Showcase, which will take place on the final day of Nationals.
- In addition, one routine from each age bracket will be selected as the Judge's "Groundbreaker" and will be invited back to the showcase.
- The top 2-4 highest scoring lines/productions in 2 age brackets (11 and Under & 12 and Up), in all divisions (Rec/Comp/Comp Elite), will compete in the Crystal Showcase, which will take place on the final day of Nationals.
- A studio can only have 2 dances in a particular age bracket and division.
- Cash prizes and awards will be awarded to the top three placements in each division if there are five routines. Cash prizes and awards will be awarded to the top two placements if there are four routines and to the top first place only if there are three or less routines.

11 & Under Group/Line/Production: Top 2-5	12 & Upr Group/Line/Production: Top 2-5
For all Minis, Petites & Juniors, Broken down by level Additional Ground Breaker Determined by Judges	For all Teens & Seniors, Broken down by level Additional Ground Breaker Determined by Judges