

# TWD COMPETITION



## Information

Please read through this letter carefully, as there is a lot of important information. We are so excited it is competition season! We can't wait to watch all of our dancers shine!

## Be Prepared.

- Bring a backpack, garment bag or laundry basket for all your stuff (especially if in more than one class).
- LABEL your items!
- Double check your bag - make sure you have everything you need.
- Allow yourself plenty of time - it will be busy at the venue - parking can take awhile.
- BREATHE and ENJOY being able to show off all of your hard work.
- Pack extra hair spray, make-up, bobby pins, & safety pins.
- Bring snacks if you're there for a long time - drinks MUST have a leak proof cover!
- There will be a TWD Store - typically by the entrance. Plan amongst yourself if this is somewhere you will stop!



## Competition Cost

- Regular Competition Season
  - \$45.00 for 1st Routine
  - \$23.00 for 2nd Routine
  - \$14.00 for 3rd Routine
  - \$13.00 for each additional routine
- 2026 Nationals
  - \$52.00 for 1st Routine
  - \$25.00 for 2nd Routine
  - \$16.00 for 3rd Routine
  - \$15.00 for each additional routine

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**What to Wear:** Dancers should wear their warm up outfits with costumes underneath. A nude leotard to wear under their uniforms helps a TON for dancers in multiple classes. Dancers should bring all costume pieces. Make sure your tights are free from any tears, you have both shoes, hair pieces, and earrings. Please make sure your undergarments *cannot be seen with your costume*, and that the color of these are *nude or neutral light color (NO black, navy, bright colors)* so they cannot be seen through the costume - this includes underwear! **PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMOVE ALL JEWELRY.**

**Hair & Make-Up:** K-12th grade will wear their hair in a slicked low bun with a middle part. See picture. We want hair extremely slicked back using gel and hairspray. No fly aways please. Bun should be at the nape of your neck and secured with bobby pins and hair spray; a bun builder with a hair net is helpful. If you have a dancer with thick or very long hair, braiding the extra hair to wrap around the base of the bun builder works well. Dancers should wear performance make up. This includes foundation, blush, brown eyeshadow (see picture) and red lipstick. We also highly encourage false lashes or mascara! The reason for wearing make up is to enhance facial expressions and to be seen from the judges area - they typically sit at the top of the bleachers and make up helps your dancer's face "pop"! There are how-to videos posted on BAND if you would like to watch me do make up and hair.



Make-Up



Put hair piece here!

Hair

**Sportsmanship:** Parents & dancers, as we compete alongside teams from many towns, please remember that those around you in the stands and throughout the venue are fellow dance families. We are a competitive program that strives for excellence, but we also expect Waterville Area dancers and fans to be known for kindness, respect, and great sportsmanship. No matter the outcome, a positive attitude is expected all day. Every dancer on that floor is someone's child.

Dance is subjective. While we can't control how our routines are scored, we can control our preparation, effort and how we represent ourselves. Dancers are expected to maintain a positive mindset, especially during awards and afterward. After each performance, I ask dancers to name one thing they did well to focus on growth beyond placements. This would be a great question for you as their BIGGEST FAN to ask them after their performances!

For more on what judges look for, Just For Kix offers helpful resources:  
<https://shop.justforkix.com/pages/judging>