

Competition Newsletter



PARTICIPANT WRISTBANDS

I will receive wristbands for paid participants, which will be distributed the day of competition. Dancers will not be able to participate the day of competition without the wristband. Your account will be billed for each event a week or 2 before the competition- please log in and pay by end of day of the Wednesday before the competition.



ADMISSION FEE

There will be NO Admission fee at any of the TWD Competitions.

We are so excited for our competition season to continue! These are big events—remember to allow plenty of time to find parking and walking into the building. Please make sure your dancer gets enough rest the night before and has a good breakfast! It can be a long high energy day, but a very fun one! Please make sure we stay positive through the whole day for our dancers and representing our town :)

Competition divisions are based on grade range and class size. Your division may not have the same title as your normal class name. You can plan for about 3 hours for each class to be at the event from time of arrival, performance, & awards!

HAIR/UNIFORM

Changing areas are limited so it is best to arrive in uniform with hair and make up done. If you are in two or more dances it is recommended to wear a leotard under for easy changing.

*****Do not change out in the open - please use changing tents provided.*****

*Hair is to be VERY NEAT; pulled back into a tight mid-low bun with middle part.

*lipstick and blush are a MUST

*Dancers bra's or tummys' are not to be showing through their uniforms or when their arms are lifted - if so then they need to have a nude/tan or clear straps and/or tank top under.

MEETING AREA

We will have an assigned meeting place to gather. This will be in a email closer to competition! Please remember to bring minimal personal belongings, items left in the meeting area are done so at your own risk. Put everything in one bag; label it with your name and town.

HOW DO I FIND MY DANCER AFTER THE COMPETITION?

Dancers can be picked up off of the floor after awards- if you are not able to get down to the floor fast enough, we will then meet you back at our meeting area!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance again is very important-we are entering our busy schedule. To make sure that your dancer is staying up to date with choreography they need to be at practice. Dance is a team sport... it takes the WHOLE class there to make improvements. If your dancer is going to be gone please let me know. If your dancer missing 2 or more practices the month before competitions-we will evaluate if your dancer can participate or not.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Competition day is an exciting and high-adrenaline day. At this point in the season, the dancers are still working on polishing and mastering new skills. As always, this will be a tough competition. I have prepared the dancers for that fact, but sometimes I think we as parents need to be prepared for that as well. We are biased to your kids. I like to stress to our dancers to do their best, display good sportsmanship, learn something new and enjoy the day!! That's what I try to do too-Thanks for your support of your dancers!!

TOGETHER WE DANCE COMPETITION FEES

At ALL of our TWDS, we have gone to a no-gate admission policy again this year. The dancers pay an upfront entry fee. This is something we have gradually started changing over to. Many costs are incurred when running an event. Rent of the facility, announcer, judges, tabulators, staff travel, staff food and lodging, insurance, office set up time, post office, payroll, and so on.

ENTRY FEES FOR SAUK RAPIDS, BRAINERD & ST. CLOUD

\$45.00 for 1st Routine
\$23.00 for 2nd Routine
\$14.00 for 3rd Routine
\$13.00 for each additional routine

ENTRY FEES FOR ROCHESTER NATIONALS COMPETITION:

\$52.00 for 1st Routine
\$25.00 for 2nd Routine
\$16.00 for 3rd Routine
\$15.00 for each additional routine