

**PAYNESVILLE - COMPETITION DETAILS as of Friday, April 24th 2025 at 10:30am
– PLEASE CHECK EMAIL AGAIN BEFORE BED ON TUESDAY NIGHT TO CONFIRM
THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED!**

1. Rochester Nationals Together We Dance Competition –

Thursday, April 30th – Jr. Hip Hop (regular divisions and Showcase)

Friday, May 1st – Jr. Jazz (reg. division), Jr. Lyrical (reg. division), and Jr. Kix (reg. division and Showcase)

2. Location: Mayo Civic Center

30 Civic Center Dr SE

Rochester, MN 55904

This is our largest event of the year – remember to allow PLENTY of time to find parking, walk into the building, and find our meeting location. Make sure you note the ROOM that each team is competing in for each division. Please reach out with any questions!

3. ADMISSION - There will be NO ADMISSION at any of the TWD Competitions.

4. PARTICIPANT WRISTBANDS - Directors 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. Thank you!

5. LUNCH/MONEY - There will be food & merchandise available for purchase. Outside food/drink is not permitted. This venue is cashless at all concession stands! Cash will still be accepted at Just For Kix merchandise tables.

6. HAIR/UNIFORM – Please arrive in uniform with hair and make-up done. Please check to make sure you have all costume pieces NOW. Red lipstick is required for all competing dancers; blush is recommended, any other make-up is optional. If you are in two or more dances it is recommended to wear a leotard under for easy changing; only if the leotard is not visible under the costume. Make sure your hair is VERY NEAT – all classes should wear their hair in a low bun with a CENTER part, same as for all performances this year. For those in more than one class – changing areas are limited, but DO NOT change out in the open; please use changing tents provided – THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AT THIS EVENT!

7. NO GLITTER - Teams wearing glitter may be disqualified. This is a facility issue – glitter is very hard to clean up off the performance floor.

8. MEETING AREA - We will have an assigned meeting place to gather. Our meeting area is the EX. HALL 1. We may need to move to practice elsewhere, so please be on time in case the team goes elsewhere to practice. Please remember to bring minimal personal belongings, items left in the meeting area are done so at your own risk as we will be sharing the space with several other programs. Put everything in one bag; label all personal items with your name and town.

9. PARKING – Please see the attached map to locate parking. I cannot stress enough to give yourself LOTS of time to park and walk into the venue! Please see below, from the Mayo Civic Center website and the JFK home office:

- **Parking (from Mayo Civic Center Website)** -When attending events at Mayo Civic Center, look for the Parking Logo which will direct you to available lots and ramps. The Civic Center Ramp is located on the west side of Civic Center Drive across the street from the center and is attached by a climate-controlled skyway. The Civic Center South Lot is located across the river from the Mayo Civic Center and offers an additional 240 parking spaces. Civic Center flat lot is North of the building. All-day parking is available for a fee - see Pay at Box for current rates.

- **Free Parking** - Park FREE in any City ramp on weekdays after 5 PM and until 1 AM and weekends from 9 AM to 1 AM.

- **Parking Meter Hours** - Meters are enforced 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, except major holidays. Meters are not enforced after 5 PM on weekdays or on Saturdays or Sundays.

10. HOW DO I FIND MY DANCER AFTER THE COMPETITION - Please meet your dancer back in our meeting area after awards are done.

11. DIVISIONS - Competition divisions are based on grade range and class size. Your division may not have the same title as your normal class name. The final schedule will be posted online at www.justforkix.com/twd

12. JUDGING – The same judging sheet will be used as the last competition; this was discussed at our parent meeting! At Nationals, there are five judges instead of three, and rank points are used to determine placements. Read more about this method of judging here -

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13. MESSAGE TO PARENTS - Competition day is an exciting and high-adrenaline day. 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. **Be prepared that since this is the last event of the season, this is generally a very emotional day...especially for our seniors. Please do your best to keep a positive spin on all that we do and experience that day; our kids have worked so, so hard for this and it should be a day of celebrating all that they have achieved this year, *no matter how placements shake out!* Scoring is generally more difficult at this competition, **ESPECIALLY** during Senior Showcase.**

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!! I will ALWAYS stress that doing our best is more important than being the best and that I will love them the same no matter if we get first place or last place. In our program we are also very clear with kids that poor sportsmanship will NOT be tolerated. Thanks for your support of your dancers no matter the outcome of the day!!

14. Below are dancer's arrival times, performance and awards times, and locations for each of the classes that are attending. Reminder, the entire competition takes place at the Mayo Civic Center, but the competition will be going on in four different rooms simultaneously; we have teams competing in 2-3 rooms each day, plus soloists in a fourth room, so please be sure to note where each team will be dancing! I have attached a map of the facility for reference and they always have very good signage to help direct people at this event.

*I have listed classes in the order in which they will perform for the day with the exception of **Showcase teams (Jr. Hip Hop and Jr. Kix)**, as these teams will compete in a regular division as well as their Showcase. For Showcase, we will compete in Prelims first with the possibility to move on to Finals. The times for ALL of these events for ALL Showcase teams are below, color coded.*

THURSDAY, April 30th - Hip Hop:

Jr. Hip Hop

Jr. Hip Hop - Regular Division Arrival time: 1:30pm

Jr. Hip Hop - Regular Division Performance time: 2:12pm

Jr. Hip Hop - Regular Division Awards: 2:40pm

Jr. Hip Hop - Regular Division Location: AUDITORIUM – SIDE B

Hip Hop Showcase Prelims Arrival time: 4:00pm

Hip Hop Showcase Prelims Performance time: 4:43pm

Hip Hop Showcase Prelims Location: ARENA

*****Becker performs 5 routines after Paynesville, so we will all stay in the ARENA together until the second team is done. After Becker's performance at 5:08pm, this is the only guaranteed 20 minute break for the evening, so following their performance we will head back to the practice area so kids can eat quick before coming back for the finalists announcement. If you are wanting to meet them, please meet us there immediately following Becker's performance.**

Hip Hop Showcase Finalists Announcement Arrival time: 5:35pm

Hip Hop Showcase Finalists Announced: 5:45pm

Hip Hop Showcase Finalists Announcement Location: ARENA

If our team advances to Finals....

Hip Hop Showcase Finals Arrival time: just stay with instructors after finalist's announcement

Hip Hop Showcase Finals: 6:20-8:03pm

*****they will give finalists a random performance order, so will not know what time we dance until that day**

Hip Hop Showcase Finals Awards: 8:18pm

Hip Hop Showcase Finals and Awards Location: ARENA

FRIDAY, MAY 1st – JAZZ, LYRICAL, KICK:

*****Classes are listed in the order in which they will perform that day**

Jr. Jazz

Arrival time: 9:00am

Performance time: 10:07am

Awards: 10:22am

Location: EXHIBITION HALL

Jr. Lyrical

Arrival time: 9:50am

Performance time: 11:04am

Awards: 11:07am

Location: AUDITORIUM – SIDE A

Jr. Kix

Jr. Kix - Regular Division Arrival time: 11:35am

Jr. Kix - Regular Division Performance time: 12:19pm

Jr. Kix - Regular Division Awards: 12:55pm

Jr. Kix - Regular Division Location: ARENA

Kick Showcase Prelims Arrival time: 2:20pm

Kick Showcase Prelims Performance time: 3:11pm

Kick Showcase Prelims Location: ARENA

*****Following their performance, we will head back to the practice area for kids to be picked up by parents so they can eat before coming back for Senior Recognition and the finalist's announcement. Please meet us there by 3:20pm if you plan to pick them up. If kids want to stay with us to cheer for Becker dancing at 4:07pm, they are welcome to stay, but not required to!**

Kick Showcase Finalists Announcement and Senior Recognition Arrival time: 6:00pm

Senior Recognition: 6:24-6:40pm

Kick Showcase Finalists Announced: 6:44pm

Kick Showcase Finalists Announcement Location: ARENA

If our team advances to Finals....

Kick Showcase Finals Arrival time: just stay with instructors after finalist's announcement

Kick Showcase Finals: 7:15-8:15pm

*****they will give finalists a random performance order, so will not know what time we dance until that day**

*****At 8:15pm, dancers can EITHER stay and watch AAA and AAAA Finals with coaches or get picked up by parents – if getting picked up, dancers must return to the ARENA (where we are watching) to meet the team for awards by 9:00pm.**

Kick Showcase Finals Awards: 9:10pm

Kick Showcase Finals and Awards Location: ARENA