



# 2024 NATIONAL FINAL RULES

VERSION 19.1

## REGISTRATION

- Groups may enter a smaller division.
- Substitutions are allowed, however you must refigure the average age of the group. *If a dancer from a higher level is added to the group, the performance level will be refigured.*

## PERFORMANCE LEVELS

- Studio Directors may choose to move a routine to a higher performance level at nationals providing that it doesn't break any regional rules.
- In order for a routine to be entered in a lower performance level it must have received a score lower than a 275 at a Regional competition. Routine must also adhere to all other performance division rules.

## TITLE PAGEANT

- **NEW:** There will be 1 title winner per age division. After participating in all aspects of the pageant, the highest scoring dancer will be awarded the title of Performer of the Year.
- Any All Star Soloist may enter one solo into the Title Pageant.
- Solos entered in the Title Pageant are also eligible for overall high score awards and do not recompute during the title competition.
- Title winners are determined by highest combined score; Title class score, Interview score and Solo score.
- All contestants must compete in each element at the scheduled time.
- Contestants should wear appropriate dancewear for the class portion and Semi-Formal/Formal for the Interview.
- Title winners from each age division will receive a sash, trophy, and a \$150 cash award. National title holders may not compete for the same title at regionals or nationals the following year.

## HIGH SCORE AWARDS

- In the Shooting and Rising Star Divisions, 1st place gift certificates will be given when there are 10 or more entries in an overall division.
- In the All Star Division, cash awards will be given when there are 10 or more entries in an overall division.
- All gift certificates and cash awards will be awarded to the studio.

### SHOOTING STAR DIVISION

	1ST PLACE
SOLO	\$100
DUO/TRIO	\$125
SMALL GROUP	\$150
LARGE GROUP	\$175
LINE	\$200

### RISING STAR DIVISION

	1ST PLACE
SOLO	\$125
DUO/TRIO	\$150
SMALL GROUP	\$175
LARGE GROUP	\$200
LINE	\$225

### ALL STAR DIVISION

	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
SOLO	\$150	\$125	\$100
DUO/TRIO	\$175	\$150	\$125
SMALL GROUP	\$200	\$175	\$150
LARGE GROUP	\$225	\$200	\$175
LINE	\$250	\$225	\$200

## GROUP CHALLENGES

- Group routines may earn the chance to compete again in the Group Challenge for their performance level. Each Studio may only have 1 routine per age, size, and performance level competing in each Challenge.
- If there is a tie for qualifying for a Challenge, the Judges will choose which routine is selected.

**The Shooting Star Challenge:** The Top 5 highest scoring groups in each of the following divisions; Small Groups, Large Groups, and Lines will be invited to compete in the Challenge. The Top 5 will be awarded and the winning routine will be named the Shooting Star Award Winner, winner of a \$250 Gift Certificate.

**The Rising Star Challenge:** The Top 5 highest scoring 12 & Under and 13 & Over groups in each of the following divisions; Small Groups, Large Groups, and Lines will be invited to compete in the Challenge. The Top 5 will be awarded in the 12 & Under and 13 & Over divisions and the winning routines will be named the Rising Star Award Winner, winner of a \$250 Gift Certificate.

**The Production & All Star Line Challenge:** When entries permit, Productions and All Star Lines will compete in their own session known as The Production & All Star Line Challenge. Routines will compete once and be eligible for Overall Awards as well as Challenge Awards. The Challenge Awards will be given to the Top 5 highest scoring routines in the 12 & Under and 13 & Over age divisions. Studios may only place once in each Division.

**NEW:** The 5 highest scoring routines from different studios will be invited to recompile for the Line & Production Stellar Award in the Ultimate Challenge.

**The Ultimate Challenge:** The Top 10 highest scoring Large Groups and Small Groups in the 12 & Under and 13 & Over divisions will be invited to compete in the Ultimate Challenge. The Top 5 will be awarded in the following divisions; 12 & Under Small Groups, 12 & Under Large Groups, 13 & Over Small Groups, and 13 & Over Large Groups. The highest scoring 12 & under, 13 & over, and Line/Production routine will be awarded the Stellar Award and a \$500 Cash Prize.

*The National Stellar Award winners may not compete the same routine the following year, at either a regional or national competition.*

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR REGIONAL RULES FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED. EXCEPT WHERE NOTED ABOVE, ALL REGIONAL RULES APPLY TO THE NATIONAL FINALS.**

