



New Orleans, LA Event Protocols and Restrictions For Attending Studios

*In these uncertain times, we are honored to be hosting an event where dancers have the opportunity to shine on stage! Please be aware that the following protocols and restrictions are going to be **strictly enforced** for the **safety and well-being** of **all studios as well as our team members**. Your Director will be reaching out to you prior to your attendance to discuss any details in regards to your scheduled performance time.*

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Our competition's number ONE priority and ability to host an event for your dancers is solely based on the health and safety of all attendees. **MASKS are REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES by any person who enters the venue area. Any guest violating this requirement will be escorted off the premises. Please inform your families of the importance of complying with this rule!**
- Due to the strict COVID-19 venue restrictions, **there will be limited venue capacity.**
- Live stream feed of all performances will be provided for your families' viewing pleasure from their phones.
- Please advise your families to practice social distancing in all areas of the premises. (both inside and outside).
- No masks required on stage
- Once your schedule has been set as final, it cannot be changed at the event.

TEACHER WALKTHROUGH & CHECK-IN:

- **Studio owners and all teachers** please arrive **1 hour before** the first performance for a walkthrough of the venue explaining the layout of the area, direction of traffic, dressing rooms, and to pick up the studios wristbands for dancers, staff and approved number of guests that will be in attendance.
- Please inform your **dancers and parents** to arrive no earlier than **30 mins before** their scheduled performances time.
- **Limited Venue Capacity:** The Venue Capacity is based upon the number of dancers attending within that specific block you are competing in. This venue will allow 200 in the audience. If you have more than 100 dancers please do not exceed the max capacity of 200 dancers/guests. Please email me with the number of teachers and guests you plan on attending for occupancy approval so we can prepare your participation wristbands.
- It will be the studio's responsibility to disperse wristbands for each approved guest/teacher/dancer upon arrival.
EACH GUEST/DANCER/TEACHER ENTERING THE BUILDING MUST HAVE A WRISTBAND.
- **NOTE: SOME STUDIOS ARE IN A BLOCK WITH MULTIPLE STUDIOS TO HELP WITH COSTUME CHANGING ISSUES, THEREFORE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU SEND US YOUR ATTENDANCE NUMBERS FOR APPROVAL TO MAKE SURE WE DO NOT EXCEED THE 200 GUEST CAPACITY.**
Please email to Sue@dancekar.com

DRESSING ROOMS:

- There are multiple dressing rooms, dressing room A 8 guests, dressing room B 8 guests, dressing room C 6 guests, dressing room D 8 guests, North Ballroom will allow for 50 guests. All costumes and bags may be stored in the dressing rooms, however, please be aware of the maximum occupancy limits.
- **We will not provide pop-up tents**, however, your families may choose to bring their own pop-up tents.
- **All dancers must use the appropriate dressing areas provided and not the guest restrooms for costume changes.**

PERFORMANCE TIME:

- After check-in, dancers will drop off any bags to the dressing rooms and report to the initial Holding Area.
- Please have dancers arrive in full first costume and ready to perform.
- **No rehearsal or running of performances is allowed in the Holding Area.** This room should be used for stretching and preparing the dancers to be called to the stage.
- Dancers **do not need to wear** masks for the live onstage performances.
- We request that your teachers enforce face coverings as well as assist with the flow of the dancers from holding areas to stage to next performance and so on.

RESTROOMS:

- Restroom availability is limited.
- There is a maximum of 6 guests at a time in the guest restrooms. The venue is requesting that the dancers use the appropriate dressing areas provided and not the guest restrooms.
- In order to reduce contact between studios, restrooms will only be available during your studio's performance slot. Please inform your families of when restrooms are available.

PROPS:

- All props must go immediately in and out for each performance. No limit on props!!

AFTER PERFORMANCE:

- MC will announce the general award after each performance, and you will receive all of your general awards at the conclusion of your segment from the backstage coordinator.
- We ask that all awards be distributed in the parking lot or off the premises.
- All High Point, Photogenic and Title awards will be shipped to your studio.
- The announcement of High Point awards will be on **Sunday approx. 1.5 hour after the last performance of the competition** following the event via Virtual LiveStream.
- Score sheets and judges commentary will be available no later than the Wednesday following the event
- Here is the link for the live stream/virtual awards: <https://rainbowdance.com/schedule/2021/558>
- Here is the link if you are unable to watch on Sunday night you can watch again on Monday <https://dancekar.com/virtual-competition/theater>