

DUPREE DANCE

GENERAL POLICIES/PROCEDURES AS THEY RELATE TO COVID-19

The following are general policies and procedures for our 2021-2022 Dupree Dance regional tour. We know that the pandemic is fluid across the nation and varies from state to state. Refined and/or additional protocols for any particular event may be set based on the necessary safety precautions set forth by our hotel partners, as well as the city/state hosting our event. Registrants can expect additional information via email within the weeks immediately preceding any event. We are thrilled to be able to host live events and ready to implement any plans necessary at any point during our tour.

COVID DIAGNOSIS OR EXPOSURE WITHIN 5 DAYS PRIOR TO OUR EVENT

CDC has updated the isolation time for both COVID-19 and the Omicron variant diagnosed and exposed individuals to 5 days. If any registered dancer/teacher or parent/guardian/observer tests positive for COVID-19 or is exposed to someone in the same household who tests positive for COVID-19 within 5 days prior to our event, we ask that they not attend. If any registered dancer/teacher or parent/guardian/observer tests positive for COVID-19 or is exposed to someone in the same household who tests positive for COVID-19 prior to the recommended 5 days of quarantine AND remains asymptomatic, they may attend our event.

For registered dancers who are exposed or diagnosed with COVID-19 within 5 days prior to our event or who are symptomatic within 5 days prior to our event, we will gladly apply a convention credit on the registration profile in the amount paid by that dancer for the event he/she cannot attend. If a competition routine is a SCRATCH due to a COVID-19 case, we are happy to also apply a competition credit on the studio account for that scratched entry only. If a routine performs but is missing a dancer who is not in attendance due to a COVID-19 case/exposure, we will not apply a competition credit for that routine or for the individual(s) missing from that routine. We will not deduct for a last-minute hole in a routine due to a COVID-19 case/exposure. We ask that the studio owner/director please communicate with our backstage team members and/or competition emcee within a few numbers prior to any performance that is missing a dancer. This will allow adequate time to alert our judges. All convention and/or competition credits applied on accounts will be able to be used towards any regional or National Finals event within 12 months from the time they are applied. Convention credits may only be applied towards convention registration, and competition credits may only be applied towards competition registration.

We request that the studio owner/director or independent registrant follow up with a formal email to Dupree@DupreeDance.com and provide the Dupree Dance event city/date, studio or independent profile name, the dancer's first and last name, as well as the song title of any competition entry that was a scratch due to a COVID-19 case/exposure. The email must be received during the event or within 3 days following the event. Dupree Dance will commit to a timely response verifying that the convention and/or competition credit has been applied.

DAILY SELF ASSESSMENT COMMITMENT

We are asking that EVERY attendee/observer please commit to a daily self-assessment prior to arriving at our event. If any dancer or attendee is exhibiting any COVID-like symptoms OR in the past 5 days has been in close contact with an individual who is test-confirmed for COVID-19 or is presumed to have COVID-19, please do NOT attend our event.

REGISTRATION SECURITY

If COVID-19 were to cause us to have to cancel our event for any reason, we will commit to a 100% full registration refund policy.

MASKING POLICY

We will adhere to the masking policy set forth by the city/state hosting our event.

CONVENTION CLASSES

- **CLASSROOM NUMBERS**
 - We are continually monitoring our registration numbers for each level to ensure that adequate space is available at all times. We reserve the right to limit/restrict attendees and to cut off registration early at any time.

- **OBSERVERS**
 - We will allow attendees to pre-secure convention observer bands during their initial online registration process only. We want to remain flexible in regard to observer potential. At the same time, we want to ensure a majority of our space is dedicated to our registered dancers taking classes. Dupree Dance reserves the right to limit or restrict observer bands at any time. In the event we have to limit/restrict, we will fully refund the price for any pre-paid observer's band. Dupree Dance will NOT add observer bands to registrations after they are submitted and/or following the registration deadline (whichever comes first) – STRICT. Observer bands will be required both during convention classes and during Sunday's Closing Ceremony.

- KICK OFF/WARM UP AND CLOSING CEREMONY
 - We will communicate with registrant's pre-event as to whether we will hold an all-group Kick Off or request that attendees begin convention classes in their own room on Saturday morning for an individual classroom Warm Up/Announcements. At a majority to all events, we WILL hold a Closing Ceremony including a Faculty Performance and Scholarship Presentation. This will be located in our mainstage room at the conclusion of our event. Observer bands will be required due to capacity and safety concerns. If any registered dancer or parent who did not secure an observers band would like the option of attending our Closing Ceremony via livestream, they may utilize the link that will be located on the homepage of our website at that time. We will allow a dancer and/or teacher representative to collect any scholarship or award for a dancer in the event that a recipient is not physically present during our Closing Ceremony. If a representative is not present, we will push all award results to our public results page following our event. If we do opt to hold an all-group Kick Off, registrants who do not wish to attend are welcome to go directly to their individual ballroom at the time of their first stated convention class.

- VIRTUAL CLASS OPTION
ADJUSTED VIRTUAL CONVENTION FEE OFFER MUST BE APPLIED BY/BEFORE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 - We will offer registered Junior, Teen or Senior dancer the ability to take class via live stream (real-time) instead of in-person at a majority to all events. All classes, with the exception of the audition class, would be made available during both Saturday and Sunday's full convention schedule
 - A separate opportunity to upload an audition submission video would be provided to dancers who opt to take class via live stream. The live scholarship awards presentation at the conclusion of our event in each room would not reflect dancers who are taking class via live stream and choose to submit an audition video. The audition video submission deadline for convention registered dancers who choose take via live stream would fall by/before the Wednesday immediately following the event. Dupree Dance will email a separate list of additional scholarship winners who choose to take via live stream and submit their audition video virtually at a later date once adequate time has been given for us to thoroughly review each submission.

- **A studio owner/director or independent registrant must email Dupree@DupreeDance.com no later than the stated registration deadline of your event with first and last name(s) of any Junior, Teen or Senior dancer(s) who opt to take convention classes via live stream.** As long as we receive your email by/before the registration deadline, we will reduce their convention rate to \$175. If any registered dancer opts to switch from in person to live-stream classes AFTER the registration/payment deadline, they are welcome to do so as long as their ballroom has other dancers streaming. However, a dancer who switches from in person to live-stream at any time after the registration deadline will not be offered an adjusted rate and will not receive a refund or credit for the difference in their pre-paid convention tuition rates.
- A dancer who opts to livestream cannot switch to in-person classes after the registration deadline of our event. The ONLY exception here would be made by Dupree Dance and contingent on the space available in any given room.
- If there is very little to no interest in regard to the streaming option in one or more ballrooms at the time of the registration deadline for any event, Dupree Dance reserves the right to modify this option. Dupree Dance will communicate with registrants as to an agreeable plan of action in the event the virtual option is not available in one or more ballrooms at any given event.
- We will not offer a live stream option for Mini dancers. If any studio owner/director has one or more Mini dancers who are unable to attend in-person classes, we are asking that they simply inform us of this via email at least a few days in advance of the registration/payment deadline and we will communicate with them at that time as to how we will handle those specific Mini dancers in regard to convention registration.

COMPETITION

- **LIVE STREAM**
 - We will live stream our entire competition and all awards ceremonies for the benefit of all attendees.

- NO PENALTY RULE
 - There will be no penalty for last minute 'holes' in routines due to an at-event injury or illness. An owner/director will simply need to inform our backstage team a few numbers prior to any routine affected by a last minute missing dancer. We will commit to communicating this information with our judging staff at that time.

- GENERAL SCHEDULE
 - Registrants can expect that most all solo, duo and trio entries will be scheduled either during the school day and/or after school hours on Friday. There is a *possibility* that Thursday may be used to begin a portion of our solo, duo, trio competition in the event that both interest and space is available. We will utilize Friday (after school hours) and Saturday to schedule a majority of all our Group, Line, Production and Super Production entries.

- COMPETITION LINE-UP/ORGANIZATION
 - If necessary, we may use entry blocking for solo/duo/trio entries and/or studio blocking for our group/line/production entries. This method of line-up organization would minimize the number of dancers/studios in any given area during our competition. Shortly after the registration deadline, we will communicate with all registrants as to the general competition schedule for their event. Requests for particular days/times will not be accepted, as our schedule will be strategic and depends on both the age and overall number of entries from each registered studio.

- LIMITED OBSERVERS
 - If necessary, Dupree Dance reserves the right to limit/restrict the number of live observers per registered dancer at any event. Observers must follow all protocols released prior to their specific event as well as all live announcements made during the event they attend.

- AWARD CEREMONIES
 - Exact rules and procedures regarding our awards ceremonies will be released prior to our event. These rules and procedures may limit the number of observers/dancers in the room during any given awards ceremony. At any event, dancers will not be permitted to load our competition stage at one time in advance of their awards ceremony.