

DUPREE DANCE NATIONAL FINALS 2025

COMPETITION & AWARD CEREMONY RULES/PROCEDURES

*** We will live stream our entire competition and all awards ceremonies for the benefit of all attendees. The link to our livestream will be posted on the homepage of our Dupree Dance website - www.dupreedance.net*

AUDIENCE/OBSERVER RULES

There are not any capacity restrictions at our host hotel. We will not be limiting or putting a cap on the number of observers per dancer during our live program. We will not be charging observer bands for audience members during the competition portion of our event.

Only studio owners/directors and teachers (VIP and/or Backstage Pass lanyards) are permitted backstage and/or in the designated dancer check-in areas and reserved seating throughout our program (no parent observers, no dancers who are not involved in routines approved at check in)

AWARDS CEREMONY ORDER IN EVENT PROGRAM

We do intermix competition levels and categories in areas of our line-to accommodate quick changes and decrease the stress on dancers/teachers during the competition. In order to clearly follow along during our Awards Ceremony, be sure to refer to the *Awards Order* listing in your program. The *Awards Order* will be found immediately following the line-up order for most designated sections of our competition. It will also give attendees clarity of our category high competition as well as the order of our overalls during each Awards Presentation.

AWARD CEREMONY PROCEDURES FOR ALL ENTRIES

After the last entry performs in a designated set, our Dupree team members will first pre-set our red carpets and then invite all dancers who performed in that set on stage. Dancers are also welcome to stay in our audience seating if they prefer. We do ask that all parent supporters/observers and siblings please remain in our audience seating during each awards ceremony.

Studio owners and directors: Ahead of our event or in advance of each designated group awards ceremony, please select one representative for each of your group, line, production and super production routines to be responsible for standing and/or accepting awards when that routines individual and/or overall award is announced.

INDIVIDUAL & CATEGORY HIGH AWARDS DISTRIBUTION

We will distribute both the individual and category high awards during each designated awards ceremony for all competition entries that compete at our event. When an award is called, we ask that just ONE dancer representative from that routine please stand and our Dupree team members will make sure to get the trophy and individual medal(s) for that routine to you.

OVERALL AWARDS DISTRIBUTION

After individual and category high awards are distributed, the competition emcee will announce the overall winners. We invite all dancer representatives in either a solo, duo or trio routine to come to our front red carpet on stage to accept their overall award. We ask that only ONE representative from a group, line, production or super production routine come to our front red carpet to accept that routine's overall award.

UNIQUE/SPECIALTY AWARDS

Other awards including, but not limited to, our Judges Choice awards, Solo Title Competition, Gala Contenders and Top It Off Award Winners will be announced at various times throughout our program. Our judges and competition emcee will outline what dancer(s) will come on stage at the time that these awards are announced.

Studio owners and directors: If you have one or more group, line, or production routine(s) that qualify for our Dupree Dance Gala, be sure to appoint ONE studio, teacher or dancer representative to accept the Gala Contender form for that routine. The Gala Contender form includes instructions that have a specific email submission deadline during our event. The email submission process is easy and won't take but a few minutes of your time. Your timeliness is appreciated as we prepare for a special presentation of all Gala Contender performances during our final show.

GALA AWARDS CEREMONY

After our Gala showcase and competition is complete, we ask that all dancers take a seat in the audience to enjoy the debut of our Dupree Dance Crew video followed by our Collective Performance and National Finals Event Summary Video. Our Collective Dancer of the Year Finalists and Solo Title Champions will then line-up backstage. A variety of winners will be recognized and/or additional awards will be announced including, but not limited to, our Solo Title Winners, Collective Dancer of the Year Finalists/Winners, Studio Appreciation Winners and Studio Spirit Winners. When a studio award is announced, we invite that studio's Owners/Directors and/or Faculty on stage to accept their award.

Following these awards, our competition emcee will prepare our backstage/line up area for the announcement the runner up and winners of our Gala Competition. Beginning with the Performance Division first and in no particular order, the top 3 highest scoring routines in each age division (launch, mini, junior, teen, senior) will be asked to come backstage. Beginning with the Launch age division routines, a second runner up, first runner up and National Grand Champion will be announced. All the dancers from each routine will come on stage to accept their award. Once an age division is completely awarded, the dancers will be asked to return to the audience. After the Performance Division top 3 are awarded, the emcee will follow the same process with the Competitive Division Gala Contenders.

Our Gala will conclude with the announcement of our Studio of the Year winner.



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