

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled you will be joining us at the Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival! To assist in your planning, we have compiled a list of some of your most frequently asked questions.

1. Where is the competition being held?

The date for the Dance Event of the 2023 Festival, is Saturday March 4, 2023
At Whitecourt Central School/Community Center.

2. Where do I Park?

As it is on a Saturday this year, we will have full use of the Teachers parking as well as the area surrounding the school. All participants/audience must enter at the main doors of the school (by the flags).

3. I noticed a mistake on the schedule. What should I do?

Please contact your studio director and have them contact us as soon as possible.

4. What time do change rooms open in the morning?

Change rooms open 1 hour prior to the first performance. Please do not arrive earlier as the building will not be open. Directions to your change area will be available upon arrival at the venue.

5. What time should I arrive at the competition?

Please confirm with your studio directors what time they want you to arrive at the event. Remember to leave extra time for parking and finding your change room – especially if it's your first time at the venue. In addition, most venues are not equipped with mirrors for every competitor – so it's often a good idea to have hair and make-up done prior to arrival.

Lastly, we sometimes ask that all dancers be ready to dance 60 minutes prior to their scheduled performance. This ensures a timely schedule adjustable if necessary.

6. I have family who want to watch the event. What is the fee to watch?

Our Festival encourages family support and does not have a fee to watch the event. We do however sell programs/flowers/water for \$2.00, and there is a donation box if you care to donate. Cash sales only please.

7. Is photography and/or videography allowed during performances?

For the safety of your children and the protection of choreography, **ABSOLUTELY NO** videotaping or photography is allowed during performances. We urge all studio owners, teachers, and especially parents to keep our performers photographically safe. *At no time may you record or photograph* our Adjudicators.

8. How do we find the Change rooms?

Our Festival will have signs to help navigate you towards to the change room areas. Change rooms may be assigned by studio, with multiple studios per change room. When assigning dressing rooms, we take into account the number and size of dances the studio has and try to accommodate everyone's needs. We thank you in advance for your help in sharing the dressing room space.

10. Can my son change with his studio?

We ask that all males change in the designated male dancer change room.

11. Where can the dancers rehearse?

There will be a rehearsal room available, and times will be scheduled with accordance to the program schedule. These times will fall prior to the 30 minutes that dancers need to be ready, prior to their performance time.

13. I left a piece of my daughter's/son's costume at the competition. Who should I contact?

Please contact Marilyn at mrmusic@hotmail.ca and we will do our best to locate and return any misplaced items to you or the studio.

14. Where can we eat at the venue?

There are no food sales/vending machines available on sight, but we encourage you to pack snacks and drinks with you. No food/drinks(coffee cups) will be allowed in the auditorium- water bottles only please.

As we are a growing festival please share your suggestions-both positive and negative-with a committee member and we will do our very best to improve our presentation in any way we can and we will also enjoy your compliments!!