



## RULES FOR MUSIC

Participants may select the music of their choice, not exceeding 3 minutes. Music should be age appropriate and on a quality CD. Please have CD ready to go at check in, and bring at least one back up CD or an Ipad. NO TAPES.

### **Costumes/Props:**

Costumes should be designed to fit the style of the dance and must be age appropriate. Deductions may be made by judges if costumes are not family friendly. Props must be carried on/off the floor by dancer(s) and must be safe for use on floor (any scratches or marks left by props will be studios/dancers responsibility)

### **Awards:**

All competition team day participants will receive an award for participation.

Categories/Divisions: Solo/Duo/Trio participants will be divided into the following categories

#### *1) Number of dancers:*

Solo: 1 dancer

Duo/Trio: 2-3 dancers

#### *2) Ability Level:*

- Beginning: beginning level dancer(s), single pirouettes basic dance skills

- Intermediate: average ability with more than 2-years experience, double pirouettes, intermediate dance skills including leaps, small combination turns.

- Advanced: above average, experienced and technical dancer, multiple turn combinations, advanced leaps and combination leaps.

- Professional: age 19 and above. Has won first place one or more times in advanced categories.

#### *3) Age of dancers*

Solo: Age at time of competition

Duo/Trio: Average age of all dancers (round up)

Team: Average age of all dancers (round up)

\*Dancer(s) who are not in proper age category or ability level will receive point deductions and may be disqualified. Dancers may also be moved into a different category at the discretion of the judges.

### **Style of Dance:**

If there are more than six in a category, we may split categories based on style of dance. Categories may also be combined based on style of dance if there is only one group in category.

### **Important Notes:**

- Soloists are free to enter as many categories as they wish, as long as each dance can be placed in a different category.

-Divisions may be expanded or combined at the discretion of judges and competition directors

-Points will be deducted if dances are placed in improper categories.

-If dancer(s) are late for call time deductions will be made by judges.

-No flash photography. Professional photographers will be present and photos will be made available.