



Dance Masters of California Chapter #13, Inc.

Performing Arts Competition  
May 10-11, 2024 (Friday & Saturday)  
**Registration deadline: April 5, 2024**

### OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Only members in good standing with DMC may enter students in this competition. All teachers must have their competition fees paid by the entry deadline. No refunds. Late entries are accepted only if time allows. All late entries are subject to a \$10.00 late fee per routine.
2. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED THROUGH OUR ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE. visit – [www.dancemastersofcalifornia.org](http://www.dancemastersofcalifornia.org)**
3. **Each sponsor member will be required to work a minimum of a 2-hour shift during the PAC.** We will try to schedule shifts during the time of day when you have the least amount of routines entered. You must meet this requirement or your routines will be disqualified.
4. All participants must have DMC’s Waiver and Agreement digitally signed to participate in any DMC event.

#### AGE DIVISIONS

1. To determine Age Division, calculate the average age of all contestants in the routine, **as of January 1, 2024**, and drop the decimal point.

<i>Div. #0</i>	<i>Mini</i>	<i>5-6 years of age</i>
<i>Div. #1</i>	<i>Petite</i>	<i>7-9 years of age</i>
<i>Div. #2</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>10-12 years of age</i>
<i>Div. #3</i>	<i>Teen</i>	<i>13-15 years of age</i>
<i>Div. #4</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>16-24 years of age</i>
<i>Div. #5</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>25 years of age and up</i>
<i>Extended</i>		<i>5 years of age and up</i>
<i>Production</i>		<i>5 years of age and up</i>

2. No child under the age of 5 will be allowed to compete in Dance Masters of California’s Performing Arts Competition. Birth certificates should be available upon request.
3. No one (regardless of average age) may compete in the age division more than one division lower than the oldest participating dancer.
4. Please note: at the national level, age divisions may vary.

#### DANCE CATEGORIES

1. Entry fees are available to member teachers on our online registration system.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of Dancers</b>
Solo	1 dancer
Duo/Trio	2-3 dancers
Group	4-8 dancers
Line	9 or more dancers
Extended	4 or more dancers
Production	12 or more dancers

- Adults age 25 and up participating in the PAC, but not attending the workshop, will be charged the observers wristband fee for the weekend.
- Dance Masters of California will be donating \$1.00 per entry per person, to a charitable foundation to be decided by the DMC Board. The entry amount reflects our donation! Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

## SUBJECTS

- Routines must be entered into one of the following subjects.
 

<b>Ballet</b>	Ballet technique and movement performed in ballet or pointe shoes, may not include any acro tricks
<b>Tap</b>	Routine consisting of 50% or more of tap technique. Routine may not include more than three acro tricks.
<b>Jazz</b>	Routine executing free form movement in styling characteristic of jazz dance. May include unlimited acro tricks.
<b>Lyrical</b>	A dance style that incorporates the interpretation of the lyrics of the song or the lyrical quality of the music. May include unlimited acro tricks.
<b>Modern/Contemporary</b>	A routine made up of an abstract style of movement based on principles of modern dance, such as space, force, weight and time. May be reflective of other dance styles. May include unlimited acro tricks.
<b>Hip Hop</b>	Stylized dance incorporating some jazz technique.
<b>Musical Theater</b>	A dance style based on Broadway or Movie Musicals, may denote comedy, depict a character, relay a story, or create a theatrical mood. Pantomime (lipsync) and singing are permitted. May include unlimited acro tricks.
<b>Acro/Gymnastics</b>	A form of dance that combines classical dance technique with precision acrobatic elements.
<b>Open</b>	Routines that incorporate more than one form of dance, an ethnic dance, or any routine that does not fit in any other category. May include unlimited acro tricks.
<b>Extended</b>	Any subject of dance. Must have a minimum of 4 dancers, ages 5 years and up. Does not need to carry out a theme or story.
<b>Production</b>	Routines that carry out a theme or story. Must have 12 dancers minimum – ages 5 years and up. The scores of production routines that do not carry out theme or story may have deductions.
- Props, in all categories except production, must be a functional and integral part of the routine. Fire, swords, food or open beverages are not allowed as props. If you use helium balloons, they must be weighted. Please fill in the prop indication on your application. If the director deems props to be unsafe, the routine may be disqualified.
- All props and sets must be removed from the competition venue by the end of the last awards ceremony.**

## TIME LIMITS

- The following time limits will apply for each routine
 

Solo	2 minutes 50 seconds maximum
Duo/Trio	2 minutes 50 seconds maximum
Group	3 minutes 30 seconds maximum
Line	3 minutes 30 seconds maximum
Extended	6 minutes maximum
Production	8 minutes maximum
- Entrances and exits must be brief
- A one-point deduction per second of overtime will apply after the 5-second leeway period.
- Time limits may vary at the national level.

## MUSIC

- Music may be uploaded via dropbox. (If music is uploaded, you must bring a back-up.) Upload directions will be emailed to you once entries are received.
- A back-up must be provided if necessary and it must connect via AUX input or USB.
- Audible taps, added to music, are not allowed.

## JUDGING

1. **Decisions of the judges are final.** If, in judging, the judges feel a routine is not in the correct subject, they have the right to move it to its appropriate subject.
2. All routines will be individually ADJUDICATED. All contestants will be awarded either a PLATINUM, HIGH GOLD, GOLD, HIGH SILVER, SILVER, HIGH BRONZE or BRONZE place adjudication, as determined by point scoring.
3. A routine with a PLATINUM, HIGH GOLD, GOLD, HIGH SILVER, or SILVER, will be eligible to compete at the DMA National Competition. (Some National rules may differ from our local rules. Please refer to the National rules if necessary.)
4. **Important:** Routines shall be in good taste and costumes shall be appropriate. Any routine, costume and/or music the judges deem not in keeping with the dignity of DMC may affect your overall placement.

## DMC/DMA PERFORMING ARTS STANDARDS

1. Inappropriate or sexually suggestive movements should not be a part of any performance in any DMC/DMA competition, and should be evaluated as such. Scores will be lowered accordingly.
2. Costuming such as thongs, bikini bottoms or tops that allow exposure of private body parts or costumes that are not age-appropriate will be evaluated as such. Males performing shirtless or in pants that allow exposure of private body parts is unacceptable and will be evaluated as such. Scores will be lowered accordingly.
3. Vulgar, profane or suggestive language in music is not acceptable for our family audiences. Music that is not age-appropriate or carries a message that is not appropriate will be evaluated as such and scores will be lowered accordingly.

## AWARDS

1. The Overall Highest scoring Production, may receive a **\$250.00** scholarship.
2. The Overall Highest scoring Group and Line in each age division, as well as the Overall Highest scoring Extended, may receive a **\$250.00** scholarship.
3. The Overall Highest scoring Duo/Trio in each age division may receive a **\$180.00** scholarship.
4. The Overall Highest scoring Solo in each age division may receive a **\$150.00** scholarship.
5. "Outstanding Achievement Awards" will be awarded in each subject in each age division.
6. To qualify for Overall and Outstanding Achievement awards, routines must receive at least 80 points.
7. **\*REVISED\*** Each age division must have a minimum of 3 routines to qualify for the scholarship monies, with the exception of production. For scholarship purposes, Production and Extended may be combined.
8. Scholarship Monies will be awarded to the member teacher.
9. At least ONE of the participants must change to place more than once in Overall.
10. Contestants may enter as many solos as they wish, however, solos may only place once in the overalls. All other solos by one contestant may be acknowledged with an Outstanding Achievement Award.
11. All award winners will give permission to DMC for the use of their name, image, likeness, or photograph in DMC publications.
12. Overall Division winners will perform in our Saturday Evening Showcase. Solo Entries are not eligible.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Competitors shall act in a positive manner, off stage, as well as on stage.
2. All contestants must have wristbands in order to compete. With the exception of Division 5, contestants must be pre-registered for the workshop to compete.
3. Contestants must report backstage and be ready to perform at their designated times. If competition is running ahead of schedule, performers should be prepared to dance early.
4. Contestants performing in more than one routine must take all of their costumes backstage before their first routine.
5. Contestants will remain backstage until their routine number is called. Your routine will be called three numbers prior to your performance. When your routine is called, you must report to the stage door, with your music, ready to perform.
6. All contestants will be escorted to the stage for award distribution. Line Captains will line up **in costume** backstage to receive adjudication awards. After a line captain has received the adjudication award, they will join their group on stage. After all adjudication awards are presented, placement trophies will be distributed.
7. Please make sure your contestants and Line Captains understand what is expected of them and are aware of their responsibilities.

8. Sponsor Member Teachers, Teachers of Recognition, and Chaperones are solely responsible for their contestants and spectators and will be held accountable for the safety and the well-being of the entrant during their stay at the DMC Performing Arts Competition. Sponsor Teachers, Teachers of Recognition, and Chaperones collectively assume all responsibility for the entrant's behavior, class attendance, entrant's proper nourishment, and that the entrant is dressed and groomed properly for various events of the competition and convention. Please take time to explain these rules and regulations to avoid point deductions or disqualification.
9. Score sheets and participation awards can be picked up at the end of the competition at the Grand Body meeting.

**POINT DEDUCTIONS/DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

1. No video recording or photography including digital and cell phone cameras allowed at any time during the competition. Videos will be available for sale at the PAC.
2. NO REHEARSING IS ALLOWED IN THE CONVENTION CENTER, HOTEL, OR ON STAGE AT ANY TIME.
3. **FOOD AND DRINKS ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS.** A \$400.00 cleaning fee will be charged to the sponsor member if this rule is violated.
4. Infraction of any rule or regulation may result in a five-point deduction or disqualification.



## Spring Workshop Information

**Work Study Program**

Volunteers of member teachers wishing to assist with our event may participate in our Work-Study student tuition program. If you have a parent that would be interested please encourage them to to sign up.

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  - a. Volunteers will receive a volunteer badge at checkin.
  - b. Volunteers will signup for a block of time-based on the schedule.
  - c. Volunteers will receive \$20 per hour for the shift(s) they work.
  - d. There will be a SignupGenius form sent out to teachers to request shift(s). Teachers can share link with parents.

**Observer Wristband Fees**

**We encourage you to have your parents purchase wristbands in advance.**

**NO BALLROOM SWITCHING**

Students must stay in the ballroom for which they are registered. Registered Teachers are allowed in all ballrooms.

**Classroom Videography**

Teachers only will be allowed to videotape Master Classes.

**Showcase of Talent**

Registered students, teachers, and observers are given priority access to seating at the Showcase of Talent.

**Teachers - please use our registration system to enter your studio's Showcase of Talent routine.**

**Dance Party**

Only registered students, teachers, and observers are allowed entry to the Dance Party. Wristband must be worn and shown at the entrance. Dress code for the Dance Party is dressy. No jeans or dance clothes. Dance Party is following the Showcase of Talent.

**Dress Code**

All Teachers and students must adhere to the DMC dress code. Proper dance attire, dance shoes, and hair worn away from the face. "COVER-UPS" must be worn outside of the ballroom.

### **Safety - Buddy System**

All participants should use the buddy system when walking around the convention center, hotel, and to/from restrooms. Please keep in mind we are in a public space and keep your belongings with you. Teachers - please discuss safety considerations and the buddy policy with your students.

### **Student Curfew**

There is an 11:00PM curfew for all students attending the workshop. Students must be properly chaperoned at all times.

### **Waivers**

All participants must have a current year waiver on file. If you have students that have not participated in a DMC event in the 2023-2024 season they must sign and submit a waiver.

### **Ages for Workshop Rooms**

**Workshop Fee includes:** Master Dance Classes, Talent Showcase, and Dance Party.

- a. Teachers/Seniors: ages 16+ years
- b. Teens: ages 13+ years
- c. Juniors: ages 10+ years
- d. Minis: ages 7+ years
- e. Kids Klub: ages 5+ years

### **Audience Etiquette - Please review these with your students and families**

- There are to be no costumed contestants in the audience. Dancers must wear a cover-up.
- Contestants may not walk through the convention center with bare feet.
- There is absolutely no food or drink allowed in the theater, backstage or dressing room areas.
- Applause is appreciated and encouraged however we ask that you refrain from loud screams and catcalls, as it can be a distraction to the dancers.
- No “well wishing” signs, balloons or banners.
- Please wait until a number is completed before exiting or entering the theater.

### **Dressing Rooms - NO FOOD OR DRINK BACKSTAGE OR IN DRESSING ROOMS**

We ask that you be respectful of all dancers and the dressing room spaces. Dressing rooms cannot be reserved.

**DREAM DUFFLES** are convenient however they are large and take up valuable dressing room space. We ask that you encourage your students not to use these at this event and please consider an alternative.

### **Line Captains**

Teachers please remember to assign a Line Captain for each routine for our awards ceremonies. Line captains must be in full costume when receiving their awards.