

Contest FAQ's

When is the schedule tentative and/or final?

Scheduling at HTEDance is an ongoing process. As the contest nears, the schedule begins development. As later registrations are submitted, the schedule is adjusted to add in the entries. The schedule is also adjusted as team's add and drop routines. The schedule is final on the Friday evening before contest and is still subject to adds/drops on the day of contest. HTEDance is as accommodating to their teams as possible. We understand that various situations arise and we will make every effort to accommodate each of our customers.

Please review the initial schedule published the week before the contest. Advise the contest coordinator of any needed changes/adjustments. Check spelling for accuracy. Email, call or fax changes ASAP. Check the schedule online for revisions. The date of the revisions will be at the top of the schedule. The final schedule will be given to the director upon check in the day of the contest.

What is the *Check In* procedure on the day of contest?

1. Arrive at least one hour prior to start of contest.
2. Have team in single file line with bags in hand.
3. Team will need to wait outside until you complete check-in.
4. Enter through the team entrance and proceed to the HTEDance representative. Please have music and all registration documentation in hand.
5. Complete payments, review final schedule, inform HTEDance representative of any changes to the schedule (adds/drops/mistakes)
6. After receiving final schedule and director materials, your host for the day will escort you to the music area where you will turn in your manilla envelope with all of your performance music.
7. Your host will show you entrances and exits for the performance areas, your dressing area for the day, restrooms, and concessions.
8. After completion of registration, please return to your team, have them follow you single file as your host shows them to your designated dressing area.

*The host school will supply your team with a host(s) for the day should you need any extra help throughout the day. The host will also keep you abreast the performance schedule throughout the day.

What can I expect from the judging at an HTEDance contest?

Three judges are used in all areas. The judges are all current or former dance/drill team directors. We believe that these professionals have a better understanding of the art and know more about what goes in to perfecting and preparing a dance/drill team performance.

How should I prepare my team's music?

All master cd's should be brought to the sound table upon check-in. Place all of your team's music in a manilla envelope, labeled with your team and director name. The music tech will check in all music according to the schedule. Turning music in before the contest begins ensures a more organized contest.

Label cassette tape as follows:

School/studio title, team name, division, category

Team/officer Example:

Magnolia HS Texas Star, Large Team Kick

Solo Example:

Magnolia HS Texas Star, Soloist 11-12th, Morgan Caruthers

Ensemble Example:

Magnolia HS Texas Star, Small Ensemble #3 "Baby, I'm a Star"

Music checks are available only during scheduled breaks, not before each performance.

1. Use a separate cd for each routine.
2. Please record at desired performance tempo.
3. Have a manager or team representative at the sound table during the performance to advise sound tech as necessary.

How are soloist divisions grouped?

Pre-K, K, 1-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-8th, 9th-10th, 11th-12th grades. Males and females are grouped together, as well as studio and schools being judged together.

What will be offered in the Spirit Shop retail store during contest?

The Spirit Shop has a wide range of items. Some items include shirts, sweatshirts, dance attire, jewelry, purses, novelty items, flip flops, pins, and patches. Be sure to inform your team members to bring plenty of spending money.

What will be available to eat at the concession stand?

Each host school will offer its own menu. The host will send a menu to you beforehand and may also ask for pre-orders on lunch and dinner. Please plan to take advantage of the concession stand at contest. This is a fundraiser for the host school. It is also one major way HTEDance is able to keep our contest fees to a minimum comparatively. **ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD or DRINK IS PERMITTED. No ice chests!**

Do you take credit cards?

We accept cash, checks and official school PO's. We are not equipped to accept credit cards.

How should I plan the entrances and exits?

Entrances and exits vary depending on flow of traffic in and out of each facility's gym area. Please have your team practice entering and exiting from both sides. These are not judged. A timely entrance and exit are essential for a timely contest.

What is the cost of admission to the contest?

\$10 for spectators 6 and over, children under 6 are free...4 chaperone passes per team...Managers and escorts MUST be in uniform to be admitted free of charge. Team members must be performing to be admitted free with the team, unless injured... new member groups not performing in the contest must pay admission fee of \$10 each.

What is the performance area?

The performance area for all team performances will be a regulation sized court with basic basketball markings. Performance area for officer, select, ensemble, and solo performances will vary depending on contest size. We will make every effort to have a regulation sized area, but be prepared for a smaller area if necessary.

Are props allowed?

Props are allowed. Be careful not to mark or scratch the floor when moving props. All bottoms should be taped to avoid scratching the surface. Set up and take down should be done in a timely fashion – if you will need more than a minute to set up or take down a set, please inform the contest coordinator beforehand so ample time will be allowed in the schedule.

Prop drop-off and storage will be designated and coordinated through each host school's booster club. Please be courteous, respectful, and flexible with the representatives in charge.

What is the cancellation policy?

Full refunds are available for cancellations made in writing only and received in the HTEDance offices via email, fax or mail, seven days prior to the date of the contest. Refunds are issued the Monday following the contest date.

In the event of inclement weather, HTEDance offers the director the following options:

1. A 50% refund on total registration fees. Refund checks are issued the Monday following the contest date.
2. A full credit towards future registration fees with HTEDance. (*Does not include Special Events*)

Weather related cancellations are approved at the discretion of the management.

In the event of an unforeseen natural disaster or involuntary cancellation of the contest date or location, refunds will not be issued. HTEDance will make every effort to reschedule or relocate the contest.

Is the judging format different at the State Championship Series verses Nationals?

No, the format for judging is the same.

What is different at Nationals from the State Championship Series?

At Nationals, the level of performance is more intense. Teams have had longer to prepare. To add to the excitement, HTEDance is offering some great incentives. The Grand Champion Officer Squad will receive matching National Champion duffle bags. The Grand Champion Team will receive matching National Champion t-shirts!