



2021 Rules & Guidelines

In an effort to accommodate those routines that received Golden Tickets in 2020, as well as those routines that were not able to compete in 2020, we have expanded the registration limit to (4) routines in each performance level/age division/general division for the Advanced & Intermediate levels, and (2) routines in each performance level/age division/general division for the Novice level.

REGISTRATION ***SPOTS ARE LIMITED... BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY!***

- Only routines that receive a Golden Ticket Invitation or have a Routine that placed 1st Overall High Score at (2) Star Dance Alliance Regional Competitions for that routine are permitted to compete at the World Dance Championship.
- Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Spots are limited in each division. Once a division is full, no more entries will be accepted for that division. **Registration opens on June 7, 2021 at 9:00am (EST).**
- Payment must be made in FULL in order for registration to be processed.
- Fees must be paid by credit card or electronic check through the registration system. No Star Dollars may be redeemed for WDC registration. No cash refunds will be given.
- If space allows, routines may also qualify at a National Championship. These routines must register immediately.
- Routines that qualify in 2021 MUST compete in the same performance level & age division in which it qualified. In the event that a dancer is unable to participate, the routine may still compete as long as the average age does not change. A dancer substitution may be made with another dancer that is on the studio's original roster as long as the average age and performance level does not change.
- Routines that qualified during the 2020 season MUST compete in the current average age/performance level of the dancers in the group. Dancers may be substituted, and the routine must compete at the 2021 age division and performance level of the new roster of dancers.
- Any routine that receives a Golden Ticket for the same routine that qualified in (2) different levels must compete at the highest level (Ex. if a routine qualified in Intermediate and Advanced, it must compete Advanced)
- A qualifying routine may NOT be replaced by another routine (that did not qualify) from the same studio.
- Studios must be prepared to provide proof of age for all performers in the event that an age protest is made (birth certificate or drivers license is acceptable).
- Studios who have more than the allowed amount of routines that qualify for the same division must choose which routine to compete.

PROPS

- There is a loading dock at the back of the Exposition Center where props should be unloaded and loaded.
- Props MUST be loaded in and out of the venue on the same day they are used. Storing props in the wings or backstage is not permitted.
- Props must be set up and removed from the stage in a reasonable time frame and must be labeled with the studio name for identification purposes backstage. Props MUST be removed from the venue after the final awards ceremony on your scheduled competition day.

DIVISIONS & ENTRY LIMITS

Routines will compete in the following divisions:

- Each studio is limited to (4) routines in each general division/age division/performance level in the Advanced & Intermediate Levels.
- Each studio is limited to (2) routines in each general division/age division/performance level in the Novice Level.

*Advanced Petite (8 & Under)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Intermediate Petite (8 & Under)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Novice Petite (8 & Under)
(2} small groups, 2} large groups, 2} lines)

*Advanced Junior (9-11)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Intermediate Junior (9-11)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Novice Junior (9-11)
(2} small groups, 2} large groups, 2} lines)

*Advanced Teen (12-14)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Intermediate Teen (12-14)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Novice Teen (12-14)
(2} small groups, 2} large groups, 2} lines)

*Advanced Senior (15-19)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Intermediate Senior (15-19)
(4} small groups, 4} large groups, 4} lines)

*Novice Senior (15-19)
(2} small groups, 2} large groups, 2} lines)

*Grand Lines
(4} 11 & Under / 4} 12 & Over)

SCHEDULE

The World Dance Championship will be held in conjunction with the World Dance Pageant and the SDA Circle of Excellence Gala. Each day will begin with all routines competing in the Semi-Finals. The top scoring routines from the semi-finals will be announced at the awards ceremony and will return that same day to compete in the Finals. Dancers are **ONLY** required to be there the day of their performance.

Each division will compete on assigned dates and **NO changes** will be made to these dates.

MONDAY, JULY 26 - All Novice Petite / Novice Junior / Novice Teen / Novice Senior

TUESDAY, JULY 27 - All Advanced Teen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 - All Advanced Senior

THURSDAY, JULY 29 - All Intermediate Petite / All Intermediate Senior / All Grand Lines

FRIDAY, JULY 30 - All Intermediate Teen / All Advanced Junior

SATURDAY, JULY 31 - All Intermediate Junior / All Advanced Petite

- All entries **MUST** compete on the day and time assigned. No exceptions.
- **NO SCHEDULE REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- There is **NO** guarantee of a start or finish time for each day. Studios should be prepared to be available to compete at any time throughout the day.
- A Preliminary time schedule will be emailed to all Studios no later than **July 10th** with approximate performance times.
- A Finalized Time Schedule will be emailed to studios by Friday, July 23, 2021.

GENERAL

- There is absolutely **NO PHOTOGRAPHY** or **VIDEO RECORDING** permitted. Failure to abide by this rule can result in Disqualification for the studio

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