



Competition Information for New Students

Dear Parents and Students,

Please find below a list of some things to expect when attending dance competitions. Your first experience can be somewhat overwhelming and we thought this extra information may help...

*Parking at the facilities is often difficult so give yourself extra time for this.

*Upon arrival you will take your dancer to a "Check In" table where your dancer will be given a ribbon or pin to watch for free (provided there is room in the auditorium.) You will only have to do this the first time you come to each competition.

* Proceed to the dressing rooms (follow signs) and look for a sign with the studio name (Diva Dance) for the girls change room. There will be one separate dressing room for boys from all studios (labelled something like "boys change room").

*Your dancer must be dressed in their costume with hair and make-up completed by the time listed on the schedule sent home. This is your "Dressed and Ready" time. We recommend doing your child's hair and make-up at home as dressing rooms are very hot and crowded.

*Your dancer will stay with the teachers (or a parent representative) until they have performed. Parents are not permitted to stay in the dressing rooms, as there is limited space. You are free to go into the audience to watch or make arrangements with your child for a pick up time. Please understand we can only estimate an arrival time for our groups. We allow time for all to arrive and to rehearse the routine before they line up to perform, but we have no control over the competition. It may be running ahead or behind from the times sent out on the schedule, this is under the judges' control and some are faster than others.

*Once the dancers have performed they are free to go. Please be sure your dancer knows where you are meeting them for pick up. Younger students should be picked up in the dressing room.

*No males (Fathers) are allowed into the female dressing rooms and no females (Mothers) are allowed in the male dressing rooms. No exceptions.

*Do not send any valuables with your dancer. The Dressing Rooms are quite crowded and things can be misplaced. Neither the competition nor the dance studio will take any responsibility for lost or stolen articles. Also, teachers will only pick up lost items (including costumes) if your child's name is on them. We will not take the chance that the item does not belong to your child. Please label all your child's costumes and other belongings.

*No Food or Drink is allowed in the dressing rooms other than a closed water bottle kept in the students dance bag.

*There will be a small charge to watch the competition. The amount varies from one competition to another. Please have cash on hand to watch.

*All competitions will have a concession available. Concession times vary.

*Some competitions offer photography or videography that you may purchase if you so choose.

*Your dancer's results will be posted on a board in the waiting area or online, however it sometimes takes quite a while to go up. They only post results once or twice a session. The instructors will record all results, read their score sheets, and hand out any awards at the next dance class.

*No one can approach the judges or the competition directors. All results are the judge's opinion and may not be challenged.

We hope this will help make your first dance competition experience a little easier!

-Diva Dance Staff