

Hello Title Soloists!

As the first ever Team Dance Title Solo Contestants, we are thrilled to share this experience with you. This email is to help explain how Title Solo will work, what we expect from our contestants, and what they can expect from us! If any information in this email is different from previously provided information, please use the information here as it is the most recent and most accurate.

Before the competition:

Print an 8'x10' or letter sized photo of yourself! We call it a headshot because the picture should be of the face and shoulders. No action photos please. It does NOT need to be a professional headshot. The quality of the photo will not be used in the judging process. It will be used to mimic the process of a dance audition and for judges to keep track of the Title contestants during the event.

And, of course, practice your solo!

When you arrive at the competition:

Each Title Soloist should check in at the front desk. Parents can do this for their dancer but we suggest the Soloist take this step for themselves when possible! The Registration Manager will accept the headshot at this time. They will provide you with a bag with your Title Solo gear. This will include the **schedule for the day, your onstage questions, and your bracelet.**

Your **bracelet** will be the way that our staff and judges will be able to recognize our Title soloists throughout the event. Title contestants are asked to be good teammates and good competitors at all times. The bracelets are removable so they **do not** need to be worn during their routines but we ask that they be worn whenever they are not onstage and during their Dance Off.

Your **onstage questions** will be available in the bag. Peewee and Mini contestants will be given one question and all contestants will be asked the same question on stage. Junior contestants will be given three questions and they will be asked one of the three onstage. Teen and Senior contestants will be given several questions they can review and will be asked one of the questions on stage.

Contestants also need to purchase a Dance Off number at this time. The cost is \$15 and it is required that our Title Soloists compete in the Dance Off wearing their Title bracelet.

When it is your scheduled time:

Please report backstage about 3 routines before your title section begins. All of the contestants in your segment will be brought onstage together in a line in the order of their solos. The first contestant will be handed the microphone so they can **introduce themselves. This can include their name, their age, and the studio they dance for.** They will hand the microphone back to the emcee who will then ask them a question. They will answer the question and then they will be directed backstage to prepare for their solo.

After the questions, the soloists will compete in their scheduled order.

Awards:

The awards for all Title soloists will be during Saturday awards so all of our participants are able to first compete in the Dance Off. The Peewee, Mini and Junior Title contestants will typically receive their awards during the Saturday Afternoon awards unless their title category is scheduled for Saturday evening. Teen and Senior contestants will receive their awards during the Saturday Evening Awards.

If there are 1-3 contestants, we will be awarding only 1st place Title

If there are 4-6 contestants, we will be awarding a 1st and 2nd place Title

If there are 7+ contestants, we will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Title

If a Title competition is scheduled for Friday, the dancer's top ten awards will be announced at the Friday Awards competition. But title awards will still not be announced until Saturday after their Dance Off.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely, Team Dance