

# HIGH DEMAND

## *Dance Competition*

### **COVID-19 GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

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First and foremost, we want to thank all our studios for your continued patience during a very challenging time. We have been working diligently to provide all our studios with a fun, inspiring, and most importantly, safe competition experience for our 2021 Season!

Our 2021 motto is 'THE SHOW MUST GO ON'! HD has been working diligently over the past few months to secure alternate venues and postponement dates in the event that we need to have a backup plan for each regional. At this time, we are happy to say that we have these plans in place and they are ready to be executed if needed in the event that a scheduled event is postponed. The 2021 Season is still a very gray area right now, but we assure you that we will share any and all updates and be 100% transparent leading up to all events.

We are still encouraging studios to submit their deposits and forms to secure their studio's spot in our regionals, especially since we will not be able to accept as many entries in preparation for extra sanitation, crowd limitations and social distancing. Once the deposit is submitted, we are advising studios to wait until closer to the 30-day deadline to submit final payment. While there is a great deal of unknowns, we are doing our best to get ahead of the Covid curve to be able to make a call on the event at least 30-days in advance.

HD will be in full compliance with CDC guidelines and as well as each events' local state governments. In addition, HD will have an additional layer of Covid-19 safety policies and procedures which will be updated as each event gets closer to ensure up-to-date compliance. Every studio will also be required to sign our General/Covid-19 Liability Waiver in order to participate in an event.

Below you will find our current guidelines in place as we prepare for our 2021 Season. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE UPDATED AS NEW GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION ARE RELEASED.**

## **High Demand Guidelines & Procedures**

- Any dancer or attendee presenting any symptom provided by the CDC symptom tracker is advised not to attend. Anyone of high risk due to health issues is also advised not to attend.
- All studios will be required to submit a waiver. A signature is required for all dancers by a parent/legal guardian. The studio director will also be required to sign off on the form acknowledging that all signatures are accounted for.
- At this time, studio block scheduling will be the only option to compete for our 2021 Season. Please note that studios with less than 20 entries could be assigned to a combined block with other studios (any questions or concerns please contact us to discuss in more detail). All studios must adhere to their assigned time block. Please note that HD will add padded time to each block for costume changes and to allow dancers to catch their breath. In the event a studio exceeds their time block, only the entries that performed up to their allotted time will be tabulated and the remaining performances will be disqualified without refund.
- Masks are mandatory for all HD crew, dancers and attendees. Proper mask wearing (mask must cover both your mouth and nose) will be enforced. Please note that while we are hoping each state and venues guidelines allow dancers to remove their mask only when performing on stage; dancers must be prepared to dance in masks as the restriction could change at any time. HD will communicate this information to studios before each event. If dancers are permitted to remove their mask, dancers are required to bring a pre-labeled bag with their name on it to leave on a designated table while they are performing. Please note that this table will be sanitized consistently throughout the event. Any studio or individual that fails to comply with our mask mandate will be asked to leave the event premises immediately and could result in disqualification.
- Sanitization will be done throughout the event on the stage, in dressing rooms, seats, common areas and any surface used for the event in between studio blocks.
- Limited spectators - We will follow each state's restrictions and also consider our crew and studios' best interest to determine a limited number of people in a building/area at a given time. Color-coded wristbands could be enforced if needed.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the event.
- Our crew members will all be equipped with sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer so feel free to ask them if any is needed at any time!
- Merchandise Store - We will have limited merchandise at the event for onsite purchase. Credit cards will be the only accepted form of payment and no

merchandise can be tried on or touched until purchase is made. All sales are final and no returns/exchanges will be accepted.

- Only dancers and one studio representative are permitted backstage when on deck to perform. Additional people are not permitted backstage to carry props. Props must be carried and assembled by dancers or one studio representative.
- Costumes are optional and dancers are required to arrive in their first costume. There will be no score deductions for costuming or if a dancer chooses to wear a mask, gloves, etc. Limited costume changes including hair, makeup, etc. are highly encouraged!
- Gathering outside of the event (i.e. sidewalks & parking lots) is prohibited. We ask that anyone waiting outside of the event stay in their car.
- Overalls will be live streamed at the end of the event or the following day. Studios will be notified in advance of specific scheduling.
- The entire event, including awards, will be live streamed to limit on-site spectators.
- Within the studio blocks, dancers will have the option to be on stage for the adjudication awards ceremony at the end of their session.