



CONTEST FAQ'S

ASCENSION DANCE NATIONALS

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EVENTS CENTER - STRAHAN ARENA
106 CHARLES AUSTIN DR., SAN MARCOS, TX 78666

- ★ Please arrive at least 45 minutes to one hour prior to your scheduled first performance
- ★ Team buses should enter the University Events Center from Charles Austin Drive and drop at the stop sign at crosswalk at Jowers Center for Team Check-In (see website for map). After dropping off students, buses should turn L onto Irvine Street and park in the large parking lot across Charles Austin Drive in the back section of the lot
- ★ Spectators should park in the large parking lot across Charles Austin Drive in the front section
- ★ Cross Charles Austin Drive to front entrance for "Spectator Entry" at the University Events Center

TEAM CHECK IN - SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEES - DIRECTOR COMPS

ADMISSION \$25.00

Children 5 & Under Free

ADMISSION TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT
<https://www.ascensiondance.com/national-dance-challenge>

TICKET SALES OPEN FEBRUARY 1

YOUR ADMISSION CREDENTIALS WILL BE SCANNED AND WRISTBAND DISTRIBUTED ONSITE

- ★ Chaperones and Prop Committee must purchase online admission for wristband to enter facility
- ★ Bus drivers are given free admission with proper School District ID
- ★ Doors will open at 8:00AM Saturday for Teams and Spectators in Separate Areas
- ★ Please arrive 45 minutes ahead of your first scheduled performance
- ★ At Team Check-In Directors, Dance Team Members, uniformed Managers and Escorts will be admitted
- ★ Non-Performing Members arriving separately without Team must pay admission even if they arrive in Team Attire

DRESSING ROOMS

- Teams will be led to a Dressing Area in Jowers Center Racquetball Courts and in Gym 221. If your team utilizes Gym 221 you may want to bring your wings for partitions
- ★ Please bring full length mirrors should you need them
- ★ Males are not allowed in Dressing Areas. Should you have male team members who need dressing facilities, please have them utilize the Male Restrooms in Jowers Center
- ★ No food or drinks are allowed in the Dressing Areas
- ★ Please understand Dressing Areas are not secured so keep valuables away. Ascension Dance and Texas State are not responsible for any lost/stolen items
- ★ Please have your team clean and leave the dressing area in the condition you found it. You are responsible for any damages to the dressing area per the Dressing Room Agreement property damage clause
- ★ Please have your team exit dressing rooms prior to Awards Ceremony
- ★ If you have early performances, please arrive DRESSED for your first performance!

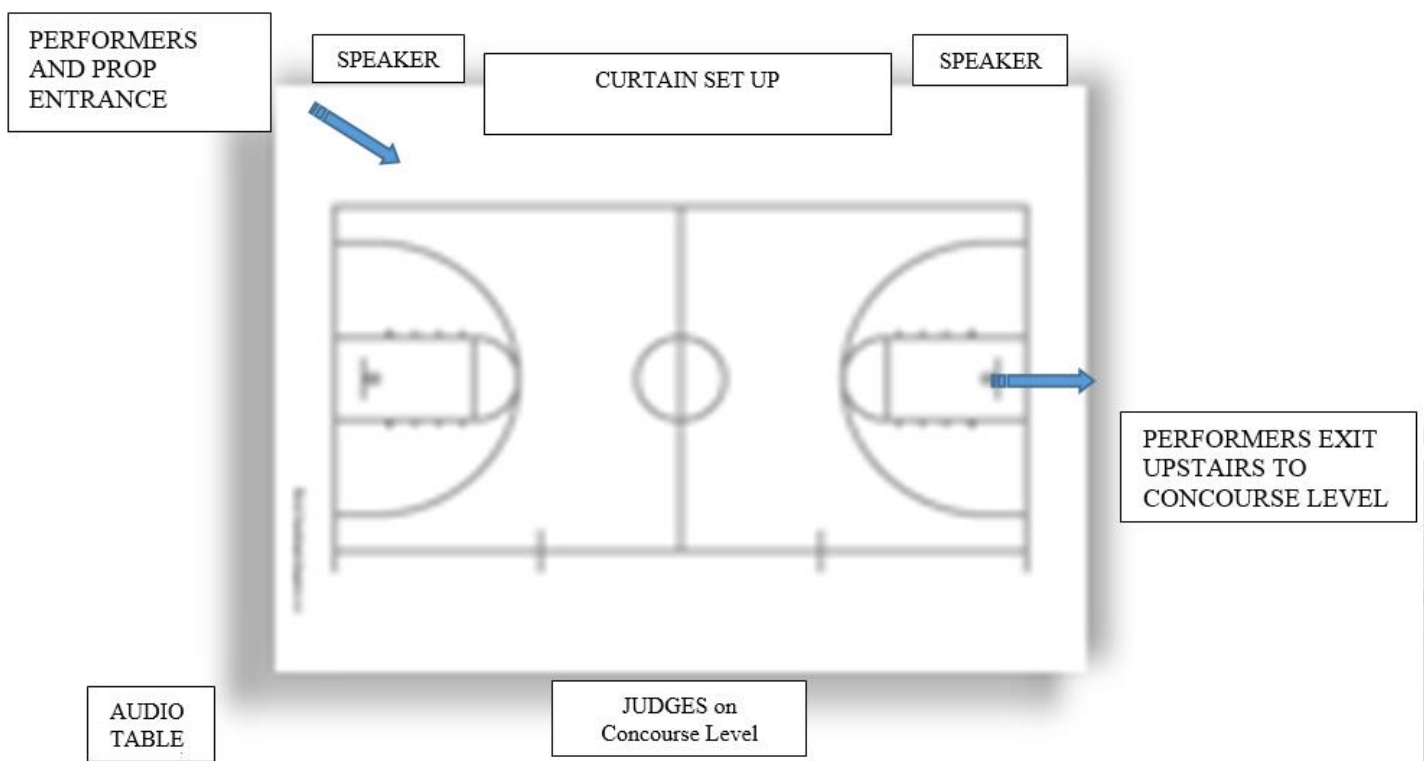
PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- ★ FINAL Performance Schedule will be posted by Wednesday the week of contest
- ★ Please be aware the Performance Schedule may run as much as 10-15 minutes ahead or behind schedule. Please notify potential spectators of this possibility

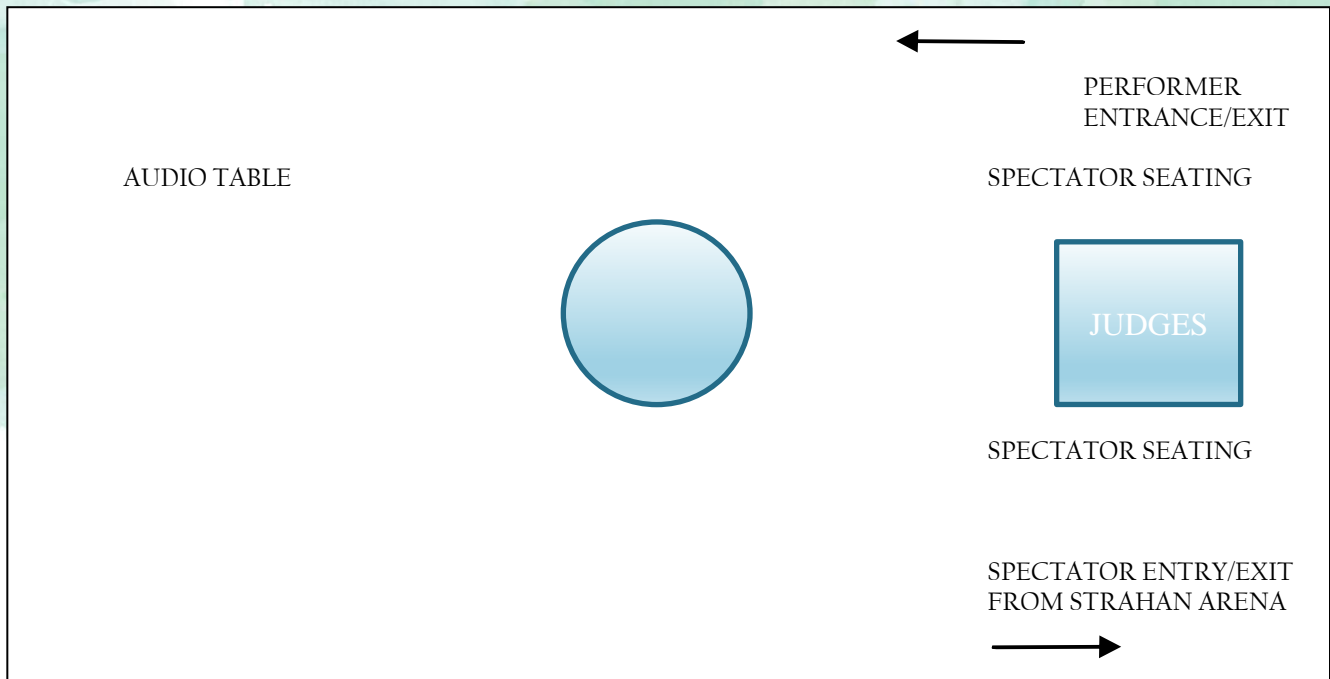
PERFORMANCE FACILITIES – PERFORMANCE FLOOR ENTRANCES & EXITS

- ★ Team/Officer Performances will be in Strahan Coliseum and Solo/Ensemble Performances will be in Jowers Gym 102
- ★ Warm-up Area is in Jowers Gym 101

STRAHAN COLISEUM



JOWERS 102



MUSIC REQUIREMENTS – SOUND SYSTEMS

- ★ For your Online Registration to be complete, you must VERIFY by agreeing to our Terms & Conditions that your music selections for our event have been purchased legally and has not been altered in any way to violate music copyright laws. By agreeing to our Terms & Conditions you hold harmless Ascension Dance from being liable should you be in violation of any copyright laws
- ★ MUSIC SHOULD ALL BE UPLOADED TO OUR WEBSITE 14 DAYS PRIOR TO CONTEST DATE
- ★ Music will be played on a high quality, professional sound system
- ★ FOR BACKUP ONLY if using an iPhone or iPad to avoid music being interrupted: AUTO LOCK OFF / PASS CODE OFF / VOLUME UP / AIRPLANE MODE ON
- ★ Team Rep with Backup Music at the Audio Table should remain for the duration of routine
- ★ Music should be recorded at correct performance tempo
- ★ For the best music quality have your music professionally recorded
- ★ Ascension Dance and Host Facility are not responsible for audio devices not picked up

PROPS – BACKDROPS – POMS – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- ★ Prop Drop-off is Located at the loading dock entrance to the University Events Center
- ★ Large props, curtains and staging should be unloaded prior to your scheduled performance time at the Loading Dock. Props can be dropped off Friday evening after 5pm – please communicate with us your plans
- ★ **IMPORTANT NOTE: PROP PARENTS** must purchase online admission for wristband to enter
- ★ Please have team representatives available to clean performance floor IMMEDIATELY following any performance with poms or props that may leave floor unsafe for next performance
- ★ Performers should wear soft-sole shoes (unless barefoot) to prevent floor markings or damage
- ★ If tap shoes are utilized, either tap boards or staging is necessary for the protection of the gymnasium floor
- ★ ALL props and staging should be properly padded to protect the Performance Floor. Any item that appears unsafe or fails to meet the guidelines as stated will not be allowed. Please understand we will strictly enforce this policy. If you have any questions regarding props, please contact our office in advance

- ★ Any participant who causes damage to the performance floor will be held responsible for repairs per the Host School Contract property damage clause
- ★ Props must not require electricity, smoke, fog, fire, fireworks, compressed air, aerosol or non-aerosol sprays or any other type of flammable or hazardous material per the Fire Marshall. Confetti, glitter, balloons, streamers or other similar substances may not be thrown to the audience during a performance
- ★ The use of knives, swords or other objects that may be considered dangerous are strictly prohibited

CONCESSIONS – VENDOR SALES

- ★ Concessions will offer Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner choices
- ★ Team PRE-ORDERS are strongly suggested through the Chartwell's Catering Pre-Order Form posted on website
- ★ Should you want to forgo ordering from Texas State and want to bring in Lunch ONLY for your team on your own, your Booster Club should do so at one time in one delivery
- ★ Bottles, containers or food items are not allowed to be brought into the campus building by participants or spectators
- ★ Directors are invited to the Castro Club on the Concourse Level throughout the day for our Director Hospitality Room for meals, snacks and drinks
- ★ PLEASE support our Texas State and their efforts throughout the day
- ★ Spectators are allowed to re-enter the building with a valid wristband
- ★ Please advise bus drivers to utilize concession areas

ASCENSION APPAREL SHOP

- ★ A variety of Ascension Apparel will be on sale throughout the day
- ★ Prices range from \$22.00-\$65.00
- ★ Items are limited. If you wish to purchase Contest Apparel, be advised to do so early!

PHOTOGRAPHY

- ★ Spectators are allowed to videotape throughout the day, however tripods are prohibited
- ★ Photography may not be sold onsite during competition
- ★ Flash photography that could interrupt the performer's spots or focus and tripods are prohibited

FIRST AID – LOST & FOUND

- ★ First Aid will be located in a designated area near the main Performance Floor
- ★ Lost and Found will be located in the First Aid area
- ★ Minor first aid supplies and ice will be available. No medication of any kind will be dispensed

AWARDS CEREMONY

- ★ The awards presentation will begin shortly following Solo Winner Performances
- ★ 1st Place Solo Winners will be announced in Main Performance Area so that they may dress to perform following the last competition performance. Announcement time will be notated on Performance Schedule
- ★ Solo Runner-ups will be announced at the Awards Ceremony with Solo Winners

AWARD PACKETS – EVALUATION CRITIQUES – CONTEST RESULTS

- ★ Award packets should be picked up by Directors at the Audio Table in the Performance Gym
- ★ Following the Awards Ceremony your scores will be available on your registration portal
- ★ Following the Awards Ceremony Master Scores of all performances will be available on your registration portal
- ★ Evaluations with Video Critiques will be available to you the day after competition on your registration portal
- ★ Contest Results will be posted at www.ascensiondance.com