



2026 CONVENTION RULES & REGULATIONS

CONVENTION

Classes

At Expressions Dance Convention, there will be a variety of classes taught throughout the day. Classes may include Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Pro Prep, and Improv. Such classes will be scheduled throughout the day.

Schedule

A schedule will be emailed to the registered studio one week prior to the convention.

Attire

Attire for the Convention should be fitted dancewear that allows the instructor to see each dancer's body alignment while in class. Dancers with inappropriate attire will be asked to change. Should the dancer not have a change of clothes, they will be removed from the class and fees will be forfeited.

Dancers may wear the respective footwear. For classes such as Hip Hop and Pro Prep, we do recommend for each dancer to wear sneakers.

Awards

Awards will be given by the Director of ENDC and/or Convention Instructor(s) to select dancers. These awards may include Awards of Excellence or Scholarships.

Scholarships

Scholarships are not interchangeable. Scholarships cannot be exchanged for cash. Scholarships can only be used for the specified event on the certificate. Scholarship recipients can only utilize one scholarship per convention location.

Teachers, Studio Directors & Parents

Teachers, Studio Directors, and parents must be registered as a dancer, should they wish to participate in classes. Teachers, Studio Directors, and parents must purchase an observer band, should they wish to observe classes. No one will be allowed in the Convention rooms without a chest number or wristband. Teachers and Observers must wear their respective chest number or wristbands at all times. Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC reserves the right to ask a teacher and/or observer to show them their wristband. If the teacher or observer

cannot produce a wristband, they will be asked to either purchase one or leave. Wristbands should be visible at all times. Teachers and Observers must submit a Participant Waiver to enter a dance room.

There is no limit to the number of students any studio can register.

Observers

Teachers, Studio Directors, and parents must purchase an observer band, should they wish to observe classes. Observer bands can only be purchased the day of the event at the merchandise table.

Registration

We are proud to be partnered with the leading software registration company servicing the dance community. The DanceComp Genie software is simple to use, stable, and secure. All entries must be registered through our DanceComp Genie portal online.

Studio Owners or Directors will have access to fees once registered through DanceComp Genie. Proof of studio ownership may be required.

Payment

All entry fees must be paid in full 15 days prior to the event. Fees that are received after this time period are subject to a late fee per entry. Registrations that are not paid in full 8 days prior to the event will not be able to participate and any paid fees will be forfeited.

Fees can be paid through DanceComp Genie or by sending a Certified Check to Expressions National Dance Competition. Checks will not be accepted after the initial payment deadline - 15 days prior to the event. Any other forms of payment are at the sole discretion of Expressions National Dance Competition. No personal checks are accepted.

Please note that to receive the Early Bird rate, we must RECEIVE your payment before the Early Bird Deadline; this can be found on our website under each event's location details. If paying with a check, please allot sufficient enough time for mail delays.

If you wish to pay with a Certified Check, please make it payable to Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC and send it to our mailing address.

Mailing Address:
PO Box 7401
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Any returned checks are subject to a \$75 fee.

Refunds

We do not provide refunds nor credits under any circumstances.

Independent Entries

Expressions National Dance Competition accepts independent entries for its dance conventions. You will be subject to an Independent Entry Fee. Fees associated with independent entries are non-refundable.

Behavior

Anyone attending or observing convention classes must conduct themselves in a professional and appropriate manner at all times. Observers should not be a distraction to the class. Should observers be a distraction to the class, they will be asked to leave and will forfeit their fees.

Everyone is expected to display good sportsmanlike conduct to all participants at all times. Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC does not discriminate, but we do reserve the right to refuse entrance to any competitor, spectator, studio or individual that has been deemed to exhibit unsportsmanlike behavior.

Marketing Content

All teachers, parents and participants give Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC the right to use their photo or video for any advertising or media campaign. By attending the Expressions Dance Convention, you give consent to the use of photos and/or video footage for promotional purposes on our website, social media accounts or any promotional products without royalty, fee or other compensation.

Food & Beverages

Unless permission is posted by the venue, no food or beverages are allowed anywhere in the convention center.

Participant Waivers

Participant Waivers can be accessed from the DanceComp Genie Dashboard once respective dancers have been registered. Waivers must be submitted by the respective deadline, outlined on our website and in informative emails. If a participant waiver is not received for anyone on or before the deadline, that respective dancer will not be allowed to participate in the event, and all fees will be forfeited; this includes dancers, teachers, and observers.

Liability

Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC reserves the right to cancel any events due to lack of registration or other unforeseen circumstances. Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC reserves the right to change an event's location, venue, and/or dates. Upon canceling, changing a location, venue, and/or date, the primary contact for the representing studio will be notified. Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC will not be held liable for any costs endured for any type of travel arrangements made upon canceling an event, changing a location, venue, and/or date, including but not limited to hotel fees, transportation fees, or bank fees.

Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC and the hosting venue will not be held responsible for personal injury or property loss to either participants, spectators or anyone attending before, during or after the event.

Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC will not be held responsible for unforeseen flaws in equipment that may lead to an accident or injury. Persons present at the convention must assume responsibility for any accident or injury. It is the studio's responsibility to educate themselves, their staff, dancers, parents, and other attendees from their studio of these rules and policies.

Participants in a dance convention are subject to risks and/or injuries which can include, but are not limited to sprains, pulled muscles and broken bones. Participation in Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC events indicates the acceptance of these types of risks. Participants and spectators agree that they will not hold Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC, its officers, employees or staff responsible for injuries or illnesses contracted while in attendance at any Expressions event.

Waivers must be signed for anyone participating in an Expressions National Dance Competition event.

By attending an Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC event, you are agreeing to all rules and regulations.

Expressions National Dance Competition, LLC reserves the right to make changes to Convention Rules at any time.