



American Nationals/Internationals

Location Information: University of North Texas

Address: North Texas Drive (off I-35 E)

City, State, Zip: Denton, Texas 76203

Phone: 940/565-2557

Registration: Friday 12:45pm–7:00pm / Saturday 7:00am–4:00pm **Teams enter at Gate B, Spectators at Gate A**

Team/Officer/Ensemble/Solo Information:

Events Start/End: Friday – approx. 1:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday – approx. 8:00am – 11:00pm

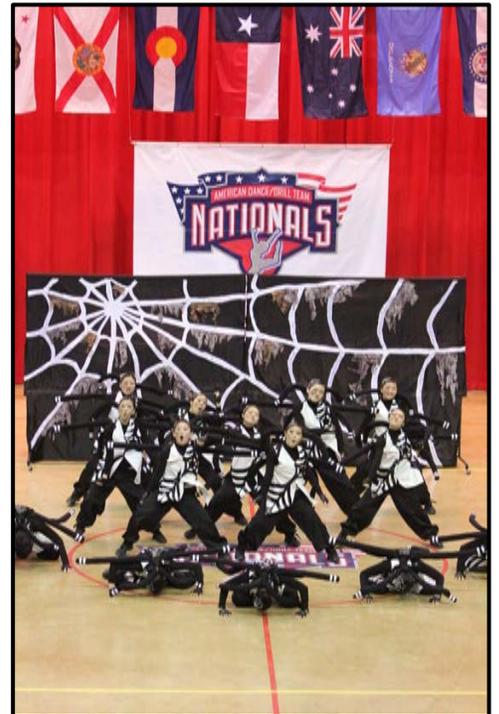
Please check the final schedule posted on the web site the week prior to the contest for exact performance times.

Performance Area: Team events will be performed in the UNT Coliseum this year and will be scheduled both on Friday and Saturday. Some Team, officers and ensembles will be in the Men's Gym on Saturday. Solos and duets will be in the Men's Gym and PE Building on Friday along with all solos, duets and ensembles in the P.E. Building on Saturday.

Props and Staging: All routines performed in the **Coliseum** with backdrops and staging will start your lineup into the North Tunnel about 30-45 minutes in advance of your performance. There is **NO PROP STORAGE** in the Coliseum or Men's Gym. Any staging or backdrops that come into the Coliseum must be able to pass through the mouth of the tunnel that is 9' tall and 11' wide, without having extra assembly inside.

All routines in the **Men's Gym** that have props and backdrops must fit through a 7' double door with the center pole out.

All routines in the **PE Building** that have any props or staging must be able to fit through a 7' door with the pole still in. We cannot accommodate large props and staging for solos, duets, or small ensembles that cannot fit through a regular door.





Judges Area: In the coliseum, the judges will be in the center, 20 rows up. In the Men's Gym, the judges will be on a raised platform about 6 feet off the floor. In the solo/duet area, the judges will be eye level.

Team Entrance/Exit: *Main Coliseum:* enter from the judge's right and exit to the judge's left.

Men's Gym: enter from the judges back left and exit to the judges back right.

Solo area (PEB): enter and exit from judge's right.

Sound Area: In the Coliseum, Men's Gym and solo area, the sound will be floor level in the center. We offer pitch control for CD's and can accommodate iPods for music. Please do not leave your iPod at the sound area unattended. We must have a

representative from your team to play your music from an iPod. If playing from a phone, please put phone on 'airplane mode' as to not ring and cancel out music during a performance. Also be sure to turn your Bluetooth off if you have been paired with a speaker for practice purposes.

Floor Surface: The Coliseum has a smooth concrete surface with red tape marking the basketball lines and volleyball lines. The Men's Gym is a regulation wood basketball court with basketball and volleyball markings. The P.E. Building has a wood regulation basketball court.

Dressing Area: Teams will be assigned various dressing rooms on the lower level and concourse level of the Coliseum. Please do not use the public restrooms for dressing.

Results: The director or assistant director may pick up all team, officer, ensemble, duet and solo packets at the awards table immediately following the awards ceremony. No packets will be passed out until that time. You will receive your score sheets as well as a flash drive with a video/audio comments from two judges for team, officer, ensembles, and solos.

Tailgating: Tailgating at American Nationals has become an 'artform' to many of the teams and families. Just look around and you will see hundreds of tents, RV's, giant grills on trailers, special banners, and the smell of great food! Teams that choose to have their own tent for dressing must make a reservation with UNT online, well in advance of the event, and your space will be marked off and reserved by the UNT staff. Make nationals a family event for everyone!

Live Webcast: We will stream live all three performance venues including the UNT Coliseum, UNT Men's Gym, and



solos/duets in the PE Building on our web site. Make sure to tell family and friends across the globe to watch the events live at www.DanceADTS.com.

Other Information:

Concessions: Available for purchase on site. **No food may be brought in from outside.** If it is good weather, many teams will opt to have a picnic outside on the grounds of the campus. Please make sure to pick up any trash and make sure it is disposed of properly.

Tents: Any team wishing to bring in their own tent for dressing or other purpose must reserve space in advance using the online form on our web site. There is a fee for holding and reserving your space. Space is limited for tents so reserve early. Registration open in January.

Warm-Up Area: Teams may warm up in front of the Coliseum or Men's Gym.

Team and Spectator Admission: Main Foyer

Friday - \$10.00 per person

Saturday - \$15.00 per person

4 years & Under and 65 & Over are Free

All other spectators, parents and chaperones must either present a VIP pass or pay admission

Directions:

From Dallas:

Go North on I-35 East to Denton.

Exit number 466B North Texas Boulevard, and turn north toward the campus.

From Fort Worth:

Go North on I-35 West Denton. Follow I-35/Dallas signs.

Exit number 466B North Texas Boulevard, and turn north toward the campus.

Spectator Parking: Use large lots below the Coliseum next to the stadium.

Bus Parking: Please use the outer lots next to the stadium.

RV Parking: There will be many people that will bring their RV's to this event but there is no RV hook up or reserved parking. There will be representatives from UNT that will direct the parking of the RV's near the coliseum.

Tents: Those teams wishing to set up a tent for dressing, you must reserve in advance through UNT as space is limited. Please contact Connie Verdin, arena manager, at cverdina@unt.edu. There is a fee for reserving tents or RV's near the coliseum. All other tailgating tents are on a first come, first serve basis beginning on Friday morning in front of the Men's Gym and PE Building. RV's must park in the stadium parking lot.

Host Hotel: Contact ATS Tours and Travel to plan your group trip (800/698-3901 or ats@atsotoursandtravel.com).

Average # of Teams Attending: 130+ teams including teams from South Africa, Japan, Australia, Alaska, Hawaii and many states around the U.S.

Things to do in the City: There are endless things to do in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. To name a few: Six Flags Over Texas, Hard Rock Café, Galleria, Northpark, Grapevine Mills



Mall, West End Marketplace, etc., etc. Contact ATS Tours and Travel to plan your group trip (800/698-3901).

Information: **NO PERSONAL CAMERA TRIPODS ALLOWED.** A current schedule of the contest will be posted the Monday prior to the event and be linked to the Contest Page or our web site.

All props, staging and backdrops must be able to pass easily through a regular 7 ft double door with the center bar removed in the Men's Gym. In the Coliseum, there is a large, double door that will allow in larger staging and props. However, there is **no inside storage for these props** so they must be brought into the 'on deck' area, 30 minutes prior to the performance and taken out immediately after the performance.

We are delighted to offer a **College Division** for nationals with some of the top dance teams in the country. The college teams will compete in the Main Coliseum on Saturday afternoon and the college awards ceremony will take place about one hour after the last college performance. This will allow the college teams to either commute back home or be able to enjoy the north Texas area.

We welcome back our International Division to this event that will include teams from Japan, Australia and South Africa. Teams may elect to bring 'welcome gifts' to offer to the visiting teams. American teams wishing to compete in the International Division can pay an additional \$300.00 fee for their scores to be counted again in the **International division**. Placement will be awarded in each category as well as each team entered in the International division will be ranked and receive an award.

Feature performances will include many college teams along with the Dallas Mavericks Dancers along with special appearances by the Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleaders!

