



GENERAL CONTEST INFORMATION

- **Spectator Admission Fees**
 - Spectator Admission for 2024 (cash or check only):
 - Regional Contests: \$15 per adult • \$5 per student K-12
 - Nationals: Friday: \$15 (per person) Saturday: \$20 (per person)
 - 4 and under/65 and older are free
 - If for any reason we have limited capacity, all spectators, no matter what age, will need to purchase a ticket.
 - *Team members and managers will be admitted free as long as they are in a team warmup or official team shirt to identify them. Any managers or escorts that are not in identifiable attire, will have to pay admission.*
- American Dance/Drill Team® will have **t-shirts** and **patches** available for purchase at each contest. Short sleeved t-shirts are \$10, long-sleeved t-shirts are \$15, and patches are \$5. Cash or check only.
- **No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought in at contest sites.** No food or drinks in dressing areas. Teams will be responsible for any damages.
- *Tailgating is ONLY allowed at Nationals on the UNT campus by advance reservation.* Most high school campuses have district policies that do not allow for grilling or any open flames on their campus.
- Please inform the parents that there is **no saved seating** in the spectators area and that unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- **Prop Information**
 - All **props** that touch the floor must be padded properly or they will not be allowed.
 - Teams will be held responsible for any damage done to the floor. Directors may be asked to sign a contract or agreement with the host facility.
 - All backdrops/staging/props must be able to fit through a 7-foot door with the center bar out.
 - For 2024, Curtains/Props will be allowed as long as there are no limitations for parents to access the storage areas at school locations. **Curtains will NOT be provided;** please plan to bring your own curtains or share with another team for each contest.

- Please be sure to indicate on your online registration if you will be using curtains or large props; this will help us with scheduling.
- *We continue to encourage your dancers to practice bringing props on and off for each performance to help the contest stay on schedule.*
- **Registration & Contest Schedules**
 - Registration needs to be completed 3 weeks prior to the event. Contest confirmations will be emailed upon receipt of your registration. All entry fees must be paid prior to the contest date.
 - *Credits:* If you are submitting credits to be applied towards your contest balance, they must accompany your registration prior to the contest date in order to be credited to your account.
 - **REFUND POLICY:**
 - All cancellation/refund requests must be submitted in writing, even if you have notified the office by phone.
 - Requests must be dated at least 14 days in advance of the camp/contest.
 - Cancellations that fall within the 14 days prior to the camp/contest will not be eligible for a full refund.
 - If for any reason there is a catastrophic situation beyond our control that requires the event to be canceled, we will issue a full credit or refund for entry fees.
 - Requests will be reviewed by the American Dance/Drill Team administration.
 - Directors will receive a preliminary schedule by email 10-12 days in advance of the contest. Please confirm your email is correct during registration so that you receive all important communication prior to the event.
 - Please contact our office with any changes no later than noon on the Monday the week of the competition so that we can send the schedule to the printer and post on our website.
- Still photography along with personal videos are allowed at our events. However, we cannot allow any tripods to be set up in an aisle, walkway or on the floor as it is a liability. Some contest sites may also offer professional action photography. We will no longer be able to offer a videographer to sell DVD's of the contest due to music copyright laws.
- ADTS® **will not ship** awards or result packets. Directors must pick these up prior to leaving the event. If for any reason that you must leave the contest before the awards ceremony, please see the contest administrator and make arrangements to pick up your awards and results before you depart.
- **Contest Results** will be posted online at our website immediately after the awards ceremony.
- ADTS® uses only the **top adjudicators** for dance and dance/drill team.
 - They have each qualified themselves to be experts in their respective areas and many hold a degree in dance education.
 - All contest administrators and adjudicators go through an *annual training course* in order to maximize efficiency and fairness in each contest.
 - A *head judge* is assigned to ensure that there is continuity to scores.
- **The ADTS® office will be closed on Fridays, so please call by Thursday if you have any questions.**