



# Competitions

## Regional Contest Awards

We have given a brief description of the awards so that you and your team will better understand our contest and have a more positive experience.

**Solos:** Solos will be evaluated and given Divisional ratings. Those solos receiving a Division I will receive a medal/pin; Division II ratings will receive a ribbon. Winners and runners up will receive special awards. If there are at least five soloists per group, winners and runners up will be awarded in Mascot, Elementary, Intermediate, Jr. Private, Middle School, Jr. Varsity, Sr. Private Team, HS Classic, HS X-Small Team, HS Small Team, HS Medium Team, HS Large Team, and HS Super Team.

**Solo Winners Circle:** The Top Scoring Studio and Top Scoring School soloists will be named to our Solo Winners Circle. Solo Winners Circle will *not* perform their award-winning routines during the awards ceremony.

**Duets, Small, Medium, & Large Ensembles:** Duets (2 performers), Small Ensembles (3-5 performers), Medium Ensembles (6-12 performers) and Large Ensembles (13-20 performers) will receive ratings for their routines, and each student will receive a pin for their rating. The top scoring duet, small ensemble, medium ensemble, and/or large ensemble in each division will each receive a **“Best in Class”** award.

**Division Ratings/Sweepstakes:** Teams/Officers will earn Divisional ratings (I, II, III) on their routines. The judges will evaluate each routine based on choreography, presentation, precision, and technique. Teams/Officers entered in at least three categories and receiving Division I ratings (90 or above) in each routine, will receive a **Sweepstakes Award**. Teams/Officers *must* enter at least 3 events to be eligible for Sweepstakes, Gussie Nell Davis Award, Best Overall, Best in Class, and Best of the Best. Regardless of rating, each team/officer group entering a routine in a category will receive a trophy.

**Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence:** Teams/Officers receiving a 93 or above from every judge on every routine will receive this prestigious award in addition to their Sweepstakes trophy. You must be entered in at least 3 team or officer categories to be eligible.

**Judges Awards:** Judges Awards are given based on scores in the following categories for both team and officers: Jazz, Kick, Prop, Pom, Novelty, Lyrical, Contemporary, Modern, Hip Hop, Military, Show Production, Open, Field Routine, Pep Rally/Game Day, and World Dance. Routines receiving a score of 94 or above from all judges in the category will receive this award.

**Dr Irving Dreibrodt Award:** The team(s) with the highest total score from all three judges in the Military category will receive this prestigious award.

**Best Overall Awards:** Teams/Officers that score highest in each area of the score sheet will be recognized for Best Overall Precision, Best Overall Technique, Best Overall Presentation and Best Overall Choreography. Teams or Officers that receive one Best Overall will receive a Bronze Award, for two areas they will receive a Silver Award, for three areas will receive a Gold Award, and for all four areas receive a Platinum Award. Teams/officers must have entered *at least 3 or more* routines to be eligible for these awards. These awards are based on the *average* of all team or officer routines entered.

**Best in Class Teams and Officers:** Teams and officers will have their three highest team or three highest officer scores added together and the highest score will be awarded in each division (provided there are at least 3 teams in each division). Groups will earn a unique award for your trophy case as well as a banner.

**Best of the Best Teams and Officers:** All teams/officers (except classic division) in the competition (competing at least 3 or more events) will be compiled into one group (including all groups competing at least three team/officer events). The top scoring teams and top scoring officers (based on the total of three highest team or three highest officer events) will be ranked and receive a beautiful award. The highest scoring team and highest scoring officers in the competition will also receive a banner for their school/studio. If a contest has only one classification of Officers/Teams eligible to be ranked for Best of the Best, this award will *not* be presented. Teams/officers entered in the classic division will not be eligible for the Best of the Best rankings.

**Pastry Academic Champions:** Teams entering at least 3 team events and submitting their overall GPA prior to the contest are eligible to be Academic Champions for that particular contest. There is no fee for entering Academic Champions. Please include GPA from the previous 6 weeks or 9 weeks grading period. This is due the *Monday prior* to the contest entering. These grades must be noted on a 4.0 grade scale and weighted if

in AP classes. All entries must be either signed by the counselor or emailed to us directly from the school counselor.

***Texas Motion Sports WOW Factor Award:*** This award, sponsored by *Texas Motion Sports*, will be selected by the judges during the contest day for a few of the routines that had great audience appeal. It will not be selected based on scores but on entertainment value. It can be a duet, ensemble, officer, or team routine.

***GetPoms.com Giving Back Award:*** Teams may submit their special community service projects to our web site to be considered for this special award. We are proud to partner with *getpoms.com* to honor those teams that do great work in giving back to their communities throughout the year.

***Biogime Sportsmanship Award:*** Each team will cast their ballot (picked up at team registration) near the end of the day for the team they feel deserves to be named the *Biogime Sportsmanship Award*.

***A Wish Come True Outstanding Team:*** Each team will cast their ballot for the Outstanding Team.

***CC Dancewear Outstanding Director:*** Each team will cast their ballot for the Outstanding Director of the contest sponsored by *CC Dancewear*.

Important Information about the **Awards Ceremony:**

- Awards will be called in random order and not by rank or score.
- **Solo Awards:** Solo finalists will *not* be announced prior to the awards ceremony. We will continue to announce Solo Finalists, Solo Winners, and Top-Scoring Soloists for the Solo Winners Circle at the start of our Awards Ceremony. We will *not* have solo finalists change into costumes, and we will *not* have the Solo Winners Circle perform again. We appreciate your understanding with this change in our solo awards.
- Results packets may be picked up by a *Director* after the Awards Ceremony.
- If you must leave early, please make sure to notify the contest administrator and we will arrange to have your awards and results available for you before you leave. We cannot mail trophies or awards.