



2024 TEAM NATIONALS

EVENT INFORMATION PACKET

We are just a few days away from the best and most exciting weekend of the year! We are so excited that we have so many teams and individuals joining us this year. Enclosed is much of the information you will need to make your weekend run as smoothly as possible.



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5201 SPIRE Circle, Geneva Ohio 44041

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WEEKEND AT A GLANCE SCHEDULE

Friday

- 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Wristband Pickup
- Team Registration
- Teams View Performance Area

Saturday

- All Teams
- 7:00am - Doors Open
- 8:00am - Competition Begins
- 10:00pm - *Best of Best Routines Posted

Sunday

- Tiny, Primary & Elementary Teams
- Best of the Best
 - 7:00am - Doors Open
 - 8:00am - Competition Begins
 - 10:00am - Awards
- Junior & Senior Teams
- Best of the Best
 - 11:30am - Competition Begins
 - 2:30pm - Awards

*All teams, regardless of age division and competitive level, will move one routine forward to compete in Sunday's Best of the Best. Information on which routine will move forward will be posted on our website – www.scau.org – on Saturday evening by 10pm.

VENUE INFORMATION AND PARKING

SPIRE Institute
5201 SPIRE Circle, Geneva Ohio 44041
<https://www.spireacademy.com/>

Entrances & Parking at SPIRE Institute

The event will take place in Building 1 (The Cristal Courts) and the entrance is marked below with a yellow star “Field and Courts Entrance.”



TICKETS/WRISTBANDS

This year we are only offering a weekend ticket for \$20. Tickets will only be available to purchase electronically. No cash will be accepted at the venue.

All teams will perform on Saturday April 20th with each team advancing one routine into the Best of the Best competition on Sunday. All awards sessions will take place on Sunday following the Best of the Best competition.

Tickets/Wristbands are required to enter the arena. Children 2 and under are admitted free when sitting on an adult lap.

*Dancers who are in costume or a team warm up will not need a wristband to enter.

All purchases must be made through the website. No cash will be accepted at the venue. You can purchase a ticket upon arrival if you choose. However, please make sure that you allow enough time to purchase your ticket and pick up your wristbands when planning to see a team at a specific time. All ticket purchases will be made directly through SPIRE. Advanced purchase is recommended to cut down on time spent in line, but not required.

[Click here to purchase your wristband!](#)

Obtaining Your Wristbands

SPIRE will have staff available to obtain your wristbands. Spectators will need to present their ticket (paper or on a mobile device) where they will receive a wristband for their purchase.

Wristband pickup times are as follows:

- Friday: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Saturday: 7am – 12pm
- Sunday: 7am – 12pm

****All wristbands must be picked up during one of the time slots****

Complimentary Wristbands for Teams

We will provide each team with 4 wristbands for coaches/choreographers/directors for each session (if you have more than 4, you will need to purchase additional tickets/wristbands through the link above.)

These wristbands will be included in the registration packets that are picked up by the coach/director (see registration section.)

All spectators will be asked to show a wristband when entering the main doors and when entering the performance area.

REGISTRATION & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Team Arrival Instructions

Cars and/or buses can drop off dancers and coaches at the front of the main SPIRE Entrance in building 1 at the Field and Courts entrance.

Dressing Rooms

Most teams will have enough time to go back to their hotel rooms to change in between routines, however, if needed there is a large general dressing area for teams. **These are located on the turf fields opposite the performance area.** **Teams that utilize this area for costume changes must have a tent with sides and a top for privacy for dressing purposes.** Teams must have blankets or tarps in the area they occupy to prevent damage to the fields. Please refrain from make-up changes in this space and utilize the locker rooms instead.

There are 2 female locker rooms and 1 male locker room that can also be utilized for costume changes and make-up application. **The locker rooms are not a place to hang out or store your belongings.**

Absolutely NO OUTSIDE FOOD is permitted and bottled water is the only liquid permitted in this area. Tape of any kind is NOT permitted on the walls, doors, etc.

No personal belongings of any kind should be left in the areas without supervision. SPIRE and Showcase America are not responsible for lost and/or stolen items. Convince your dancers to leave their phones, electronics, etc. at the hotel.

Registration Times

We are asking that teams **register in the SPIRE Lobby (right inside the entrance of building 1) on Friday evening from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.** We also understand that many teams are traveling a long distance, so if it is not possible to register on Friday evening, we ask that you come to the Judge's area on Saturday.

Please keep in mind that the complimentary wristbands will be inside of your registration packets so if you do not pick up the packet on Friday, you will not have those complimentary wristbands available on Saturday morning to enter.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Generally, any items that obstruct the view of other guests or that can be used as projectiles, that interfere with the comfort of other guests or are deemed inappropriate/hazardous are prohibited. The arena makes the final determination about items, which are permitted but not limited, to this list.

The following are **NOT** permitted to be brought into SPIRE Institute:

- Food, Beverages, or Coolers
- Professional cameras with DETACHABLE lenses
- Dangerous weapons or materials of any kind
- Noisemakers - Airhorns, whistles, "over-sized" bells or horns (see below for a list of permitted items)
- Confetti
- Balloons
- Glitter

The following noisemakers **ARE** permitted:

- Plastic blow-up thunder sticks
- Cowbells
- Plastic clappers
- Small plastic hand shakers

As a reminder, parents and fans are only permitted to film/record their own dancer or team.

THE ARENA

Entrance and Exits

Competing teams will be in one of two areas in the warmup area:

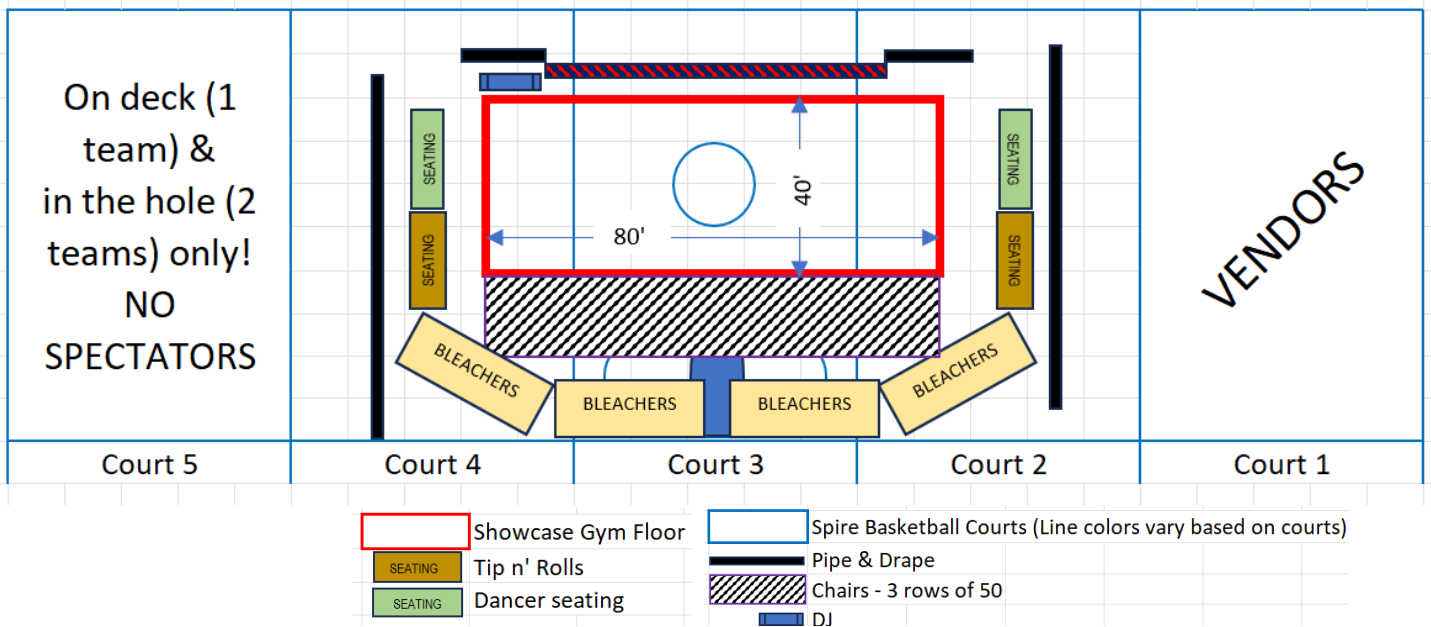
- One team will be “on deck”—to the left of the performance floor (stage right).
- Two teams will be “in the hole”—to the left of the performance floor (stage right).

Teams will be performing on the gym floor. Entrances are to the back left (stage right) of the judges and exit to the back right (stage left). Once the performance is over, the dancers will exit and go behind the performance area.

Arena/Gym Floor

This year we are back on a gym floor! The performance area will be approximately 40' x 80' (which is very similar to the space the last few years) and will be marked with external boundaries, high school volleyball court lines and the center circle. There are 5 courts that are side by side in this area. We are using the middle court and part of the courts beside it for the performance area – see below. We will have the external boundaries outlined so that they stand out and the dancers know which lines apply to our space.

WE ENCOURAGE DANCERS & TEAMS TO COME AND VIEW THE VENUE AND PERFORMANCE AREA ON FRIDAY EVENING FROM 6:00PM TO 8:00PM!



The first few rows of seats are the “Fan Zone” and only to be occupied by the team that is on the floor performing. This section will be marked and monitored, so please follow the rules.

JUDGING PANELS

All judges for Nationals will be certified, experienced judges. These are the tentative judging assignments. Please contact Karie Seubert if you have any concerns.

Remember that the lowest score is dropped when the judging panel is 3 judges or more.

Saturday National Championships

Tiny, Primary & Junior

Alisha Mikkelson, Pam Six, Kayla Diltz Kim Nicoll, Kayla Woods

Penalty: Jody Cox & Cheryl Myers

Tabulation: Jordan Seubert & Mike Seubert

Elementary & Senior

Dawn Hostetler, Roni Petersen, Carole Taylor, Kennedy Fails, Ali June

Penalty: Mary Murtha

Tabulation: Jordan Seubert & Mike Seubert

Sunday Best of the Best & National Championships (Senior Select)

Tiny, Primary & Elementary

Alisha Mikkelson, Jody Cox, Kayla Diltz, Kayla Woods, Kim Nicoll

Penalty – Ali June & Cheryl Myers

Junior, Senior & Senior Select

Carole Taylor, Karie Seubert, Kennedy Fails, Pam Six, Roni Peterson

Penalty – Dawn Hostetler

MASTER TABULATION – RESULTS & SCORESHEETS

All scores will be posted through DanceComp Genie within 48 hours. The only exception will be on Saturday evening, all teams will receive individual scores and comments to help prepare for the Best of the Best competition. As a reminder, recorded comments are not used at Nationals.

MUSIC

All music should be loaded into DanceComp Genie no later than 04/18/24.

LIVESTREAM/VIDEOGRAPHY

We are excited to announce our partnership with Lockwood Media! Lockwood's team of media professionals will be onsite to videotape and capture professional action photos for this event.

SPECIAL PRE-ORDER TEAM PRICING EXPIRES SUNDAY APRIL 21. ORDER NOW FOR BEST PRICING!

Lockwood Media provides:

- Live Stream – HD video streamed directly to your smart TV or device. All routines & awards
 - View live - \$29.95
 - Live + 30 days on-demand replays - \$39.95
- Media Package – Includes HD video plus all action images from your routine delivered via digital download. Print, post and share your photos and videos with your team, family and friends with no limits! Images will be delivered approximately 48 hours after event conclusion to your email via download link.
ORDER AS A TEAM & SAVE!
 - \$125 per routine (Special pre-order pricing expires April 21, 2024)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks so much to those teams who have hosted invitationals and generously donated to the SCAU Scholarship fund. Our goal is always ten \$1000 scholarships. We realize that this continues to be a challenging year financially for everyone so we cannot thank you all enough for your very generous donations – regardless of the amount! We are working hard and will do our best to award as many scholarships as we can. Any donation is greatly appreciated, no amount is too small!

Donations can be made electronically through PayPal or Venmo (please indicate that it is for the scholarship fund) or sent to:

Showcase America Unlimited
520 Hill Road N
Ste. 563
Pickerington, Ohio 43147

FAN CONDUCT

Please remind your parents of the following important items:

- **The people who plan and run this competition and are ALL volunteers.**
- Only coaches and directors may inquire about an issue. Judges will not respond to requests or directions from parents.

Many misunderstandings can be avoided by your having an informational meeting with parents and dancers to review the information in this packet.

WORKER LISTS (REQUIRED)

This, as you know is a completely volunteer-driven event. It keeps everyone's costs down and we are so grateful for the outpouring of volunteers we get every year.

If you haven't sent in your 4 volunteers PER TEAM yet, please click the link below and do so as soon as possible.

We will be in contact via the email used to sign up in Signup Genius so stay tuned for more information!

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT VOLUNTEER/WORKER INFORMATION](#)

AWARDS

Awards Ceremonies

It has been the tradition at Showcase America that teams either wear costumes or team attire of some sort at awards to add a flair of professionalism and team camaraderie to our events.

Remember to enter the arena, you must have a wristband, be in full costume, or a team warmup.

Awards Sequences

There are so many awards, that it often gets confusing for dancers and parents. **This year all awards will take place on Sunday.** Please review the following with your dancers and parents as it may help with confusion.

National Awards

The following awards are based on Saturday's performances (Sunday for Senior Select) and scores:

- Rating Ribbons for all performances
- Special Judges' Choice Awards
- National Placements in all categories
- Elite Awards – Highest Scoring Routine in Each Age & Competitive Level
- Grand Champions by Age & Competitive Level (Tiny Teams are not eligible)

*ALL TEAMS WILL ADVANCE THEIR HIGHEST SCORING ROUTINE
TO SUNDAY'S BEST OF THE BEST CHAMPIONSHIP!*

Best of the Best

- Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top 3 Best of the Best Tiny, Primary, Elementary, Junior, and Senior single routines in each age division **and** competitive level **based on Sunday scores only.**

Note: Senior select routines performed on Sunday will be calculated for all National Awards and the Best of the Best Championship.

Other Special Awards/Recognitions

- Director of the Year award
- Scholarship Winners
- Senior Salute
- Hall of Fame award
- John Graham Five Star award

*The large traveling Grand Champion trophies are being replaced with
"Grand Champion" pins for each dancer on the team.*

DANCER OF THE YEAR AND CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR INFO AND PAGEANT WINNER PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to all of our Dancers of the Day and Captains of the Day! We'd like to feature you in front of all of our Nationals' fans and families. During the awards ceremony for your age division, as soon as the last team finishes its performance, please come to STAGE RIGHT (same side of the floor that your team entered from earlier in the day). We will ask you to say your name on the mic and what team you represent. Then, you will have the length of the floor to do whatever you do best---dance across the floor; strut; tumble---your choice!

SEE SOMETHING; SAY SOMETHING!

In these turbulent times, please keep your eyes and ears open for anything unusual. Do not allow dancers to leave bags unattended, and if you see a bag unattended, report it to an arena official immediately.

Things in particular to look for or listen for...

- People trying to get access to secured areas (like dressing areas—using excuses like they just need to see their niece, etc.)
- People taking pictures of the arena.... but just of the facilities...alarms, loading dock, employee areas, security offices or personnel. At an event like this, someone taking a picture that doesn't have other people or dancers in the picture is suspicious.
- People asking questions about locked doors, back entranceways.
- Prolonged surveillance of targets (using binoculars, taking notes)
- People asking intrusive questions. (Is there a way for me to get to the loading dock? Who is permitted to use the elevator? Does this building have roof access? Where are those girls from? Are you on Facebook? Instagram, etc.?)
- Also, any event like this with young women in large numbers attracts sex traffickers. Large venues are prolific places for people to lurk about unnoticed and then take a child. Please do not allow dancers to travel solo in the arena, remind them about talking to people they do not know, have them be aware of strangers taking pictures or videos of them. A few years ago, we had little children as small as 7 years old running around the venue by themselves, going in and out of the area into the outside - craziness!

***PLEASE** do not hesitate to tell a security person immediately if something doesn't feel right or if you see anyone acting suspiciously. I would much rather be wrong about something than have something horrible happen.*

So sorry that we must even think about this, but we do. It behooves us to remember as well that the tightened security at the arena is only meant to keep all our kids safe.
