

AWARDS

Awards Ceremonies

If possible, it is **highly recommended** 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. This has been a long standing history with Showcase America and we would like to keep it going 😊

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. Please review the following with your dancers and parents as it may help with confusion.

Friday Solo/Ensemble Awards

- Rating ribbons and participation trophies for all solos and ensembles
- Special Judges' Choice Awards
- Placements in all categories: In solo/ensemble categories, a minimum of half placements will be awarded (12 in a category, at least 1st through 6th will be awarded.)

Saturday Awards

Team Awards:

- Rating Ribbons for all Junior and Senior performances
- Special Judges' Choice Awards
- National Placements in all categories
- Elite Awards – Highest Scoring Routine in Each Age and Competitive Level
 - Junior Classic
 - Junior Select
 - Senior Nova
 - Senior Classic
 - Senior Select
- Grand Champions by Age and Competitive Level:
 - Junior Classic; Junior Select; Senior Classic; Senior Select
- Announcement of Best of the Best (Junior and Senior Teams Only) This will be a separate competition this year. See Sunday's award section for more information

Other Special Awards/Recognitions:

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

Sunday Tiny, Primary, and Elementary Awards

- Rating Ribbons for all Tiny, Primary and Elementary routines
- Special Judges' Choice Awards
- National Placements for all categories for Tiny, Primary and Elementary
- Elite Awards – Highest Scoring Routine in Each Age and Competitive Level
 - Primary Classic
 - Primary Select
 - Elementary Classic
 - Elementary Select
- Medals for Primary and Elementary Top 3 routines in each age division and competitive level
 - Primary Classic
 - Primary Select
 - Elementary Classic
 - Elementary Select
- Grand Champions by Age and Competitive Level:
 - Primary Classic; Primary Select; Elementary Classic; Elementary Select

*MEDALS ARE ONLY AWARDED FOR THE TOP 3 ROUTINES IN EACH
AGE **AND** COMPETITIVE LEVEL*

Sunday Best of the Best Awards

- Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top 3 Best of the Best Junior/Senior single routines in each age division **and** competitive level. Best of the Best trophies will be given to the remaining Top Ten scoring **INDIVIDUAL** routines, **based on Sunday scores only.**

BEST OF THE BEST: SELECTION AND RULE REMINDERS

- The top routines from both Classic and Select (Junior and Senior) teams will recompete in the Best of the Best competition on Sunday.
- **Classic teams will recompete their ONE highest scoring routine only; Select teams may place a maximum of 3 routines.**
- Judges, at their discretion, may select one or more Wild Card teams (teams who have reached their maximum or have not otherwise placed that routine in by scores) to move forward to Best of the Best based on entertainment factor, audience appeal, etc.
- **Scores will be wiped cleaned after Saturday's announcement. The Best of the Best competition is a stand-alone score on Sunday.**

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!

