

# **ONYX DANCE COMPETITION**

## **Onyx Hip Hop & Choreography Competition**

Mexican Heritage Theater  
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## **Rules and Regulations**

Adult Division: Ages 18 and older - \$1500 Grand Prize

Youth Division: 18 and under - \$700 Grand Prize

Mini Division: 12 and under - \$300 Grand Prize

Competing teams must have at least

5 members in the Adult Division and 3 in the Youth and Mini Division

\*Youth and Mini Division may be combined if there aren't enough competing groups\*

## **Deadlines and Fees**

Application must be submitted two weeks prior to competition.

Fees:

- Competition Teams - \$35 per competitor
- Exhibition Team - \$50 per team

- Total fees must be paid within 10 business days of application acceptance or by November 22nd days prior to the competition. If not, the original application date is void and you must reapply at the current fee rate.
- Dancers in multiple routines must pay fees for each one.
- Your team name/logo will appear in advertising flyers and/or our website only if competition fees have been paid in full.
- Payment is accepted by cash or check. Please make check payable to Onyx Dance Co. You will be charged a \$50 late fee if payment is received after November 22nd.
- Changes in the number of competitors or dancers competing must be submitted in writing via email to [info@OnyxDanceCo.com](mailto:info@OnyxDanceCo.com). Payment for additional competitors must be received 5 days prior to the performance date, or they will not be allowed to compete.
- Refund of competition fees and ticket sales will not be issued for any reason.
- We reserve the right to decline your application for any reason, at any time.

### **Application Process**

- The Team Captain or Director must fill out the application form, available on [www.OnyxDanceCo.com](http://www.OnyxDanceCo.com). Deadlines for the application form and payment of fees are detailed on Page 1 under Deadlines and Fees.
- Adult Teams only – Please email the application form and a video of a past performance to [info@OnyxDanceCo.com](mailto:info@OnyxDanceCo.com) . If you do not have a formal video, a practice video is acceptable.
- Youth Teams only - Please email the application form to

info@OnyxDanceCo.com. Youth Teams are not required to submit a video. Although submission of a video would be appreciated, selection of youth teams to participate will be based on application date and the number of applications received.

### **Waiver Form**

- A Waiver Form will be emailed to team captains and designated adults for Youth Teams upon acceptance of application.
- Adult Teams - the Team Captain or Director is responsible for collecting signatures from each competitor and providing the completed forms at team check-in the day of the competition.
- Youth Teams – competitors under the age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the waiver form. A designated adult is responsible for accumulating all waiver forms and providing them at team check-in the day of the competition. Please make sure the required signatures are acquired prior to the competition day as minors without a parent or legal guardian signed form will not be allowed to perform.
- We reserve the right to ask any competitor for proof of age.

### **Team Check-in**

- Time and details for team-check in will be announced via email. Performers are expected to arrive at the designated time and will check in together as a team.
- All Youth Teams from the same studio OR with the same director are considered one “Dance Family”. Each Dance Family must be accompanied by 1 adult per 10 minors or 1 adult per 5 minors for children under the age of 12.

## **Choreography**

- Must not be longer than 5 minutes. A routine over the 5-minute limit will result in a one-point reduction for every 10 seconds from your final score for not following competition rules.
- Any props and special effects must be approved by Onyx prior to the performance date. Failure to do so will result in removal of the props/special effects from your performance. Onyx, at their discretion, may allow the performance to proceed with the props/special effects; however, your team will be penalized one point from your final score for not following competition rules.

## **Music**

- Due 2 weeks prior to competition. Please send in mp3 format via the Google Form we will send out for you to complete.
- In addition, please have music available on a phone as backups to the music provided via email.
- Overly offensive language, racial slurs, anti-gender, anti-sexual orientation, and explicit sexual reference must be removed from your music. If there are any questions in this regard, please email the Director at [info@OnyxDanceCo.com](mailto:info@OnyxDanceCo.com)

## **Performance**

- If there is a technical failure on our part, your team will be allowed a moment to regroup and start the routine from the beginning.
- If there is a performance failure, you must continue the performance to completion or forfeit your place in the competition.

## **Sportsmanship**

- Competitors and accompanying adults for Youth Teams are expected to behave in a respectful and considerate manner towards one another and everyone associated with the competition. Failure to do so can result in point deductions and, in extreme cases, disqualification.
- Onyx has a special affection for children and youth and wish this competition to be a positive experience for them. Please be aware of your language and behavior when children and youth are present. Please interact with them with smiles and words of encouragement.

## **Judging Panel**

- The judging panel will consist of at least 3 people: Industry dancers, choreographers, and directors.
- If for some reason there is a tie, the panel will deliberate and select the winning team.

## **Other**

- Video, flash photography, and photography are completely prohibited.
- Disqualification - any team that does not follow Onyx rules and regulations can be subject to point deductions or disqualification.
- We reserve the right to change these rules at any time.