



## WELCOME!

On behalf of the entire Star Dance Alliance team and the Starpower Talent Competition family, we'd like to say thank you for your loyalty and support. The last year has been unlike anything we've ever experienced, and we are working diligently to evolve with these unprecedented times. Since 1987, the Star Dance Alliance has produced thousands of live events around the world, hosting millions of performers and visitors. We want to continue bringing you the best live events in the dance industry. As cities and regions begin to share plans to reopen, and the Star Dance Alliance begins to resume in-person competitions, we'd like to share an update on we're holding our events for the time being.

It really can't be said enough — the health and well-being of our clients and employees are our top priority. We want to be sure the approach we are taking is thoughtful and that we are creating an atmosphere that's safe for everyone. Our events will follow local and state guidelines as well as procedures and policies put in place by our venues. We want you to feel safe and comfortable while attending an event. Please note that these items are subject to change.



# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

**We are working closely with the venue to be sure that all necessary safety precautions are taken. The following precautions must be taken by each studio...**

- ★ Dancers and Teachers will be given their specific entrance time to the venue the week of your event.
- ★ Parents and Spectators may be asked to enter at a later time to stagger the crowd.
- ★ Each block will be assigned a colored wristband for spectators to arrive. Only those with the correct color wristband will be permitted in during your block of time. Wristbands will be distributed to the studio upon check-in at the competition.
- ★ Anyone who is running a temperature above 100.4, or who has been ill within the last 72 hours should not attend.
- ★ ALL music must be uploaded by the studio using their online registration account.
- ★ Props must be handled solely by the studio. No Starpower staff will be permitted to assist with props.
- ★ All staff, teachers, dancers and spectators will be required to wear a mask. (Dancers will not be required to wear a mask while performing unless required by the venue).
- ★ Seating will be modified by blocking off seats or rows within a section to accommodate social distancing between individuals from different households.
- ★ The venue should provide sanitation stations throughout the building.
- ★ It is highly recommended that everyone bring their own water to drink.
- ★ Each event will be live streamed — we encourage studios to limit the number of spectators. (venues may limit the number who attend, themselves)
- ★ After each time block, all common areas will be sanitized including the stage, dressing rooms, and audience seating.
- ★ Please remember to practice social distancing when in all common areas.

**“I felt very comfortable and thought all the necessary precautions were taken for the safety of the dancers.”**

**- Christine L.**

## SCHEDULING

- ★ All scheduling will be completed in a block format. Each studio will bring only their dancers scheduled for each block session and their associated spectators.
- ★ Depending on the guidelines set forth by each city, state, and venue, there could be one studio in a block, or multiple studios in a block.
- ★ Studios may be divided into multiple days (i.e.: 30 routines compete on Thursday, 30 routines compete on Friday).

### BLOCK SCHEDULING EXAMPLE:

- 7:30am** Block A arrives
- 8:00am** Block A begins competition
- 11:15am** Block A exits and sanitization of all common areas and turnover for the next block
  
- 12:00pm** Block B arrives
- 12:30pm** Block B begins competition
- 2:15pm** Block B exits and sanitization of all common areas and turnover for the next block
  
- 2:30pm** Block C arrives
- 3:00pm** Block C begins competition
- 5:15pm** Block C exits and sanitization of all common areas and turnover for the next block
  
- 6:00pm** Block D arrives
- 6:30pm** Block D begins competition
- 9:00pm** Block D exits and sanitization of all common areas and turnover for the next block

**“I felt so safe there! It was so clean and felt that they had put all precautions in place!” - Lauren A.**

## ARRIVAL

- ★ All dancers, teachers and spectators will be given a specific time and location to enter the venue the week of the event.
- ★ Everyone must have the proper credentials to enter the venue.

## PERFORMANCES

- ★ A Studio Director or Teacher must check-in with the Backstage Manager for each routine, while maintaining 6-foot social distance at all times.
- ★ All performances will be live streamed through the DanceBug App.
- ★ At the end of each schedule block, we will host an adjudicated awards ceremony. In some instances, this awards ceremony may be virtual or pre-recorded due to local and/or state restrictions.
- ★ Immediately following your last routine in your block, adjudication pins, special awards, any potential scholarships, invitations, trophies, and Choreography & Entertainment awards will be bagged, labeled by routine, and given to the Studio Director before they depart the venue.
- ★ At the end of the weekend, Title Champions, Overall High Scores, and Golden Tickets to the 2021 World Dance Championship will be posted in text form on the results page of our website.

## DEPARTURE

- ★ Once the final performance is complete for each studio, dancers, teachers and spectators must collect their belongings and exit the venue within 15 minutes.
- ★ Each studio will have a designated area in the dressing room during their block. However, during the transition period between sessions, there could potentially be a brief overlap of an additional studio in the transitional public areas. In order to assist with making this transition as quick as possible, please remember to clear out the dressing rooms prior to the end of your session.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: It is imperative that you instruct your dancers' families on these procedures. Anyone who is not willing to comply with the above stated procedures will be asked to leave.**

**“Starpower kept every child safe and allowed them to do what they love.” - Lori I.**



## AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once all of the entries have been tabulated, the following awards will be posted online, as there will not be any in person or virtual awards at the conclusion of the competition.

- ★ 1st Place Category Champions
- ★ Scholarships
- ★ Costume Awards
- ★ Photogenic Awards
- ★ Title Awards
- ★ Overall High Score Awards
- ★ Choreography & Entertainment
- ★ SDA Champions
- ★ Golden Ticket Invitations

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. What is the SDA New 2020 “Block Format?”**

A. The SDA has created a “Block Format” schedule. This new scheduling plan has blocked time for studio(s) in order to reduce the number of dancers and spectators from different studios in the venue at one time. After each set block of time, the stage and dressing areas will be fully disinfected.

### **Q. How will Starpower guarantee only specific Studio Spectators are allowed in?**

A. Enclosed in your Packet are specific Color Wristbands for your Spectators. This will allow your studio families into the event at the specific time.

### **Q. What time will be studios be allowed into the venue?**

A. Teachers, Directors, Dancers and Spectators will be allowed into the venue at their specified time given to them the week of the event.

### **Q. What time will Props and Prop Teams be allowed into the venue?**

A. If you are bringing Props, please alert your onsite Regional Director/ Backstage Manager to determine a time to bring in your Props.

### **Q. Will the Event be live streamed so the dancers’ families at home can watch?**

A. You bet! The SDA wants all family and friends to enjoy seeing their loved ones on stage dancing!



## FAQ CONTINUED...

**Q. Will there be in-person awards ceremonies with spectators at the Events?**

A. At the end of each schedule block, we will host an adjudicated awards ceremony. In some instances, this may be virtual/pre-recorded due to local and/or state restrictions. You will be notified the week of your event if your awards will be in person or virtual/pre-recorded.

**Q. When will we learn the placement of each category, as well as high score awards? Where will we view the results?**

A. The announcements of Category Placement, High Scores, Golden Tickets, SDA Champions, and Title Winners will be posted to our website at the conclusion of the weekend's event. There will not be any in person or virtual awards at the conclusion of the competition.

**Q. Who will pick up adjudicated awards? When and where do they pick up these awards?**

A. ★ Immediately following your last routine in your block, adjudication pins, special awards, any potential scholarships, invitations, trophies, and Choreography & Entertainment awards will be bagged, labeled by routine, and given to the Studio Director before they depart the venue. There will be a designated place communicated to the studio owners at the event where to pick up awards in each location.

**Q. Who will pick up Overall awards? When and where do they pick these up?**

A. We will discuss options for Overall Awards on site with each Studio Director.

**Q. Will I have to wear a mask to attend a Star Dance Alliance event?**

A. Masks/Face Coverings are required at Star Dance Alliance events for dancers, teachers, and spectators in the common areas. SDA staff will be in contact with studio owners with a full list of precautions and requirements for each venue/event prior to the start date.

**Q. Do I have to upload my music or can I bring CDs?**

A. All music must be uploaded to the registration system. CDs, iPods, etc. will only be accepted for emergency backup use.

*Remember... "You're always a star at Starpower!"*

