

Encore Extreme Rules and Fees – Registration opens August 1, 2025!

Convention and Competition - Columbia, SC October 17-19, 2025

4 levels of classes:

MINI/PETITE– ages 8 & under JUNIOR – ages 9-11
TEEN – ages 12 -14 SENIOR – ages 15 & up

Convention Fees:

MINI/PETITE \$180
JUNIOR/TEEN/SENIOR \$290
TEACHERS \$290
OBSERVER PASSES \$40 (available for purchase at event)

Competition Fees:

Teachers, please email info@encoredcs.com or login to your registration portal for competition fees.

Dream Team Audition Fee: \$25 (Optional - please read below for more info!)

General Event and Venue information:

A current Encore DCS Waiver must be signed and submitted prior to participation. Students will not be allowed to participate unless a waiver has been submitted.

NO outside food or beverages are allowed in the venue (other than personal water bottles for dancers.) The convention center is very strict about this policy and will ask you to throw away outside food if they see it. Concessions will be available in the venue for your convenience!

Convention Guidelines:

Teacher wristbands and nametags can be picked up in the lobby. Registration times will be noted on the final schedule.

When arriving at the venue students should report to the ballroom assigned for warm up. Individual students do not need to check in at the registration desk. Any registration issues should be handled by teachers.

Parents or guardians must purchase an Observer Pass in order to watch class. Observer passes are available for purchase for \$40 at the event. Observer passes allow access to all ballrooms. However, parent observers will not be allowed to observe the Dream Team Audition.

All students are eligible for **scholarships!** Faculty will select students to receive full and partial scholarships to Encore Extreme and Encore DCS competitions. These awards will be announced at the Closing Show and Awards on Sunday.

Audition Classes:

The main focus of “The Audition Process” is to educate these young dancers on how to behave, look, act and perform during an audition. Students will learn audition etiquette, tips, combinations, and will participate in a “mock” audition process. This is not the official Dream Team audition.

Dream Team Selection:

Encore DCS is proud to offer an amazing opportunity for advanced dancers to be cast in a one-of-a-kind promotional video and become a member of the Encore DCS Dream Team! All Encore Extreme participants age 9 and over are eligible to audition for the Dream Team.

Students interested in being a part of the dream team will participate in a separate Dream Team Audition at Encore Extreme. (Date and Time listed on final event schedule.)

Students chosen for this experience will be choreographed, staged and featured in a video to create a new advertising campaign for Encore DCS. Date and location to be announced!

General Competition Guidelines:

As always, we offer free livestream of all performances! The competition is open for all spectators and observer passes are not needed to watch the competition.

All competition music should be uploaded to your Dance Comp Genie account prior to the event.

Photos and videos of all routines are included with entry fees and can be accessed from home within five days following the competition via digital download. Parents will not need to view or purchase photos or videos at the event.

Rules concerning tricks, categories, etc from Encore DCS competitions apply to Encore Extreme and can be found at www.encoredcs.com.

Solo Competition Guidelines:

Encore Extreme Solo Showdown Competition will be held on Friday and Saturday. Winners will be announced in our Closing Shows on Sunday where our new Mr. and Miss Encore Extreme will be announced!

- One solo per student. All soloists compete on the same level. There is no differentiation between recreational, competitive and elite. During the registration process, all routines will default to the elite level.
- Soloists must participate in the convention in order to compete a solo. Awards are determined by 80% solo score and 20% class participation/standing out in class. All soloists will compete in the age division in which they fall on the first day of the event and all students will compete in the same level. Students must take class and compete in the same age group.
- Soloists will be awarded medals and adjudicated placements on Sunday at the Closing Show and Awards ceremony for their age group.
- Title winners in each age division (Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior) will be announced at the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon and will receive a Trophy, Crown, Banner and an Overall Convention Excellence scholarship. Title winners are invited to be our VIP assistants and help crown the new winners at the convention the following year!
- Overall Mr. and Miss Encore Extreme will receive a crown, banner, trophy and a \$100 gift certificate to any Encore DCS Regional Competition.
- Title winners from the previous year are not eligible to compete in the solo competition the following year. We invite title holders from the previous year to be our special guest assistants at the convention.

Group Competition Guidelines:

Encore Ovation Challenge will feature the top groups from each participating studio battling for the ultimate title and \$1000 cash prize. Each studio is invited to bring up to TWO duet/trios or group routines in each age division and compete for the title of "Encore Extreme Champion" on Saturday night. Awards will immediately follow group competition. An Overall Winner in each age division will be announced as well as the Overall Encore Extreme Champion!

- Two entries per studio for each age division (Mini 5 and under, Petite 8 and under, Junior 9-11, Teen 12-14, and Senior 15-18). Ages for group competition are determined as of January 1, 2025.
- **Each group will receive LIVE judges feedback from one judge immediately following their performance. After the routine has been completed please instruct students to immediately line up across the front of the stage to receive their feedback!**
- Duet/trios, small groups, large groups and super groups are welcome. (Productions are excluded.)