

2020 GRAND FINALS – EVENT INFORMATION

Schedule:

A tentative schedule is available online and is subject to change based on the number of entries received. This schedule will be updated approximately one month prior to the event and again two weeks prior to the event. Detailed schedules will be emailed to all studios 10 days prior to the event.

Deadline and payment:

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and is limited to a certain number of entries. Easily transfer your routines from regionals to nationals. A 50 percent deposit is due 28 days prior to the event and full payment is due 2 weeks prior to the event or a \$10 late fee will be added for each routine. Please email encoredcs@gmail.com to redeem any gift certificates or scholarships from regionals. Please note that any gift certificates won at regionals for Overall Group, Highest Scoring Group, or Top Studio can only be redeemed towards group entry fees.

Workshop classes:

Encourage your students to take our 4 workshop classes taught by the judges for a total price of \$60. Four levels of classes are now available and are based on student age (Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior.) Any students competing for Title at Nationals are required to take Convention Classes. Observer bands are required for parents to watch classes and can be purchased in the lobby at the competition for \$20.

Title Competition:

Students competing for Title at nationals are required to take Nationals Workshop classes. Solo scores and participation in Workshop Classes will determine the scores for Title. The Top 20 students in each age division will be announced and a Top 10 will be asked to improv on stage. The Top 10 in each age division will be recognized at the Closing Show and Gala where the Top 5 will be asked an on-stage question. All title winners will be announced at the Closing Show and Gala on the final night of national's competition. More information to follow!

Powerhouse Productions competition:

All productions will compete in our Powerhouse Production competition! One overall production will be awarded in each level – Recreational, Competitive and Elite. In addition, there will be ONE Top Overall Powerhouse Production that will receive a \$1000 Gift Certificate and will be featured in our 2021 program.

Elite Standing Ovation and Awards Gala:

The Elite Division Standing Ovation Championship will now be featured at our brand new annual star-studded Awards Gala. The Gala will include the Elite Standing Ovation Championship, the final performance of the Opening Number, the announcement of Title

Winners, Top Studio, Cover Model, Most Entertaining and Best Choreography Awards, and much more!

Information on ticket orders will be available by April 1, 2020.

Two tiers of pricing will be available:

Limited VIP Tickets are \$50 each and include reserved table seating near the stage with complimentary champagne for adults, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

General Admission tickets to the Elite Ovation and Awards Gala are \$10 and include entrance to the show with a guaranteed seat plus access to a cash beverage station. Students competing in the championship or other performances must purchase a ticket in order to watch the remainder of the show from the audience.

Standing Ovation Championship:

The Standing Ovation Championship will be held in all three levels and now recognizes winners in two age divisions for each level (11&Under and 12&Over.) Judges will select up to 10 age 11&Under routines and 10 age 12&Over routines in each level that they would like to see in an Encore performance. These routines will re-compete for large cash prizes! (The number of routines is subject to change based on the number of entries received in each level.)

The winner will be selected based on entertainment value, star quality, technique and overall appeal discussed among the judges' panel along with audience enthusiasm. Limit of one routine per studio for each age division and level. For example, a studio can have one age 11 competitive routine and one age 12 competitive routine, but cannot have two age 12 competitive routines.

Cash awards are as follows:

Recreational Division \$500 each

Competitive Division \$750 each

Elite Division \$1000 each

NEW this year:

*A special Guest Judge will join the panel for the Ovation!

*Productions are excluded from the Standing Ovation and will compete in a separate Powerhouse Production competition.

More details to be announced!

Opening Number:

The Grand Finals Opening Number, choreographed by Chase Hudson, will be performed multiple times throughout the week and at the Gala on the final day of competition. Participants will be charged a costume fee of \$20. Please enter student

names and shirt sizes in your dance comp genie registration by choosing “Opening Number” as the entry type. The following students are invited to participate in the Opening Number:

- 1) All 1st, 2nd or 3rd place overall solos, super solos or Title winners from 2020 regionals
- 2) 2020 Dream Team Members
- 3) For studios that were unable to compete at a regional due to COVID-19 we invite you to nominate 1 student for every 10 solos that are competing at Nationals.

Grand Finals Photogenic and Cover Model Competition:

Students can submit one 8x10 headshot for our Grand Finals Photogenic competition. To register for photogenic, choose “Grand Finals Photogenic” as the entry type. Photos should be submitted at the event before group competition begins. The student's name, studio name and age should be written clearly on the back of the photo. Photos will not be accepted via mail or email. A winner will be recognized in each age division (Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior.) Winners will receive a Custom Photo Frame and \$50 Gift Certificate to any Encore DCS event. ***NEW this year: Students must enter the photogenic competition in order to be considered for Cover Model.***

Parent Performances for Charity:

Enter your dancing parents in our fun and exciting parent competition for charity! Encore DCS will donate the entry fees from the winning routine to the charity of the winning studio's choice!

Class of 2020 Senior recognition:

Encore DCS would love to recognize all of your graduating seniors in our program. Please email a photo of your choice with the student's name and studio to encoredcs@gmail.com. In order to ensure your photos are received, please send each picture individually and place the student's name and studio in the subject line! Photos must be received by June 20.

Souvenir Program Ads:

Celebrate your dancer or studio with a special ad in our Grand Finals Souvenir Program. Include pictures and a special message in our program to wish your child or your students the best of luck. Your design must be PRINT READY and emailed to encoredcs@gmail.com. All ads and payment are due by June 20. Teachers, order forms are available in your dance comp genie account under Competition Materials. Please share this ad information with all of your teachers and parents so that everyone is given the opportunity to participate.