

NORFOLK, VA – THE SANDLER CENTER

APRIL 9-10, 2021

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## **REVISED 3/31/21**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 AM	DOORS OPEN
8:30 AM	SESSION 1
10:45 AM	SESSION 2
1:00 PM	SESSION 3
4:00 PM	SESSION 4
6:20 PM	SESSION 5
8:35 PM	SESSION 6

## SATURDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 AM	DOORS OPEN
7:45 AM	SESSION 7
9:35 AM	SESSION 8
11:35 AM	SESSION 9
4:20 PM	SESSION 10

7:30 PM	ELITE GROUP AWARDS
8:00 PM	RECREATIONAL GROUP AWARDS
8:30 PM	COMPETITIVE GROUP AWARDS
9:00 PM	11 & UNDER SOLO AND DUET/TRIO AWARDS
9:30 PM	TEEN SOLO AND DUET/TRIO AWARDS
10:00 PM	SENIOR SOLO AND DUET/TRIO AWARDS

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A customized schedule with individual performance times for each entry will be emailed to all studios by Wednesday, March 31. Teachers will receive an email stating which session your studio has been assigned.

The deadline for changes is Friday, April 2 and can be emailed to susan@encoredcs.com. Students should be prepared to compete up to 30 minutes ahead of their scheduled performance time. We recommend watching livestream to stay up to date on the pace of the event as awards may sometimes start earlier than planned!

*Guidelines and safety protocol:* We are planning 2021 dance competitions with your health and safety in mind and in accordance with local mandates and guidelines from each venue. We invite and encourage family and friends to watch livestream, especially the elderly, high-risk individuals or those with underlying health conditions.

**Spectator passes:** Because this event will be restricted to 100 spectators per session, teachers will receive spectator passes to distribute at the event. In most cases this will be 2 spectator passes per student. If your

studio has more than 50 students, you will receive a total of 100 passes that can be distributed among your spectators. Passes can also be shared within your studio. If one parent uses a pass to watch their dancer, this parent can step out of the room and share his or her pass with a parent that may need an extra one.

For group awards ceremonies – if you choose to participate on stage we invite you to select one person per routine to represent your studio on stage. The students participating on stage will not need a spectator pass and they should enter through the backstage area. You will also receive one spectator pass for each group routine for awards.

For solo/duet/trio group awards ceremonies – Students can participate on stage and you will receive one spectator pass per routine for awards ceremonies. Students will not need a pass and Local mandates and venue guidelines often change. We will update you if the rule on spectators is lifted prior to our event.

Group Competition has been divided into sessions. Teachers will receive an email stating which session of group competition your studio has been assigned. There will be a limited number of studios in each session of the competition and the auditorium will be sectioned off so that each studio will have a separate seating area.

Dressing room space will be assigned and each studio will have a designated area. Social distancing must be maintained in the dressing room at all times. We ask that only one adult per child is in the dressing room and that social distancing is maintained at all times. For students that are only competing solos, we encourage you to come dressed and ready to perform. If possible, we encourage students over the age of 12 to help each other with quick changes so we can limit the number of people in the dressing room. For group competition only: Each studio will be assigned a "meeting space" to gather for warming up and dressing for one hour prior to your session. You will be able to move to the dressing room after the previous session has ended and we have sanitized the area.

Solo/Duet/Trio awards will be in person with limited numbers of people in each ceremony. We will have a designated area on stage for each studio. Awards will also be livestreamed for those that prefer to watch virtually! One spectator pass per routine will be provided for all solo and duet/trio awards ceremonies.

Studios have the choice of watching group awards virtually OR participating in an in-person ceremony on stage. If your studio is participating on stage we kindly ask each studio to select one representative from each routine to represent you on stage. We will have a designated area on stage for each studio. All other students and parents should watch awards via livestream. If your studio chooses to participate virtually teachers should pick up awards before the end of the competition weekend. Trophies and awards cannot be shipped after the event.

Our mask policy is based on the local government and the venue. At this time, the venue requires that spectators wear masks at all times. Students should wear masks anytime they are not competing on stage. However, if students choose to wear masks on stage there will certainly be no penalty. We will inform you if this mandate is lifted prior to the event.

Photos and videos of each routine are provided at no additional cost! Teachers will receive an email with your media password and more information. Media will be available at www.encoredcs.com within five days of the event.

We look forward to seeing you soon!