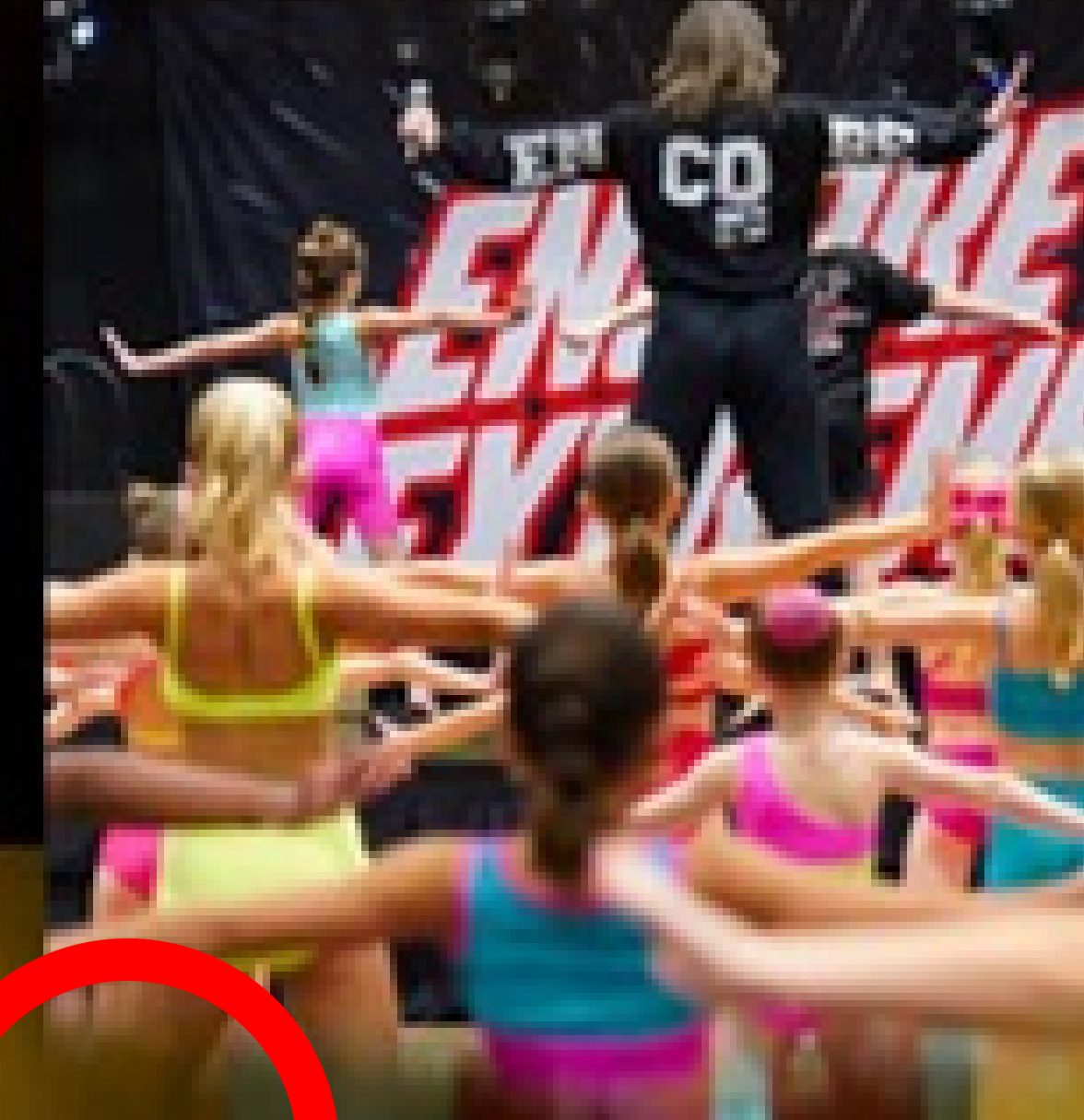
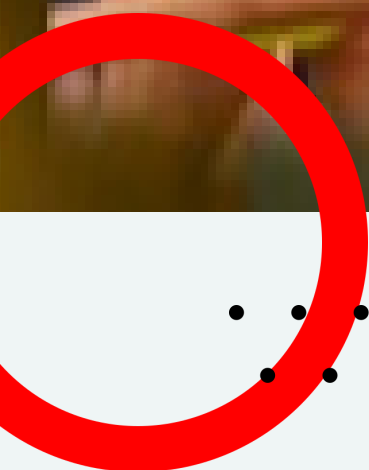




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Encore Extreme



# CONVENTION HANDBOOK

A WEEKEND GUIDE



# WELCOME MESSAGE



Welcome to Encore Extreme. We are proud to provide the fierce and friendly convention of Encore DCS. The dance competition you know and love has created an extension that bridges the gap between training and performance.

Our weekend consists of three days of convention classes, a solo competition where dancers compete for the title of Mr. and Miss Encore Extreme, a group dance showdown and the opportunity to audition for the Encore DCS Dream Team.

What to expect? Classes filled with talented dancers and learning from the finest dance educators who provide thoughtful, fun and diverse training.

Please read along for more information so that your Encore Extreme Weekend is a success!





## EDUCATION

At Encore Extreme, you can expect unique and insightful classes taught by the best in the business who want to see your dancers learn and grow.

## EXPERIENCE

We offer classes that are unique to the Encore Extreme Experience, such as: audition prep, dancing for the camera and more! In addition, you can kick off your season with our Solo Title Competition or our group battle experience with LIVE feedback from our judges.

## OPPORTUNITIES

With options to compete, take class and audition for Dream Team - we have every avenue covered for your dancers. Plus, we offer teacher/parent classes, a teacher brunch and an incredible closing showcase featuring awards and special performances.

# WHAT WE VALUE





# ENCORE EXTREME

## 3 - DAY FEES & MORE

### **CONVENTION FEES:**

- MINI – ages 5 & under - \$100 (dancers age 6 can take class in the Mini room if they are not competing a solo; dancers age 6 that are competing a solo must take the Petite class.)
- PETITE – ages 6-8 - \$200
- JUNIOR – ages 9-11 - \$300
- TEEN – ages 12-14 - \$300
- SENIOR – ages 15 & up - \$300
- TEACHERS - \$300
- OBSERVER PASSES - \$40 (available for purchase at event)

**DREAM TEAM AUDITION:** \$30 (dancers register and pay at the door)  
(Optional – please visit [www.encoredcs.com](http://www.encoredcs.com) for more information!)

**COMPETITION FEES:** Teachers, please email [registration@encoredcs.com](mailto:registration@encoredcs.com) or login to your registration portal for competition fees.

### **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. Concessions will be available in the venue for your convenience!

Teacher wristbands and name tags can be picked up in the lobby. 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.

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.

### **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](http://www.encoredcs.com). Age divisions are based on the dancer’s age on the first day of the event.

### **Parent Volunteers needed:**

Volunteers are needed to serve as Door Monitors at our upcoming event. Volunteer for a time slot and you will receive a free observer band for the weekend and a free Encore DCS t-shirt. Door Monitors kindly check for observer bands as parents/guardians/teachers enter the convention classes. You will be seated at the entrance to the ballroom and positions will be filled on a first come first serve basis. To sign up, please see the link below:

LINK -<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444ABAF2AA7FFC34-64741516-columbia>



# TITLE COMPETITION

Dancers who participate in our solo competition are automatically entered to compete for the title of “Mr. and Miss Encore Extreme”. This is how we determine our winners:

- Solos are adjudicated on one level of competition. All styles compete for the same overall title.
- The adjudicated score accounts for 80% of their title score.
- Dancers are observed in classes for technique, retention, effort and class etiquette. This accounts for 20% of their title score.
- Friday night classes and the last class on Sunday are not used towards scholarship or title determination.
- Titles are broken down based on age divisions, similar to our regionals.
- The dancers with the HIGHEST scores are named our overall winners and can come from any age division.
- Title winners will be ineligible for competing for title the following year at Encore Extreme unless they are moving up an age division. Overall winners are not able to re-compete the following year. Winners will receive a scholarship to attend Encore Extreme free of charge and are invited to be an Encore Extreme Class Assistant!

# GROUP COMPETITION

We invite you to kick off your season by entering your group routines into our group showdown.

- Duet/Trios and Groups of any size are welcome. Productions are the only exclusion.
- You can enter up to 2 duos/trios/groups per age division. Group competition size is limited.
- All genres are welcome.
- After each group performance, dancers are invited back on stage for LIVE judges feedback.
- Adjudications and overall awards will be presented.
- The highest scoring group routine will receive \$1000 cash prize and will be invited to perform in our closing show on Sunday.



# DREAM TEAM

# MISSION

## WHO

We select talented and well rounded dancers who fit the vibe and aesthetic of each season's theme. Prior participation on Dream Team does not guarantee future selection. Not only do we look for talented dancers, but those who represent the qualities of Encore DCS: kind, hard-working, passionate and hungry for dance. Dancers who audition for the Dream Team are observed both on and off the stage. The dancers selected for Dream Team give Encore permission to post their headshots, video footage, name and studio affiliate on all their social media handles and website links, including any marketing materials for that season.



## WHY

The Dream Team is an Encore DCS exclusive opportunity! Dancers will train and work in a professional and fast paced environment and will be featured on Encore DCS social media and our website.



# DREAM TEAM AUDITION

A Dream Team VIP ticket is awarded to a stand out student at our Grand Finals. This ticket gives the winner a free Convention fee to Encore Extreme and guarantees their spot on the Dream Team. The remaining Dream Team members are chosen at Encore Extreme each fall through an optional audition process.

The Dream Team Audition is broken up by age division and the number of dancers selected changes each year depending on the concept of the video and theme for the season.

## **What to Expect:**

- Dancers are required to pay an audition fee of \$30.
- Dancers are required to bring an 8x10 Headshot.
- The back of the headshot must include: Name, Age, Studio, Parent Email and Phone Number, Dancer Measurements (waist, bust, hips, girth), Social Media Handles & Encore Regional Event Locations (which events they traveled to in the previous season).
- Dancers must plan to attend the entire audition.
- Dancers must warm themselves up prior to the start.
- Dancers will meet the panel of judges and choreographers.
- Dancers will learn a combination and perform in small groups.
- Dancers who make the first cut of the audition will be asked to slate (say name, age and studio to a camera) and improv.
- Dancers who are selected as a finalist will perform in the closing show on Sunday.
- The Dream Team will be announced on Instagram within 2 weeks of the final Encore Extreme Convention
- Dream Team Members are expected to participate in the filming, January 9-10, 2027 in Columbia, SC. A participation fee of \$200 will be due in November. Members will receive a detailed email with information, costumes, etc prior to filming.



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# CONVENTION ETIQUETTE

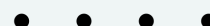
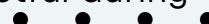
Our goal is always for a fun and successful weekend! Here is how to make the best out of your convention experience:

- Pack all shoes, snacks, back-up outfits, safety pins and water.
- Be on time to warm-up and all classes.
- Dress in a way you are comfortable and wear things that make you feel confident.
- Use the restroom, get water and use phones between classes.
- Try your hardest in all classes! Even if the style is unfamiliar, do your best to stay active, present and positive.
- Avoid sitting down while other “groups” are showcasing choreography or combos in class.
- Avoid dancing in designated performance spaces while others are dancing or going across the floor.
- Avoid talking to friends and observers.
- Follow instructions given by Encore Faculty and Staff.
- Ask relevant questions to the current class and movement.
- Have fun!

# OBSERVER ETIQUETTE

We are happy to present an observer band option for our convention classes at an additional cost. This can be purchased ahead of time through your studio or on site in the lobby. Bands are checked by door monitors for each room. Here's how to make your experience a success.

- Stay in the designated observer areas along the edges of the room. Please don't step over cables, in front of the stage, or in the student areas to video dancers.
- No talking while class is in session.
- If your dancer or a dancer from your studio is in the room you are observing, help Encore staff by assisting those dancers with bathroom breaks, injuries and encourage them to stay quiet and respectful during classes.
- No **flash** video or photography.





# ADDITIONAL INFO

- **Parent Door Monitors:** We accept parent volunteers to assist our faculty by watching the entry ways into the convention rooms. Door Monitors look for observer bands, present class time countdowns for faculty and uphold the observer etiquette for all those in the room. A link to sign-up will be emailed out three weeks prior to the event.
- **Saturday Morning Warm-Up:** Kick start the day in the main ballroom for a joint warm-up with our Encore Extreme Faculty! Combined for all levels.
- **Sunday Closing Shows:** Join us for our closing ceremonies where we will present special performances, solo adjudications, scholarships and crown our Mr. and Miss Encore Extremes in all age divisions.



- **For More Information  
& Questions:**  
[registration@encoredcs.com](mailto:registration@encoredcs.com)

