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## REGISTRATION

**Registration opens October 1, 2025.**

**Registration closes June 1, 2026 or once capacity is reached.**

Studio registrations are accepted via the online studio center.

Independent entries are accepted via phone registration only. Please contact Gravit8 at 602.888.8455 to register as an Independent entry.

**All registrations must be paid in full by June 1, 2026. Failure to provide payment by the deadline date will result in registration cancellation, and no refund or credit will be provided for any deposit payments or partial payments paid.**

Payments are accepted via credit card through the online studio center. Company checks, cashier's checks, or money orders (all in US Dollars) must be postmarked by the deadline dates.

Group routines pre-qualify by attending a 2026 regional event. Solo and duet/trio routines do not require pre-qualification. In the event a group routine did not attend a regional event, a pre-qualification fee equal to standard regional rates will apply.

Dancers are required to register for the full convention in order to compete; however, dancers are not required to compete in order to attend convention.

Scholarships received during the 2026 regional tour must be applied prior to checkout by contacting Gravit8, and accounts will not be refunded if scholarships fail to be applied prior to payment received.

There is no limit to the number of routines a studio can register.

Each dancer may register up to two (2) solos.

A signed waiver for all registered dancers is due at least three (3) weeks prior to Nationals.

All entries are final and non-refundable, no exceptions. In the event of illness or injury, a credit towards a 2027 Gravit8 tour event will be issued with proper documentation being provided.

## COMPETITION FEES

Studio competition fees may be found in the online studio center. Independent entries may contact Gravit8 for competition fee information.



# Convention

CONVENTION TUITION	EARLY R8 * (per dancer)	STANDARD R8 ** (per dancer)
MINI (ages 6 & under)	\$305	\$355
PETITE (ages 7-8)	\$305	\$355
JUNIOR (ages 9-11)	\$415	\$465
TEEN (ages 12-14)	\$415	\$465
SENIOR (ages 15-19)	\$415	\$465
TEACHER	\$350	\$400
OBSERVER PASS	\$60	\$60
<p>* Early Rate fees apply to Studio accounts only when fees are paid in full on, or before, May 15, 2026.  ** Standard Rate fees apply to Independent registrations and Studio accounts paid after May 15, 2026.  NOTE: Studios may apply their own administrative fees.</p>		

Registered teachers will receive the following: access to all convention classes, printed competition program, refreshments in the Rejuven8 Lounge during competition, reserved competition seating, priority Gala ticket sales & seat selection, and invitation to evening Welcome "Mix & Mingle" event.

STUDIO PERKS	
1-14 Dancers	1 FREE Teacher
15-30 Dancers	1 FREE Teacher + 1 FREE Gala Ticket
31-45 Dancers	2 FREE Teachers + 2 FREE Gala Tickets
46-60 Dancers	3 FREE Teachers + 3 FREE Gala Tickets
61-75 Dancers	4 FREE Teachers + 4 FREE Gala Tickets
75+ Dancers	5 FREE Teachers + 5 FREE Gala Tickets
<p>IMPORTANT: Studio Perks are based on paying convention dancers ONLY. The total number of dancers does not include scholarship recipients, teachers, or observers.</p>	



## ADJUDICATION

Double Platinum: Debut = 288-300 / Premier = 290-300 / Elite = 292-300

Platinum: Debut = 276-287.9 / Premier = 280-289.9 / Elite = 284-291.9

High Gold: Debut = 264-275.9 / Premier = 270-279.9 / Elite = 276-283.9

Gold: Debut = 252-263.9 / Premier = 260-269.9 / Elite = 268-275.9

Silver: Debut = 0-251.9 / Premier = 0-259.9 / Elite = 0-267.9

All routines will receive an adjudication award based on the score received.

## OVERALL AWARDS

High point overall awards per each age, size division, and competition level will be presented to the following:

Top 10 highest scoring routines will be recognized when division contains 10 or more routines.

Top 5 highest scoring routines will be recognized when division contains 5 to 9 routines.

Top 3 highest scoring routines will be recognized when division contains 3 to 4 routines.

Top 1 highest scoring routine will be recognized when division contains less than 3 routines.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top scoring routine in each competition level, age division, & size, and will only be presented in divisions with 3 or more eligible routines ... for solos, there must be 3 separate dancers registered.

## SPECIALTY AWARDS

### ELITE DANCER-OF-THE-YEAR

Placement of the Top 5 Elite soloists within each age group will be announced at The Gala. Elite Dancer-of-the-Year winners will receive the following: complimentary entry to all 2026 conventions, featured in 2026 regional tour programs, free convention entry to Nationals 2027, and the opportunity to assist faculty at 2026 conventions & Nationals 2027.

### CAPTIV8 AWARD

The four (4) highest scoring group routines of each ability level will be invited to re-compete at The Gala. A limit of one (1) routine per ability level, per studio, will be allowed.

### GENRE WINNERS

Recognition of the single highest scoring routine in Ballet, Ballroom, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, and Tap/Clogging will be announced at The Gala.

### ELEV8 AWARD "TOP SCORING STUDIO"

The studio with the highest average score of all eligible group routines will be announced at The Gala. To qualify, studios are required to have a minimum of one 11 & under AND one 12 & older group routine within at least five (5) of the following genres: Ballet, Ballroom, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Tap/Clogging. There must be at least three (3) eligible studios in order for the award to be presented.

### ACTIV8 AWARD

Presented to the studio that Activ8's their passion on, and off, the stage by displaying good sportsmanship, positive energy, preparedness, and is courteous to others throughout Nationals.

## AGE DIVISIONS

MINI - ages 6 & under

PETITE - ages 7-8

JUNIOR - ages 9-11

TEEN - ages 12-14

SENIOR - ages 15-19

All ages are as of January 1, 2026.

Any routines that include a teacher, has a dancer 20+ years old, or has an average age of 20+ years old will be placed in the Adult division and will be judged for adjudication only.

## ROUTINE SIZE & TIME LIMITS

SOLO (1 dancer): Up to 2:45 minutes

DUET / TRIO (2-3 dancers): Up to 3:00 minutes

SMALL GROUP (4-9 dancers): Up to 3:00 minutes

LARGE GROUP (10-19 dancers): Up to 4:00 minutes

LINE (20+ dancers): Up to 4:00 minutes

PRODUCTION (20+ dancers): Up to 7:00 minutes

## LEVELS

Three (3) levels of competition will be offered.

**DEBUT:** Dancers new to the competition experience. Recommended for dancers with less than 2 years of competition experience and/or train in less than 3 classes per week, not including rehearsals.

**PREMIER:** Dancers on the rise with intermediate competition experience. Recommended for dancers with 2-4 years of competition experience and/or train in 3-5 classes per week, not including rehearsals.

**ELITE:** Dancers with the highest level of competition experience. Recommended for dancers with 4+ years of competition experience and/or train a minimum of 6 classes per week, not including rehearsals.

It is up to the discretion of Studio Owners / Directors to register dancers in their appropriate competition level based on the recommendations provided.

## JUDGING

Critiques and scores will be provided by a panel of four (4) judges, with the lowest being dropped for a total of 300 possible points per routine.



# Additional Experiences

## GRAVIT8 DANCER EXPERIENCE

All registered dancers will have the opportunity to experience the following Gravit8 Perks while attending Nationals:

- \* Welcome gift
- \* Convention classes from leading industry faculty
- \* Exclusive evening deck party
- \* Nationals adjudication keepsake for all dancers
- \* Cash prizes
- \* Free photos & videos
- \* Complimentary livestream
- \* State-of-the-art staging & production
- \* Grand Finale ... The Gala

## G8 CREW EXPERIENCE

Dancers who receive a G8 Crew invitation at a Gravit8 regional event during the 2026 tour season are invited to participate in the G8 Crew Experience (additional fees apply). Participants will learn a special production style routine from Gravit8 faculty and will perform at The Gala.

Participation fee for the G8 Crew Experience is \$175 and includes:

- 50% OFF 2026 Nationals convention fee
- G8 Crew dancer recognition in the official Nationals program
- G8 Crew rehearsals and Gala performance
- G8 Crew t-shirt
- G8 Crew sweat shirt
- G8 Crew bag

NOTE: A Gala ticket must be purchased if a G8 Crew dancer would like to watch The Gala any time before or after their performance.

## THE GALA

The Gala will cap off an amazing week of Nationals and is considered the grand finale! This spectacular event will feature performances from the top-scoring Debut, Premier, and Elite group routines, along with a special showcase by the G8 Crew dancers. The Gala is also when prestigious awards will be announced, including the Elite Dancer-of-the-Year, Top Scoring Studio, Genre Awards, Activ8 Award, and individual dancer convention class scholarships. This incredible evening event promises to be an unforgettable experience, and all studio staff, dancers, & family members are invited. Tickets are required and will be available for purchase at a later date. Don't miss out on this extraordinary celebration!

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