



# Nationals Info Packet



# **WELCOME!**

Gravit8 Nationals 2027! We are so excited for an unforgettable week in Anaheim filled with convention classes, competition, special events, celebration, and nonstop Gravit8 energy. Nationals is designed to be more than just a competition — it is a complete experience for dancers, teachers, studio owners, and families. From convention classes with industry-leading faculty, outstanding competition, the Deck Party, special events, scholarship opportunities, and The Gala grand finale, Nationals is how you want to cap off your dance season!

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration for competition closes June 1, 2027 or once capacity is reached. Convention registration is available until sold out.

All registrations must be paid in full by June 1, 2027. Failure to submit payment by the deadline may result in registration cancellation, and no refund or credit will be issued for any deposit or partial payment previously made.

Studio registrations are accepted through the online studio center. Independent entries may contact Gravit8 directly for registration and competition fee information.

Group routines pre-qualify by attending a 2027 Gravit8 regional event. Solo and duet/trio routines do not require pre-qualification. In the event a group routine did not attend a 2027 Gravit8 regional event, a pre-qualification fee equal to standard regional rates will apply.

Scholarships earned during the 2027 Regional Tour must be applied prior to final payment by contacting Gravit8. Accounts will not be refunded if scholarships are not applied before payment is received.

All dancers competing at Nationals are required to register for the full convention experience. Dancers may attend convention without competing.

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

A signed waiver for all registered dancers is required prior to Nationals.

All entries are final and non-refundable. In the event of illness or injury, a credit toward a future Gravit8 event may be issued with proper documentation.

## **COMPETITION FEES**

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



# CONVENTION INFO

Convention registration includes three days of convention classes, plus optional bonus classes and special Nationals experiences throughout the week.

| CONVENTION TUITION    | EARLY R8*<br>per dancer | STANDARD R8**<br>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                        |

\* Early Rate fees apply to Studio accounts only when fees are paid in full on, or before, May 15, 2027.  
\*\* Standard Rate fees apply to Independent registrations and Studio accounts paid after May 15, 2027.  
NOTE: Studios may apply their own administrative fees.

## STUDIO PERKS

Studio perks are based on paid convention dancers only and do not include full scholarship recipients, teachers, or observers.

| PAID CONVENTION DANCERS | STUDIO PERK                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |

## TEACHER EXPERIENCE

Registered teachers will receive the following:

- Access to all convention classes
- Reserved competition seating
- Rejuven8 Lounge access during competition
- Priority Gala ticket sales and seat selection, when applicable
- Invitation to teacher hospitality events such as Mix & Mingle and Breakfast Chats
- Printed competition program and Rejuven8 Lounge refreshments

# COMPETITION INFO



All ages are as of January 1, 2027.

Any routine that includes a teacher or a dancer age 20+ will be placed in the Adult division and judged for adjudication only.

## AGE DIVISIONS

- Mini – ages 6 & under
- Petite – ages 7–8
- Junior – ages 9–11
- Teen – ages 12–14
- Senior – ages 15–19

## COMPETITION LEVELS

Three levels of competition are offered at Nationals:

- Debut
- Premier
- Elite

Studio Owners and Directors are responsible for registering dancers in the level that best fits their training and competition experience. Please refer to the Rules section on our website for specific level guidelines. Routines entered in the incorrect level may be moved and could become ineligible for overall or title awards.

## JUDGING

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

## ADJUDICATION & AWARDS

### 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 receive an adjudication award based on the score received.

## **Overall Awards**

High-point overall awards for each age division, routine size, and competition level will be presented as follows:

- Top 10 highest-scoring routines when a division contains 10 or more routines
- Top 5 highest-scoring routines when a division contains 5–9 routines
- Top 3 highest-scoring routines when a division contains 3–4 routines
- Top overall routine when a division contains fewer than 3 routines

Cash prizes may be awarded to top-scoring routines in qualifying divisions and will be presented only in divisions with three or more eligible routines. For solo divisions, a minimum of three separate dancers must be registered in order for cash awards to be presented.

## **Specialty Awards**

**Elite Dancer of the Year** — The top Elite soloists in each age group will be recognized at The Gala. Winners will receive free convention entry to Nationals 2028, one complimentary solo entry to each 2028 Gravit8 regional event, the opportunity to assist Gravit8 faculty at Nationals 2028, and an Elite Dancer of the Year jacket. Elite Dancer of the Year winners will also perform their winning solo at The Gala and return the following summer to retire their title by showcasing a solo performance before crowning the new Elite Dancer of the Year winner.

**Captiv8 Competition** — The four (4) highest-scoring group routines from 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”** — Presented to the studio with qualifying group routines represented in both the 11 & under and 12 & older age groups that earns the highest average score across its eligible group routines.

**Activ8 Award** — Presented to the studio that best represents the Gravit8 spirit on and off the stage through sportsmanship, energy, preparedness, and positivity throughout the week.

**Rewind Competition** — Each eligible studio may select one routine to compete in Rewind Competition at The Gala. This special encore competition gives studios the opportunity to bring back a standout performance to compete one final time

**Solo Title Competition** - Title is available to soloists in all ability levels. Title must be added prior to the release of the final Nationals schedule and cannot be added at the event. Title winners and finalists will be recognized in each eligible age division and ability level..



## THE G8 NATIONALS EXPERIENCE

- Convention classes with leading industry faculty
- Competition and specialty awards
- Complimentary photos and videos
- Nationals keepsake / welcome gift
- Exclusive special events
- Scholarship opportunities
- Livestream access
- Grand finale celebration at The Gala

## FEATURED EVENTS

- Deck Party
- Scholarship Show
- The Gala
- Teacher hospitality events
- Additional Nationals-only experiences announced throughout the season

## DECK PARTY!

Get ready for one of the most fun nights of Nationals! The Gravit8 Deck Party is all about music, energy, dancing, and making memories with your studio and new friends from across the country. With a fun theme, great vibes, and plenty of Gravit8 surprises, it's a can't-miss Nationals tradition. Best of all, it's free for all dancers, families, and teachers to attend. The night also features the Studio Cre8 Improv Challenge, where eligible studios can jump into the fun and compete in this exciting Nationals favorite.

## SCHOLARSHIP SHOW

The Scholarship Show is a special Nationals event celebrating standout dancers from throughout the week. Enjoy performances from our Mini and Petite dancers, the crowd-favorite G8 Parent Crew, and the exciting presentation of scholarships awarded at Nationals. Scholarships are selected through both the formal audition process and by Gravit8 convention faculty, who recognize dancers in class all week long for their talent, performance quality, work ethic, and presence. It's a fun and inspiring event that shines a spotlight on so many of the dancers who make Nationals unforgettable.

## THE GALA

The Gala is the spectacular grand finale of Gravit8 Nationals — an unforgettable evening of celebration, recognition, and show-stopping performances that brings the entire week to a close in true Gravit8 style. From encore performances and the G8 Crew showcase to Dancer of the Year recognition, scholarships, studio honors, and specialty awards, The Gala is where Nationals' biggest moments take center stage. Dancers, teachers, studio staff, and families are invited to join us for this one-of-a-kind closing celebration. Ticketing details and sales information will be released closer to the event.

## G8 CREW EXPERIENCE

The G8 Crew Experience is an exclusive opportunity for dancers who receive an invitation during the Gravit8 Regional Tour. G8 Crew dancers will spend the week training with Gravit8 faculty, learning a special performance piece, and taking part in one of the most exciting highlights of Nationals — the G8 Crew concept music video. Dancers will have the opportunity to film in multiple locations throughout the resort, creating a one-of-a-kind video experience that goes beyond the stage and captures the energy, style, and excitement of Nationals in a truly memorable way.

The experience also includes exclusive G8 Crew merch, 50% off Nationals convention fees, and VIP early access to The Gala Red Carpet event alongside Gravit8 convention faculty. The week all leads up to a featured live performance at The Gala, making G8 Crew one of the most exciting and unforgettable experiences of Nationals. (Additional fee applies)

## FOR PARENTS

Gravit8 Nationals is designed to be more than just an unforgettable week for dancers — it's an experience the whole family can enjoy together. With a supportive, high-energy environment, exciting special events, and plenty of opportunities to cheer on your dancer, Nationals is filled with proud moments, lasting memories, and the joy of being part of something special.

Set in the heart of Anaheim, Nationals also creates the perfect opportunity for family time beyond the ballroom. With Disneyland right across the street and the beach just a few miles away, Gravit8 Nationals makes it easy to turn Nationals week into a full family vacation.

Parents can join in on the fun by showing off their moves in the G8 Parent Hip Hop Crew, complete with a performance at the Scholarship Show and a complimentary parent crew t-shirt. They are also encouraged to attend Parent Insider Chat, a casual chat with G8 staff featuring helpful competition tips, Nationals week insight, and conversation about opportunities for dancers beyond high school.

## FOR TEACHERS

Gravit8 Nationals is designed to meet dancers where they are — offering a supportive environment for beginners to grow in confidence while continuing to challenge and inspire your advanced dancers at the highest level. With three ability levels of competition, convention classes tailored to a range of ages and levels, and a Nationals week built around both education and performance, there is truly a place for everyone. You can feel confident knowing your dancers will be encouraged, celebrated, and pushed to keep growing in an environment that values every stage of the dance journey.

