

Debbi's Dance, Etc. Competition Weekend Guidelines

Competition is an exciting opportunity to grow, perform, and represent our studio family. Our focus is on effort, teamwork, character, and the full experience — not just awards. Let's show up prepared, positive, and proud.

Arrival & Readiness

- **Arrive 2 hours before your scheduled performance time.**
 - Hair and makeup should be **fully done 2 hours before performance.**
 - Wear a coverup over your costume when not on stage (can be your DDE Jacket).
 - **Do not eat or chew gum while wearing your costume** (unless it is fully covered).
 - Bring:
 - Extra tights
 - All required dance shoes
 - Water bottle
 - Healthy snacks
 - Your own makeup & hair supplies
 - Make sure your name/initials are on every costume piece.
 - Check your packing list before leaving home.
 - Have a **costume checklist** for routine (including headpieces, accessories, tights, shoes).
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Costumes & Dressing Room Expectations

- Keep the dressing room clean — leave it better than you found it.
 - No running in dressing rooms or hallways.
 - Parents are responsible for their dancer at all times.
 - **Do not leave your child unattended** in the dressing room or anywhere in the venue.
 - Teachers will dismiss parents when it's time to warm up, rehearse, and perform.
 - Meet your dancer immediately after they perform.
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Performance Mindset

At Debbi's Dance, Etc., we focus on:

- Growth over trophies
- Team over individual
- Effort over outcome
- Experience over awards

Judges don't define you. Your attitude, preparation, and heart do.

Encourage your dancer for:

- Their bravery
- Their teamwork
- Their preparation
- Their improvement

Student representatives will be selected to accept group awards. Group awards (pins) will be handed out at the studio following the competition.

Studio Spirit & Character

- Wear your team jacket throughout the weekend and sit with your co-dancers at awards.
- Watch and cheer for your teammates and other studios.
- Say something kind to someone from another studio.
- Be respectful (your language, conversation topics, & behavior), and follow all competition rules — especially regarding photography and video recording.
- Thank your parents for their time and support.
- Parents — thank your dancers for their hard work and commitment.

We are building strong humans, not just strong dancers.

Spirit Pins

Throughout the weekend, we will hand out **Spirit Pins** to dancers from other studios who demonstrate our studio values:

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| • Kindness | • Responsibility |
| • Leadership | • Teamwork |
| • Encouragement | • Positivity |

✦ Please do NOT pin a Spirit Pin onto someone's costume.

✦ Do not give pins right before they go on stage.

We never want a dancer distracted or unaware they are wearing something while performing. Pins should be given thoughtfully and respectfully.

Competition Rules

Every event has specific rules about:

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| • Video recording | • Backstage access |
| • Photography | • Audience behavior |

Please review and follow all competition guidelines.

Our Core Reminder

Competition is about:

- Performing with confidence
- Representing our studio with pride
- Supporting each other
- Growing through the experience
- Making memories together

Have fun. Be prepared. Be kind. Be proud. Let's show them what Debbi's Dance, Etc. is all about.