



Stage One Shootout Championship Show

What: Each year we end each of our National Finals with a BANG! Our Shootout Championship show features the best of the best routines from all week long battling it out for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes. We are exceptionally proud of the talent showcased at our Shootout! We know how hard these dancers work all year long, and we hope that they earn the honor of performing in this special showcase.

Who: The Shootout Championship Show will consist of—at least—the EIGHT top scoring routines in four Age Groups (Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior). Shootout numbers will be chosen from all Performance Levels and from Small Groups, Large Groups, Lines and Production. A studio may only be represented once in each Age Group; thus, each studio may have a maximum of FOUR routines competing in the Shootout*.

When: The Shootout Championship show takes place at the end of our 2026 National competition.

Why: What an incredible opportunity for your dancers! Today's competitions break up the levels, categories and group sizes allowing you to compete against similar routines. The Shootout gives your dancers the opportunity to strut their best stuff against routines of ALL levels and group sizes. It is truly The Best of the Best!

How it works: At the Overall awards ceremony, our Director will announce routines that have qualified for the Shootout Championship Show. Beginning with Petites, each Age Group's routines will perform, and then the judges will take a short break to determine the Shootout Champions, and 1st and 2nd Runners Up. There are no scores and no critiques this time. We want each routine to get out there and perform the best they've ever performed! It's about having fun and entertaining your audience! We will then move on to Juniors, Teens and Seniors. There will be a final awards ceremony at the conclusion of the show. We award over \$3000 in cash and gift certificates, 5-foot-tall trophies, and Championship banners!

***Again this Year: Secondary Qualification-**

To allow even more routines the honor of competing in our Shootout, we introduced a Secondary Qualification in each Age Group. It worked so well, we're doing it again! A studio may qualify a SECOND Shootout routine in each Age Group if:

1. The routine's score would have originally qualified it for the Shootout.
2. The two qualifying routines have completely different performers.

No previously qualified routines will be eliminated due to Secondary Qualification. If Secondary Qualification occurs, the Show will be comprised of more than eight routines in each age group.

Duet-Trio Showcase

The highest scoring Duet-Trio from the Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior age divisions will perform during the Group Shootout Championship Show.