



Solo Shootout 2026

Challenge

What: We are excited to be once again offering our Solo Shootout Challenge which will test the abilities of our top soloists to perform an improvised routine as well as their competition solo.

Who: The Solo Shootout Challenge will consist of the top 6 scoring solo routines in our four age groups (Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior). Contestants could be chosen from all performance levels of our soloists. A studio may be represented more than once in our Solo Shootout Challenge.

When: The Solo Shootout Challenge times will vary city to city, but it will be held after all the solos have performed.

Why: We want to recognize the talent that each of our soloists has and allow them a platform to showcase their ability beyond their competition solo. This Solo Shootout Challenge should not be viewed as a continuation of competition solos but instead as a separate opportunity for dancers to test their strengths and abilities. Their competition solo score conveys how talented the soloists are; the Solo Shootout Challenge will showcase their ability to improvise. Plus, it's fun to give away more awards!

How It Works: The top 6 highest scoring routines in each age division (Petite, Junior, Teen and Senior) will be eligible to participate in the Solo Shootout Challenge. Beginning with Petites, each age group's highest scoring soloists will perform their competition solos. Once each age group's highest scoring competition solos are performed, they will be asked to improvise to random music selected by the panel of judges. The dancers will need to be prepared to improvise for 6, 8-counts. We will then move on to Juniors, Teens and Seniors. Order of performance and music will be randomly selected. Judges' decisions will be the results of a combination of their competition solo and their improvisation solo. The judges will deliberate to determine the Solo Shootout Challenge Champion as well as the 1st and 2nd runners up. There will be a final awards ceremony at the conclusion of the Solo Shootout Challenge. Special awards will be given to the 2026 Solo Shootout Challenge Champions! The format of the Solo Shootout Challenge is subject to change at the Directors' discretion.