



**SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF DANCE MASTERS  
SOUTHERN STARS SUMMER 2016 DANCE COMPETITION**



Please read carefully. Failure to comply could result in point deduction and/or disqualification.

<u>Ages Divisions</u>	<u>Category and Entry Fees</u>	<u>Style of Routine</u>
<b>Junior</b> 7-10 yrs of age	Solo \$50 per person	Ballet Lyrical
<b>Intermediate</b> 11-13 yrs of age	Duet/Trio \$30 per person	Jazz Hip Hop
<b>Senior I</b> 14-17 yrs of age	Group \$25 per person	Tap Open
<b>Senior II</b> 18-21 yrs of age	Production (min. 15 dancers) \$25 per person	Contemporary

**RULES**

- Studios & Members are limited to a max. of 10 total routines, of which **only 5 may be solos**; max. 1 solo per student.
- Age divisions are based on **average age** of contestants at the time of the competition. Ages will be rounded up if the average is 0.5 or higher (i.e. Ages that average 10.5 will be placed in the Intermediate Division)
- Absolutely no dancer under the age of 7 or over the age of 21 at the time of the competition may enter, even if average score places them within one of the four age divisions.
- Representing teachers and students must be registered for the SADM convention & **present during the competition**. Dancers must wear convention wristbands during performances, except for those registered as teachers.
- Studio owners/members **must be able to provide proof of age of each performer** in case an age protest is made. **Failure to do so could result in a routine disqualification.**
- Teachers are responsible for making sure their competitors are lined up at backstage entrance.
- Competition entrants who leave the stage after their performance begins, for any reason other than technical, **will result in a ten-point deduction.**
- Professional dancers and/or those who perform/have performed in a professional dance company **may not enter into the competition.**
- SADM allows tumbling. If the routine consists of more than 50% of tumbling, please list in "Open" category.

**PROPS**

- Props are permitted and may be brought in by dancers or studio personal.
- No one is permitted to place props in stage area while wearing studio-identifying clothing. Failure to comply results in a **one-point deduction** for each incident.

**MUSIC**

- Music must be submitted prior to competition.
- There is no minimum time limit for entries.
- The prescribed time limits include any musical tag designed to allow dancers to enter and exit.
- Each CD must be clearly labeled with name of routine, division, and studio name.
- All music must be recorded at the proper speed.
- All competition entries are required to comply with the following time limits:

**Solo/Duet/Trio and Group – 3 min. maximum  
Production – 7 min. maximum**

- Overtime will result in a **five point deduction for every five seconds** over the time limit.

**SCORING CRITERIA**

- Each competition entry is critiqued in 4 different categories: **Choreography/Staging 10pts • Musicality/Timing 20pts  
Stage Presence/Performance 30pts • Technique 40pts**
- Judges are provided with scoring guidelines and are asked to provide notes that will be attached to scoring sheets.
- Judges may score lower if they deem any music lyrics, movements, and/or costumes are not age appropriate or inappropriate in the competition environment.

**AWARDS**

- Award plaques will be given in each age division to each entry as follows:  
**Platinum: 92-100pts • High Gold: 84-91.9pts  
Gold: 76-83.9 • Silver: 75.9 and below**
- **A 1<sup>st</sup> place Award** will be given to the solo/duet/trio category and to the group/production category earning the **highest score** in each of the four age divisions.
  - *First, second, and third place awards will only be given out if there are 10 or more entries in the solo/duet/trio and/or group/production categories.*
- **One Overall Super Nova Award** will be given to the highest scoring routine in each age division and **must earn 84pts or above** to qualify. Tie for Super Nova will be broken by the overall technique score.
  - *\*The four Super Nova winners during the Summer Convention will perform in the banquet floorshow.*
- **A Judges' Choice Costume Award** will be given to the Jr/Int. Divisions and the Sr I/Sr II Divisions. **One Judge's Choice Choreography Award** will be chosen from all 4 age divisions and given out during the Sr I/Sr II awards ceremony.

**GENERAL RULES**

- **NO REFUNDS- No exceptions**
- Changes made to entries within **five days** of the competition will result in a **\$5.00 fee per entry changed.**
- SADM, SADM Southern Stars Dance Competition, and hosting venues are not responsible for property loss.
- Sportsmanlike behavior is expected from all dancers, teachers, and families. **Failure to comply could result in disqualification.**
- No videotaping or flash photography during routines. If violated, **one-point deduction** will result for first offense; any additional violation during routine will result in **disqualification.**
- An admission fee of \$2.00 will be charge for audience