

2020-2021 Elite Info. Packet

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NOW: Please go ahead and make your hotel reservations NOW for the Ameridance Buckeye Open Nationals in Columbus on Saturday, January 16th. This is a one day event so you will only need one nights hotel on Friday the 15th. The event is held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center which is right downtown. You are welcome to stay at any hotel you like for this event. There are numerous hotels within very close walking distance and also some with connected skywalks. Please be sure to make REFUNDABLE reservations in case the event would have to be cancelled. Again these hotels will book up. If you want to stay close. Book Now :)

September 29th: Housing opens for Jamfest Nationals for our Seniors ONLY. I will provide you with a link to make reservations. Like last year, you may stay at any of the hotels that they offer but they will ask for the dancers name and team to track that they have booked through them. They will have to be booked through them to compete. Also Jamfest is well aware of the violence and unrest in Louisville and I have spoken to them about this. There is always the possibility of the event being moved if things are not any better. These reservations are refundable and able to be cancelled. It is 5 months away and we all pray the City and our whole Nation are in a better place at that point. But I didn't want you to think I was going in blind planning to take our kids to Louisville. We obviously will not do anything we feel is unsafe.

October 6th: Housing opens for the Nashville competition !!! Our younger teams (all but Seniors) will be attending the One Up Nationals in Nashville this year on March 27th and 28th. This is a Groove Event like we normally attend in Pigeon Forge. We decided to do something different this year. This event is held at the Opryland Resort and Convention Center. This competition REQUIRES that you book hotel reservations through their team travel source. Before October 6th I will provide you with a link where you can make reservations. There will be numerous hotel options and you may choose any of them but you MUST book through them. This is a two day event and they compete Saturday and Sunday so you will need reservations for the 26th and 27th. They compete on the 27th and 28th. When you book it will ask your dancers name and what team they are with. They track this and they will not be able to compete if they are not booked through them. Our Seniors have to do this for Jamfest Nationals too. Some of the bigger events do this now. But rates are good so it is really not a big deal. But don't forget to do it early to get the best options :)

October 14th or 15th: Mini Small, Mini Large, Youth and Junior teams will begin learning lyrical choreography in practice this week and continue through November. It is IMPERATIVE that dancers not miss practice as we are learning competition routines. This choreography has already been paid for.

October 17th and 18th: Senior Lyrical Choreography. Saturday 9:00am -?, Sunday 2:00pm-? (\$75 due to treasurer for choreography)

November 1st: 5:00pm Senior Small try outs

November 8th: Small Choreography 1pm-? (\$75 due to treasurer for choreography)

November 19th: Last day of regular class before Nutcracker .

November 29th,30th and December 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th: Nutcracker Performances

December 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th : Mini Small Practice 4:30-6:00pm
Senior Practice 4:30pm-6:00pm
Junior Practice 6:00pm-7:30pm

December 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th: Mini Large practice 4:30pm-6:00pm
Youth practice 4:30-6:00pm

December 17th: Ameridance Buckeye Open Nationals Entry fees due. Seniors \$150 for two routines, \$200 for three routines. Mini, Youth and Juniors \$120 for two routines. Solos are \$75 and Duos/Ensembles are \$90 per routine.

December 30th: Mini Small practice: 9:00am-10:30am
Mini Large practice 10:30am-12:00pm
Youth practice: 12:30pm-2:00pm
Junior practice: 2:00pm-3:30pm
Senior Large Practice: 3:30pm-5:00pm
Senior Small Practice: 5:00pm-6:30pm

January 4th: DE Classes resume

January 10th: Elite Pep Rally (3pm at the MAC): Since we did not get our Jenny Wiley performance to premiere our Jazz routines this year we wanted to have a time for the girls to showcase their routines and get to do a “dress rehearsal” before their first competition. So we will be having an Elite Pep Rally at the MAC. We are so excited for this. We will introduce all of the team members, they will perform their Jazz and Lyrical routines and we will have some treats/ goodies for them to send them off to their first competition. We are very thankful to the MAC for renting us the Theatre for a reduced rate. We ask that each dancer please pay \$15 to their team treasurer to cover the Facility rental. There will be no charge for friends and family to come and watch. Depending on how things are at this point, social distancing may still be expected in the Theatre.

January 13th: Jamfest Dance Nationals Entry fees due (Seniors Only). \$238 for two routines. \$312 for three routines. Fourth routine is free.

January 16th: Ameridance Buckeye Open Nationals at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

February 5th-7th: Jamfest Super Dance Nationals at the International convention center in Louisville. Seniors only.

March 4th: One Up Dance Nationals Nashville, TN Entry fees are due for ALL teams. \$195 for three routines. Seniors may not attend this event depending upon bids. Solos \$125, Duos \$90 each and Trios \$60 each

March 27th-28th: Groove Dance One Up Nationals for ALL teams. Opryland Resort and Convention Center Nashville, TN. Seniors may not attend this event depending upon bids awarded at this point. This is a two day event. All teams compete both days.

April 18th: Elite Showcase at the MAC. All Elite dancers are required to participate.

April 22nd-27th: Dance Worlds Orlando (Seniors only) More info will be distributed about this event and travel arrangements will be made pending receiving bids.

June 5th and 6th: Dance Etc Spring Recital. Elite dancers are required to participate in ALL four Recitals regardless of which shows your regular classes are in.

Other: The vast majority of things you will need and need to know for Elite are included in this packet. However there are a few things we will be ordering at a later date including costumes, rhinestones for costumes, earrings, etc.

If you have any questions you can contact your team President or one of the Elite Coaches. Please make sure you check the team FB page daily as we distribute ALL information this way. Thanks, DE Staff