

# Dear Team,

Thank you for your interest in the **2024 “Battle for the Belt!”** hosted by iAM Dance Center in Lancaster, SC! Our goal and overall mission is to change the lives of the youth by serving as positive pioneers in our community. We take pride in hosting family, friendly, fun & fair competitions several times throughout the year. We are excited to have you participate in this epic showdown between the BEST OF THE BEST! We look forward to seeing you all hit the floor!

**Event Date: Saturday, June 29, 2024**

**Address:** Barr Street High School Gym, 612 E. Meeting Street, Lancaster, SC 29720

## Times to Remember:

**Team Check-in Starts at:** 9:00am **Floor time starts at:** time of check-in **Coach meeting:** 11:30am

(Your 10-minute floor time begins immediately after you check-in. Your team will be escorted to their dressing areas following floor time.)

**Doors open at:** 11:30am

**Event Starts at Approximately:** 12:00pm

## Categories:

Walk Thru – (4 min. max)

Trio – (3 min. max)

Mini Stand Battle – (1 min. max)

Junior Stand Battle – (1min. 30 sec. max)

Senior Stand Battle – (2 min. max)

## Fees:

**Team Registration:** \$150.00 | deadline June 10<sup>th</sup>

## Payments & Refund Policy

Payments will be processed via the online portal and is due with completed registration packets by **June 10, 2024 (or until spots are filled)**. 3 staff members will be admitted at **no charge**. All additional support members or staff should purchase their ticket, in advance or at the door to go backstage. REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE unless the competition is canceled.

**Advanced Spectator Tickets:** \$20.00 | **Door Tickets:** \$25.00 | **Kids 5 & under:** free  
(Only 3 Staff Free) (There will be only 150 advanced tickets available for pre-sell)

## Awards:

1st Place Trophy & Cash Prize for the following categories: Walk-thru & Trio

10 additional points to overall score & cash prize to the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner of each Stand Battle Division  
2nd & 3rd Place Trophy for judged categories (*there will be no 3rd place award for Stands.*)

Grand Champion cash prize & belt (must compete in Walk Through, Trio & at least one Stand Battle to win)

# GENERAL RULES

## Dance Team Rules & Regulations

### **REGISTRATION**

All interested teams should register Online at [www.iamdancecenter.com/events2](http://www.iamdancecenter.com/events2) (choose the event for June 29, 2024). We will be accepting 6 teams only. Registration form, rosters, liability consents and media releases all must be signed and submitted (Online) to complete registration.

- Participating teams must register by June 10th for \$150.00.
- There will be no refunds for registration fees. Full refunds will be sent out in the event of cancellation of the competition.
- Each team must provide the total number of participating dancers for dressing room assignments. Any dancer(s) added after registration will cost an additional \$10 per dancer.

### **TEAM WAIVERS**

Team waivers can be found online during registration. **Each head coach will be required to sign a master copy during check-in on the day of the event.**

### **ADMISSION**

**Advanced ticket prices:** \$20 in advance; Tickets will be \$25.00 at the door; free for youth ages 5 & under AT THE DOOR ONLY. (Cannot purchase youth tickets online)

- **All advanced tickets must be purchased Online** at <http://www.iamdancecenter.com/events2>
- **Until June 15, 2024**

## CATEGORIES

### **WALK-THRU (Combined)**

This is your first impression to the judges, the audience, and your fan base ... make it count! Be creative and have fun. Do not use any props or items that may need to be removed from the floor *unless* a team representative will have these items up before/soon after the team completes their stroll.

- Each team will have four (4) minutes (max) for walk-through.
- Use *mainly* the perimeter only. You can use the center floor for a limited time. Center floor choreography **must not exceed 1 minute.**

## **TRIO CREATIVE - CATEGORY**

Each team will present a **three-minute (max)** performance using *any music* & theme of choice. The use of props is permitted except for glitter, powder, fog, smoke or anything that could damage and make cleaning difficult to the gym floor. Be creative and choose your own dance style.

- Get creative & make a statement using your best 3 dancers

## **MINI STAND BATTLE (AGES 9 & UNDER)**

Teams will go head-to-head in a bracket style stand battle (final brackets will distribute at the coach's meeting on the day of). See time limits for each division below.

- Each stand **must not exceed 1 minute.** (Disqualification for going overtime.)
- Time begins when the captain makes his/her first move, callout, clean, etc.
- Song selection for stands will be sent approximately one month prior to the competition.
- Paddle style elimination will be used for rounds all rounds except the last round.
  - The winner from the final round will be announced during the award ceremony.
- Round 1: 1 Fast
- Round 2: 1 Medium
- Round 3: 1 Fast

## **JUNIOR STAND BATTLE (AGES 10 - 13)**

Teams will go head-to-head in a bracket style stand battle

Each stand **must not exceed 1 minute, 30 seconds.** (Disqualification for going overtime.)

- Time begins when the captain makes his/her first move, callout, clean, etc.
- Paddle style elimination will be used for rounds all rounds except the last round.
  - The winner from the final round will be announced during the award ceremony.
- Round 1: 1 Fast, 1 Captain Solo
- Round 2: 1 Medium
- Round 3: 1 Fast

## **SENIOR STAND BATTLE (18 & UNDER)**

Teams will go head-to-head in a bracket style stand battle.

Each stand **must not exceed 1 minute.** (Disqualification for going overtime.)

- Time begins when the captain makes his/her first move, callout, clean, etc.
- Paddle style elimination will be used for rounds all rounds except the last round.
  - The winner from the final round will be announced during the award ceremony.
- Round 1: 1 Fast, 1 Medium
- Round 2: 1 Slow
- Round 3: 1 Fast

## MORE INFORMATION

### **HOST**

Your team will be assigned a “Host” to guide and direct you throughout the day. You will meet your “Host” at check-in. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask him/her.

- **Please let your parents and spectators know that they can only enter when doors open at 11:30am. We will not allow spectators, elderly, etc. to sit on the inside of the facility, at all, until the event starts.**

### **TEAM ROSTER**

Please complete the team roster and return with your registration packet. The team roster form **MUST** be completed in full, signed and dated by the Head Coach. Only the names listed on the team's roster will be permitted in the team areas beyond the gymnasium. Also, be sure to include any parents, staff, make-up artist, hair, etc. on the roster if they need to be able to go backstage. No parents, additional coaches, additional team members, etc. will be granted entrance backstage if their name is not on the roster. Also, please remember to purchase entry tickets for the additional staff (if you have more than 3 staff).

### **FOOD/DRINKS**

Water will be provided for teams. **No outside food is to be brought in.** No food is to be eaten in the dressing rooms.

### **DRESSING ROOMS**

**Each team must adhere to paying a \$25.00 dressing room fee during check-in.**

Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dressing room space, prior to departure. If your team's dressing room/area is not returned to its' original state; the fee will be charged, resulting in the team not receiving the \$25.00 refund.

### **TEAM PARTICIPANTS**

The minimum number of participants a team can have is three (3), in all categories. There is no maximum. Dancers must be between the ages of 3 and 18 to participate.

### **PROPS**

The use of props is permitted.

### **MUSIC**

*All music must be submitted prior to event date to [cs@iamdancecenter.com](mailto:cs@iamdancecenter.com)*

Music must be clean with no use of profanity. Foul music or demeaning song choices will result in disqualification from that category.

## **TIME DEDUCTIONS**

Rules for all categories: **do not** exceed the allotted time limits. Doing so will result in 10 point deduction of overall score. For going overtime in stands, **disqualification** will be announced, at the end of that round. For example, if your team is still moving after 2m in the senior **stand battle category**, you will be disqualified. If your team is still **dancing** after 4 minutes in the walk-through category, you will lose 10 points from your overall scoresheet (you must be off the floor and exiting at 4 minutes for this category). **If your performance ends on the floor, please advise the hosting director during the coaches meeting, even if you already told the host previously.**

- ❖ If you miss your que (in any category), your team automatically forfeits that category. There will be no waiting for teams to present themselves. Your team will be called twice, and we will continue the show if your team is not in place.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout the competition. They should have a positive presentation upon entry and exit from the performance area as well as throughout the routine **and** during/after the awards ceremony. The **directors & coaches** of each team is responsible for seeing that the team members, **coaches, parents** and other person's affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification and/or ejection from the premises (even during/after the award ceremony).

## **CHOREOGRAPHY AND COSTUMING**

- Suggestive, offensive, or vulgar choreography and/or music is inappropriate for family audiences and therefore lacks audience appeal.
- Routine choreography should be appropriate and entertaining for all audience members. Vulgar and suggestive material is defined as any movement or choreography implying something improper or indecent, appearing offensive or sexual in content, and/or relaying lewd or profane gestures or implications.
- Inappropriate choreography, costume and/or music may affect the judges' overall impression and/or score of the routine.
- All costume malfunctions resulting in team members being exposed will result in point deductions. Improper undergarments will result in a point deduction.
- Shoes with heels or wheels are not allowed. Wearing only socks or footed tights is also prohibited. **There will be a 5-point deduction from each judge's scoresheet for not adhering to this rule. It is dangerous to wear socks on slick floors. High heeled & shoes with wheels will damage the gym floor. Character shoes are welcome and are the only heeled shoes that will be permitted.**
- It is suggested that any excessively short shorts have tights underneath. The exposure of personal areas (cleavage and buttocks) are strictly prohibited. Crop tops are allowed if under breast is not visible.

## Judging Criteria

This will be the score sheets for the following categories: **Walk Through & Trio**

All other categories will be paddle style elimination & will not use score sheets. Additional points in the following categories will only enhance your overall score, not hurt it: mini, junior & senior stand battle. Therefore, you do not have to compete in all 3 of the battle categories to win grand champion.

Grand Champion will be a total score from Walk Through & Creative (with possible additional points from all 3 stand battle divisions).

CRITERIA		SCORE	Notes
<b>ORIGINALITY/CREATIVITY</b> Have I encountered this choreography before? Is this original content? Was it eye catching & captivating?		/25	
<b>ENTERTAINMENT VALUE</b> Does the performance drag on? Is it interesting or boring? Can I take my eyes off of this performance? Was there showmanship, high energy, facial expressions, and personality?	+	/25	
<b>AUDIENCE APPEAL</b> Did the performance generate a positive response? Was the music selection fitting? Does the team have stage presence?	+	/10	
<b>SKILL LEVEL</b> Did the team practice sufficiently? Did the team work as a unit? Did the team display great use of technical abilities? Were there difficult moments during choreography? Were they executed well?	+	/20	
<b>AESTHETIC APPEAL</b> Was the Hair, make-up & uniforms well thought out or appealing? Props are not required, but were there any used?	+	/10	
<b>OVERALL IMPRESSION</b>	+	/10	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	=	/100	
<b>Additional Points to be added to overall scoresheet</b>			