

2009 REGIONAL UPDATE



To keep this competition fun, exciting and running smoothly for everyone, please note the following:

ERRORS

Please check your entry confirmation sheet NOW and let us know of any errors or changes IMMEDIATELY. Changes requested once we begin the competition may not be possible and/or may not be allowed.

REGISTRATION

All Studio Directors or representatives must check in at the registration table immediately upon arrival to receive your StarQuest ID Badge, your dressing room assignments and program. You can pick up your Score Sheets at the end of each day's competition at the Auditor's Table located to the right of the Judges' Table. (Note: Score Sheet Summaries & Critique CDs will not be mailed.)

ATTENDANCE/SCHEDULE

Contestants are welcome to warm up on stage before the competition begins and during all scheduled breaks. Please have your students arrive at least 1 hour ahead of their scheduled performance time. If we run ahead of schedule, we will not stop and they will need to be backstage and ready to perform. StarQuest assumes that each studio entry makes a conscientious effort to plan, rehearse and execute "quick changes" regarding costumes, hair and shoes prior to actual competition. We have made every effort to schedule the competition to avoid any performance or costume change conflicts. Please be considerate of your fellow contestants by being ready to perform in the scheduled order. This is especially important at the beginning of each day and when starting again after a break.

STAGE MANAGER

All entries must check in with the StarQuest Stage Manager no less than 5 numbers ahead of their scheduled performance. If you are entry #1-5 or you are one of the first 5 entries performing after a scheduled break you must check in no less than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Our Stage Manager is located on the Stage Left side of the stage and insures that the backstage area is safe and that all performers are ready to perform. If you have a costume change problem, or an emergency situation which may prevent you from performing at your scheduled time, please inform the stage manager immediately that you will be backstage as soon as possible or points may be deducted. The Stage Manager will notify our announcer at the sound console. PLEASE NOTE: If you do not check in with the stage manager backstage StarQuest assumes you are not there and points may be deducted.

DRESSING AREAS

Dressing Areas are assigned to each studio/school at a StarQuest Competition. Any of our staff members will gladly show you where your dressing area is located. This is your space for the entire competition.

CD's

StarQuest furnishes CD labels with your packet to place on each CD. Only these CDs will be accepted. Please present CDs properly cued (without their case) and labeled with the name of your routine and the entry number to the announcer at the sound console located to the left of the judges table no later than 30 minutes before the beginning of that day's competition for all entries performing that day. (Please pick up your used CDs during an intermission break and not during any performance.) It is critical that we have ALL CDs prior to starting each day to insure that the schedule stays on time.

AWARDS

During the presentation of awards, the entire group is welcome on stage, but please designate a "captain" who will go to the awards table to collect the awards. The captain should know the entry number and the name of the routine. Out of respect for everyone on stage we ask that all performers remain on stage during awards until the entire awards ceremony is completed.

"SAME DAY DIRECT" DVDs!

Same Day DVDs of each individual entry are available on site based on dub time available on a first come-first serve basis. You can preview a portion of your Same Day DVDs at the StarQuest Video Order Booth and purchase it on the spot.

"GUARANTEED PRE-ORDER" DVDs!

Guaranteed Pre-Order DVDs of each individual entry are available on site when ordered no later than 10 entries before the routine is to perform. These tapes are also available within half an hour after your performance.

"LATER DAY" DVDs!

If you desire a DVD consisting of any or all of your routines, you may order them at the StarQuest Video Order Booth. DVDs will be mailed to you within 2-3 weeks. (Every video order must be authorized with the teacher's signature. Exception: Teacher's signature not required for solos unless teacher specifically requires it.)

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO TAPING

Video Taping and Photography are strictly prohibited during performances. No video or still cameras of any type are allowed. The FDC does not allow the use of audience photography or videography of on-stage performances due to the prevalence of people of questionable nature. We urge all studio owners, teachers, and especially parents to keep our performers photographically safe. The use of cameras may lead to an entry being adjudicated only. Camera and flashes are fine during award ceremonies or for posed shots during breaks.

****Please make sure all of your parents are aware of this new rule!**

**For further explanation or if you have additional questions you can contact us at
919-363-2900 or via our web site: www.starquestdance.com**