



Competitions

National/International Contest Awards

We have given a brief description of the awards so that you and your team will better understand our **National/International Contest** and have a more positive experience.



Requirements to Enter American Nationals: Each team must have competed at a regional contest (for any dance/drill team company) and receive at least a Sweepstakes Award (Superior Rating, Division I, 90's and above) to be eligible to register for American Nationals. Each group must compete at least three team events, or at least three officer events in order to qualify for the awards that are presented at Nationals.

Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence: Those teams and officers entering in at least three events and receiving 93's or above from every judge on every routine. This award will be placed in your results sack with your scoresheets and audio-video comments. Directors will pick up these results following the awards ceremony.

National Champions (categories): In individual categories for team events (ex. Jazz, Kick, Prop, etc.), the highest scoring routine will be awarded National Champions in each division. Runners up will also be named in categories with at least 3 or more groups. Routines must receive 94's or above from each judge to be eligible.

International Champions (categories): U.S. teams wishing to have their category scores counted again in the international division will be grouped with other teams entered in International. In individual categories for team events (where international teams have a routine), the highest scoring routine will be awarded International Champions and runners up. Routines must receive 94's or above from each judge to be eligible.

Overall National Champions: The highest score in each division will be awarded to the Duets, Ensembles, Officers, and Teams. Routines must have earned at least 94's and above from every judge in each category (must enter 3 team categories) to be eligible for this award.

Overall International Champions: All teams that are entered in the International division will all be ranked and receive special awards for their rankings. There is an additional fee for teams to have their scores counted again in the International division.

Best of the Best Teams and Officers: All teams/officers in the competition (competing at least 3 or more events) will be compiled into one group (including all groups competing at least three team/officer events). The top scoring teams and top scoring officers (based on the total of three highest team or three highest officer events) will be ranked and receive a beautiful award. The highest scoring team and highest scoring officers in the competition will also receive a banner for their school/studio. For Nationals, the Best of the Best rankings will be divided between Studio, Middle School/JV Teams, and High School Varsity Teams.

Solos: Solos will be evaluated and given Divisional ratings. Solo finalists will not dance again. Solo finalists and winners will be announced at the beginning of the awards ceremony. The Solo Winners Circle will also be announced, but will not perform again.

Pastry National Academic Champions: Each team entered in team events can submit to our office a verified list of team members and their current GPA. The highest GPA in Elementary, Junior High, and High School will be awarded the *Pastry National Academic Champions* and receive an award and banner.

Happy Feet National High Kick Off: We are proud that *Happy Feet Boots* will be sponsoring the National High Kick Off awards. Individuals who have qualified as Kick Company from an American Summer Camp or One Day Dance Intensive will advance to Round 2 of the Kick Off. Those individuals who have not qualified at an American event will participate starting in Round 1.

Biogime Sportsmanship Award: Each team will cast their ballot (picked up at team registration) near the end of the day for the team they feel deserves to be named the *Biogime Sportsmanship Award*.

A Wish Come True Outstanding Team: Each team will cast their ballot for the Outstanding Team of the contest.

CC Dancewear Outstanding Director: Each team will cast their ballot for the Outstanding Director of the contest sponsored by *CC Dancewear*.

Texas Motion Sports WOW Factor Award: This award, sponsored by *Texas Motion Sports*, will be selected by the judges during the contest day for a few of the routines that had great audience appeal. It will not be selected based on scores but on entertainment value. It can be a duet, ensemble, officer, or team team routine. These will be announced during the awards ceremony.

GetPoms.com Giving Back Award: *GetPoms.com* sponsors the Giving Back Award at regional events to recognize teams for their community service. The Grand Champion will be selected from the regional entries, and then *GetPoms.com* will make a donation to the charity of the team's choice.