



# American Nationals

**Location Information:** University of North Texas

**Address:** North Texas Drive (off I-35 E)

**City, State, Zip:** Denton, Texas 76203

**Phone:** 940/565-2557

**Registration:** Friday 11:00am – 9:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-11:00pm

**Teams enter at Gate B, Spectators at Gate A**



## **Elite/Team/Officer/Solo Information:**

**Events Start/End:** Friday – approx. 11:00am – 10:00pm

All Elite Team and Officer events must compete on Friday. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday evening.

## **Team/Ensemble/Solo Information:**

**Saturday** – approx. 8:00am – 11:00pm

*Please check the final schedule posted on the web site the week prior to the contest for exact performance times.*



**Performance Area:** Team events will be performed in the UNT Coliseum this year and will be scheduled both on Friday and Saturday. Some Team, officers and ensembles will be in the Men's Gym on Saturday. Solos and duets will be in the Bahnsen Gym on Friday along with all solos, duets and ensembles in the P.E. Building on Saturday.

**Props and Staging:** • All routines performed in the Coliseum with backdrops and staging will start your lineup into the North Tunnel about 30-45 minutes in advance of your performance.

• All routines in the **Bahnsen Gym** that have props and backdrops must fit through a 7' double door with the center pole out.

•All routines in the **PE Building** that have any props or staging must be able to fit through a 7' door with the pole still **in**. We cannot accommodate large props and staging for solos, duets, or small ensembles that cannot fit through a regular door.

\*There is **MINIMAL PROP STORAGE** in the Coliseum and Bahnsen Gym. Any staging or backdrops that come into the Coliseum must be able to pass through the mouth of the tunnel that is 9' tall and 11' wide, without having extra assembly inside. Please call the office with questions.

**Judges Area:** In the coliseum, the judges will be in the center, 15 rows up. In the Men's Gym, the judges will be on a raised platform about 6 feet off the floor. In the solo/duet area, the judges will be eye level.

**Team Entrance/Exit:** Main Coliseum: enter from the judge's right and exit to the judges left.

Men's Gym: enter from the judges back left and exit to the judges back right.

Solo area (PEB): enter and exit from judge's right.

**Sound Area:** In the Coliseum, Men's Gym and solo area, the sound will be floor level in the center. We offer pitch control for CD's and can accommodate iPods for music. Please do not leave your iPod at the sound area unattended. We must have a representative from your team to play your music from an iPod. If playing from a phone, please put phone on 'airplane mode' as to not ring and cancel out music during a performance.

**Floor Surface:** The Coliseum has a smooth concrete surface with red tape marking the basketball lines and volleyball lines. The Men's Gym is a regulation wood basketball court with basketball and volleyball markings. The P.E. Building has a wood regulation basketball court.

**Dressing Area:** Teams will be assigned various dressing rooms on the lower level and concourse level of the Coliseum. Please do not use the public restrooms for dressing.



**Results:** The director or assistant director may pick up all team, officer, ensemble, duet and solo packets at the awards table immediately following the awards ceremony. No packets will be passed out until that time. You will receive your score sheets, comments on cassette tape as well as a flash drive with a video/audio comments from one judge for team, officer and ensembles.

**Tailgating:** Tailgating at American Nationals has become an 'artform' to many of the teams and families. Just look around and you will see hundreds of tents, RV's, giant grills on trailers, special banners, and the smell of great food! Teams that choose to have their own tent for



dressing must make a reservation with UNT online, well in advance of the event, and your space will be marked off and reserved by the UNT staff. Make nationals a family event for everyone!

**Live Webcast:** We will consider to live stream all three performance venues including the UNT Coliseum, UNT Bahnsen Gym, and solos/duets in the PE Building on our web site. Watch for more updates at [www.DanceADTS.com](http://www.DanceADTS.com).

## Other Information:

**Concessions:** Available for purchase on site. **No food may be brought in from outside.** If it is good weather, many teams will opt to have a picnic outside on the grounds of the campus. Please make sure to pick up any trash and make sure it is disposed of properly.

**Tents:** Any team wishing to bring in their own tent for dressing or other purpose must reserve space in advance using the online form on our web site. There is a fee for holding and reserving your space. Space is limited for tents so reserve early. Registration open in January.

**Warm-Up Area:** Teams may warm up in front of the Coliseum or Men's Gym.

**Team and Spectator Admission:** Box Office Windows in front of the Coliseum.

*Watch for updated information prior to the contest when we know more about capacities in early 2022.*

## Directions:

**From Dallas:**

*Go North on I-35 East to Denton.*

*Exit number 466B North Texas Boulevard, and turn north toward the campus.*

**From Fort Worth:**

*Go North on I-35 West Denton. Follow I-35/Dallas signs.*

*Exit number 466B North Texas Boulevard, and turn north toward the campus.*

**Spectator Parking:** Use large lots below the Coliseum next to Fouts Field west of coliseum.

**Bus Parking:** Please use the far outer lots next to the stadium.

**RV Parking:** There will be many people that will bring their RV's to this event but there is no RV hook up or reserved parking. There will be representatives from UNT that will direct the parking of the RV's near the coliseum.

**Tents:** Those teams wishing to set up a tent for dressing, you must reserve in advance through UNT as space is limited. Please contact Connie Verdin, arena manager, at [cverdind@unt.edu](mailto:cverdind@unt.edu). There is a fee for reserving tents or RV's near the coliseum. All other tailgating tents are on a first come, first serve basis beginning on Friday morning in front of the Bahnsen Gym and PE Building. RV's must park in the Fouts Field parking lot.



**Host Hotel:** There are numerous hotels in Denton and surrounding areas that have a wide range of service and prices. However, most will sell out quickly so book early. Plan many fun activities in the Dallas area or take a master class from the UNT Dance

Department. Contact **ATS Premier Tours and Travel** to plan your group trip (800-698-3901 or [ats@atsotursandtravel.com](mailto:ats@atsotursandtravel.com)).

**Average # of Teams Attending:** 130+ teams including teams from South Africa, Japan, Australia, Alaska, Hawaii and many states around the U.S. There will also be 30+ college dance teams competing and displaying at their recruiting tables on Saturday in the coliseum.

**Things to do in the City:** There are endless things to do in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. To name a few: Six Flags Over Texas, Hard Rock Café, Galleria, Northpark, Grapevine Mills Mall, West End Marketplace, etc., etc. Contact ATS Tours and Travel to plan your group trip (800/698-3901).

**Information:** **NO PERSONAL CAMERA TRIPODS ALLOWED.** A current schedule of the contest will be posted the Monday prior to the event and be linked to the Contest Page or our web site.

All props, staging and backdrops must be able to pass easily through a regular 7 ft double door with the center bar removed in the Men's Gym. In the Coliseum, there is a large, double door that will allow in larger staging and props at the North Tunnel, just off Highland St. However, there is **no inside storage for these props** so they must be brought into the 'on deck' area, 30 minutes prior to the performance and taken out immediately after the performance. If you have props or staging that must be assembled in advance, please contact the ADTS office (254-947-0613).

We are delighted to offer a **College Division** for nationals with some of the top dance teams in the country. The college teams will compete in the Main Coliseum on Saturday afternoon and the college awards ceremony will take place about one hour after the last college performance. This will allow the college teams to either commute back home or be able to enjoy the north Texas area.

We welcome back our **International Division** to this event that will include teams from Japan, Australia and South Africa. Teams may elect to bring 'welcome gifts' to offer to the visiting teams. American teams wishing to compete in the International Division can pay an additional fee for their team scores to be counted again in the **International division**. Placement will be awarded in each category as well as each team entered in the International division will be ranked and receive an award.





