



## SECTION 1: GENERAL GUIDELINES

### General Questions & Concerns

Welcome! If you have any questions about our Rules package or while participating in our National Championship, please contact us. We're here to help...

1. Rules & Procedures: Coaches or team advisors should reach out directly with any questions about rules, eligibility, or event regulations. You can contact us by email at: [registration@danceteamworld.com](mailto:registration@danceteamworld.com)
2. Performance-Related Concerns: If you have questions about your team's routine or how it was handled during the event, please contact us. We're always open to a respectful conversation.

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### General Safety Guidelines

1. Coaches are responsible for knowing their team's capabilities and should ensure routines reflect safe and age-appropriate choreography... even if a particular skill is not listed in our routine guidelines.
2. All teams should have an emergency plan in place in the event of an injury.
3. Technical skills should only be practiced with a coach or advisor present, and in a safe, appropriate space. Teams should never practice/perform on:
  - Concrete, asphalt, or hard surfaces without mats
  - Wet or slippery floors
  - Uneven or obstructed spaces
4. Proper warm-up and cool-down routines are essential and should be done before and after any performance.
5. All Dance Team World events will follow local health and safety laws, along with any additional safety protocols we establish. Coaches, teams, and spectators are expected to fully comply.
6. For more detailed safety expectations, refer to **Section 7: Safety & Logistics**.



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## Policy Regarding Multiple Entries in the Same Division

To keep the competition fair and exciting for everyone, here's how we handle multiple entries in the **same style and division**:

- Teams **may not enter multiple routines in the same style and division** if the *exact same group of dancers* is performing in both.
- Directors may enter more than one routine in the same style and division with **different dancers**, but will need to assign **distinct team names**:

Example:

*Southwest HS Dance Team, Southwest HS All-Male Team*

- If the routines **share any of the same dancers**, only the **highest-scoring routine** will be eligible to advance to finals and receive final placement.
- If the routines have **zero overlapping dancers**, both are eligible for finals and award placements. This also applies if a team enters different subdivisions in the same style (for example, one routine in **Medium Varsity Jazz** and another in **Large Varsity Jazz**).

**Note:** We reserve the right to adjust or restrict multiple entries in the same style/division and may move routines to a more appropriate division if needed.

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## Policy Regarding Combined Divisions and/or Addition of Divisions

In the spirit of competition and to ensure an exciting event, divisions may be added or combined depending on overall event interest and/or competition registration demand.

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## Disqualification Policy

While this is extremely rare, teams that do not follow Dance Team World's rules and regulations may be subject to disqualification. If a team is disqualified, they will forfeit any awards or recognition from the event. Dance Team World Education Foundation also reserves the right to remove or disallow any individual - including coaches, dancers, or spectators - from participating in or attending our events at our sole discretion if behavior is unsafe, disrespectful, or disrupts the competition environment.