



## RULES & REGULATIONS

The following are rules and regulations to help guide your journey for a successful and enjoyable event. Always remember that Kind is the New Kool and Smiles Rule! May your Choreography Journey be blessed with a fun learning experience. For detailed information visit [JourneyDanceSport.Com](http://JourneyDanceSport.Com) or Email: [aaudancesport@gmail.com](mailto:aaudancesport@gmail.com)

## Choreographer Requirements

Choreographer's age must be 12 years or older. There are no limitations on number of entries. Each must be different in dance style. Dancers ages may vary from 9 yrs. old to the oldest age of the Age Division the routine is entered in. (Student Teacher Choreographer's age is the max in this Category).

### Age Divisions

**Junior** Ages 12 - 15  
**Youth** Ages 16 – 18  
**Student Teachers** Ages 19-24

### Teams & Categories

**Category I: Solo - 1 Dancer | Duet - 2 Dancers  
Trio Team - 3 Dancers**  
**Category II: Group Team – 4 -10 Dancers**

Each Choreographers highest scoring routine will be used for tabulation of the top 3 YCC Challengers in each age division and category.

## Entries and Registration

Register at [AAU.DanceCompGenie.com](http://AAU.DanceCompGenie.com)  
Sign up online & Register Choreographer and Dancers.  
Upload Music and Pay before deadline to avoid a \$25 Late Fee

### 3 Steps

- Prepare your routine.
- Teach the routine to your chosen dancers
- Submit entry and music

### Entry Fees

\$125 Per Routine

AAU Membership Required  
[Aausports.org](http://Aausports.org)

Deadline Date To Remember  
**May 30, 2023**

- Entry Fee Due
- Entry Submission,
- Upload Music
- \$25 Late Fee

## Costumes, Props & Music

Choreographers may choose their own favorite music. Music must be family friendly and cannot contain any inappropriate language. Costumes should be in line with the story of the routine, modest and appropriate for family viewing, Sexual exploitation of costumes and music with pictures or body movement is strictly prohibited. Music, Moves or Costumes deemed inappropriate by the judges can disqualify the choreography from the competition &/or Showcase without a refund. Small props like a chair or hat may be used & carried on and off stage within time limits of music. Routine must be a minimum of 1 minute 45 seconds to a maximum of 2 minutes 30 seconds. 15 second grace period for enter and exit will be given.

## Styles of Dance

Style of Dance is noted in Entry for Judges reference only not as a category

Ballroom: Any one or more of the 19 dance styles associated with ballroom dancing

Jazz: Routine consisting of jazz technique

Ballet: Routine consisting of Ballet technique and use of ballet shoes

Lyrical: Routines including jazz and ballet techniques where movements interpret the lyrics of the song

Contemporary: Routine combining contemporary jazz and lyrical technique

Hip Hop: Routine consisting of Hip Hop technique- street dance, free style, funk, break dancing, etc.

ShowDance: A routine combining two or more styles with a story theme

Musical Theatre: Routine interpreting a song from Broadway or Movie Musical

Cultural/Ethnic/Folk: Routine using movement native to a particular culture or nationality

Open/Variety: Any style of dance that does not fit into the other listed categories

## Finals

Top 3 highest scores of each Age and Category Division in the Competition will receive 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Placement Medals.

## Scoring

Judging will be based & scored on the criteria listed using a 100 point system. If a fourth Judge is added, the lowest score will be dropped. Changes at the door, tardiness, flash photography, running overtime, videotaping without permission, littering of stage, coaching during performance will be subject to a 5 point deduction each.

### Scoring Criteria

Storytelling	20 Points
Creativity/Originality	20 Points
Level of Difficulty	20 Points
Execution	20 Points
Utilization of Space	20 Points



## Awards

Final awards will be given during the Awards Ceremony. All Performers in the competition will be awarded the YCC Certificate of Accomplishment for their participation. Adjudicated Awards are based on individual scores. Participants must remain in Costumes for Awards Ceremony.

### West Coast AAU Jr Olympic Games Awards

Each Age Division:

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Gold – Silver - Bronze Medals & High Score Choreographic Placement Certificate

Special Performance at the opening of Saturday Evening session will be awarded to overall highest scoring Choreographer of all age divisions.

All Choreographers receive a Certificate of Choreographic Achievement - Video Critique & Score

### YCC OverAll Awards

#### Special Performance

Awarded to the overall highest scoring Contestant.



The Stitch Award ~ Most Creative Costume

The Chosen Award ~ Judges Favorite

The Bravo Award ~ Audience Choice

