

Dance Inspirations

Junior & Senior Dance Challenge Rules & Regulations

The Junior and Senior Dance Challenges are two separate finale events, held at the end of Dance Inspirations, showcasing each studio's top scoring group performances. There is no additional cost to studios to enter.

Divisions

- **JUNIOR:** 12 years and younger
- **SENIOR:** 13 years and older

Junior Dance Challenge Entries

Only the number of Junior groups count towards the number of entries in the Junior Dance Challenge.

- Studios with **less than 10 Junior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **1 entry**
- Studios with **10 to 15 Junior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **2 entries**
- Studios with **16 to 19 Junior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **3 entries**
- Studios with **20 to 29 Junior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **4 entries**

Senior Dance Challenge Entries

Only the number of Senior groups count towards the number of entries in the Senior Dance Challenge.

- Studios with **less than 10 Senior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **1 entry**
- Studios with **10 to 15 Senior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **2 entries**
- Studios with **16 to 19 Senior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **3 entries**
- Studios with **20 to 29 Senior groups** in Dance Inspirations: **4 entries**

Entry Criteria

- Each studio will be required to enter their groups with the highest marks from across all genres, small, and large groups. In the event that two or more groups share the same high mark, studios may choose which group shall enter.
- Studios must confirm their entries with the main MJFD office after their final junior and senior group sessions of Dance Inspirations.
- Once the final program for the Dance Challenge has been set, any changes to routine selections will not be accepted.

Scoring

- Marking criteria will remain the same as Dance Inspirations.
 - **60% Technique:** Execution of dance steps at appropriate skill level with proper posture and control
 - **30% Stage Presence, Artistry, and Musicality:** Good projection and visual appeal, flow of movement with music and appropriate timing
 - **10% Overall Impression:** Quality of performance

- Each performance will be marked by all adjudicators.
- The final mark will be the average of all adjudicator's scores.
- In the event of a tie, original marks from Dance Inspirations will be referenced.

Awards

- Scholarships will be awarded to the top three scores in each of the Junior and Senior Divisions. As well as an honorable mention scholarship will be awarded to the highest score to a group not having placed in the top 3.
- First Place winners in each division will be presented with a generic banner for photos. First Place winners will receive a banner following the event which will include both the studio and group routine name. First Place banners will be sent by mail (with tracking) or hand delivered by a committee member.
- Second, Third & Honorable Mention place-winners in each division will be presented with a banner to take home at the event.

Prize Money

Senior Division (Age 13 to 18)

- **1st place:** \$1,150
- **2nd place:** \$850
- **3rd place:** \$650
- **Honorable mention:** \$250

Junior Division (Age 5 to 12)

- **1st place:** \$1,050
- **2nd place:** \$750
- **3rd place:** \$550
- **Honorable Mention:** \$250