

INTERNATIONAL WEEK DANCE COMPETITION

DANCE TEAM FAQS

COMPETING OR SHOWCASE DANCE TEAMS

- **Competing Teams:** 75% of the dancers are current Mason Student and up to 25% may be alumni/non-Mason dancers (*For example, if you have 10 dancers, then only 2 may be alumni/non-Mason*)
 - Eligible for prize money
- **Showcase Teams:** More than 25% are alumni/non-Mason dancers
 - These teams are not eligible for prize money
- Alumni/non-Mason dancers must be 18+ years (ID will be required)

JUDGING GUIDELINES

- The iWeek committee will invite 7 judges
- The score sheets will be simplified down to 4 scoring elements:
 1. Choreography (30 points)
 2. Group execution and dance technique (30 points) for teams
 3. Appearance/costume (20 points)
 4. Audience connection (20 points)
- The judges will complete and submit the score sheet after each performance
- The highest and the lowest scores are tossed out in order to prevent possible bias

PERFORMANCE TIMING & POINTS

- Competing team performance may not last more than **7** minutes
- Showcase team performance may perform up to **5** Minutes.
- The timer starts when the music starts
- If the competitive performance goes beyond the maximum of **7** minutes, the group will lose 25 points per additional minute from their total score.
- The group with the highest score wins.
- In case of a tie, judges will be asked to complete a tie-ballot. If the tie votes are deadlocked, **the Group Execution and Dance Technique scores will determine the order.**

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

- Wristbands will be required on all dancers
- When a team is not competing, they are either waiting for their turn or seated with the audience
- Dressing Rooms will be assigned. No food may be in the rooms and groups must clean up after
- No special lighting; Lights up and Lights down only
- Background will be a neutral black curtain
- On-stage props are to be minimal; carry on and off in 10 seconds or less
 - Teams may not bring items or props that may gouge/damage the floors or create a risk of slipping. Such items include spiked footwear, staffs, flower petals, confetti, and other similar items
 - Violations will result in a 10%-point penalty

TASKS TO COMPLETE

- Register dance team on Mason360 by March 1
- An email will be sent to the primary contact(s) with information on when and how to provide the following requirements:
 - Attend the required dance team meeting
 - Music (.wav or .mp3) turned in
 - **Competing Team: Up to 7 minute Song**
 - **Showcase Team: Up to 5 minute Song**
 - Complete required waivers for each dancer
 - Mason360 [Mason student waiver](#)
 - Alumni/non-Mason participants/dancers must scan a hand-signed [Risk Acknowledgement and Emergency Contact Form](#) to the RSO Lead Team at rso@gmu.edu