

registration guidelines

REGISTRATION FEES

TEACHERS - STUDIO OWNERS - MANAGERS

Discounted Rate – Postmarked by June 10th	\$310.00
Full Rate – Postmarked after June 10th	\$320.00
One Day	\$100.00

You will be provided with CDC Convention Video of material presented in Teacher's Ballroom only. Certificate of Achievement for the Convention.

Bring 10-14 Students, Teacher pays half tuition

Bring 15-19 Students, Teacher attends FREE

Bring 20-25 Students, 1 Teacher and 1 Assistant Teacher attend FREE: also 1 competition group entry (4-8 Dancers)- FREE

Bring 26 or More Students, 2 Teachers, 2 Assistant Teachers attend FREE: also 1 competition group entry (4-8 Dancers) - FREE

	Discounted Rate Postmarked by June 10	Full Rate Postmarked after June 10	One Day
ASSISTANT TEACHERS You are welcome to participate in all ballrooms and competition	\$250.00	\$260.00	\$100.00
ADVANCED (16 & up)	\$240.00	\$250.00	\$100.00
INTERMEDIATE (14 & up)	\$230.00	\$240.00	\$100.00
STUDENTS (10 - 13)	\$220.00	\$230.00	\$100.00
MINIS (7 - 9)	\$210.00	\$220.00	\$100.00
OBSERVERS Advanced, Intermediate, Student and Mini Ballrooms Only	\$ 15.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Please be advised convention wristbands are not to be removed for the duration of the convention. Convention wristbands that are lost or removed will require a \$5.00 replacement fee. No exceptions!

Teacher discounts apply only to students registered for the ENTIRE convention. One Day registrants do not apply.

Teachers and Assistant Teachers are allowed access to all ballrooms. Assistant Teachers welcome to participate in competition.

One Day registrants are not eligible for Scholarships.

Original scholarship forms must be submitted when mailing registration.

Observers are permitted in the Advanced, Intermediate, Student and Mini Ballrooms ONLY. Siblings under 6 years of age may attend FREE under parental supervision. Anyone not displaying their observer badge will be asked to leave the ballroom immediately.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registration Fees are non-refundable...no exceptions.

Age Categories are used as a guideline. Teachers, please use your discretion. If a student placement problem arises, please see CDC Registration Desk.

CONVENTION ETIQUETTE

CDC would like to see a professional atmosphere maintained. When leaving the ballrooms quiet and courteous behavior is appreciated.

Please respect our host hotel. Be mindful during late night or early morning hours. Slamming doors and loud talking in the hallways should be kept to a minimum. Help us maintain a pleasant relationship with our hotel so that they will look forward to our return visits.

No Video Cameras are allowed in any ballroom EXCEPT the Teacher/Asst Teacher ballroom. Cassette recorders permitted.

When leaving a ballroom, make sure you have all your personal belongings.

CDC and convention hotels are not responsible for injury or personal property.

OBSERVERS-Talking and socializing in the dance room should be kept to a minimum. Observer wristbands must be visible at all times. For the safety of our dancers anyone not displaying an observer wristband will be asked to leave the ballroom immediately.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Dancers must be registered for the entire convention to be eligible for scholarships.

One Day registrants are not eligible for Scholarships.

Dancers will be assigned a scholarship number. Scholarship badges must be worn throughout the convention. All dancers, INCLUDING teachers and assistants teachers, will be evaluated throughout the weekend. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday during the wrap up session.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Westin Chicago North Shore

HOTEL CUT OFF: JUNE 10TH

P: 1-800-228-3000

Deluxe Guest Room: \$119.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have secured low room rates at the Westin. Make your week-and-a complete dance event by staying at the hotel for all the fun and excitement. Don't miss a dance vacation even if you live close to the hotel. In the past, many of you have been disappointed by not being allowed to register in the hotel at the SPECIAL CDC rate because of not meeting Hotel deadlines.

In order for us to keep your cost as low as possible, it is imperative that you assist us by pre-registering in the Hotel and CDC. In order to assist you we have set up a direct link to the hotel:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/ra?id=1002031001&key=44695>

or you may call the Westin directly at 1-800-228-3000.

YOU MUST ADVISE THE HOTEL THAT YOU ARE WITH CHICAGO DANCE CONNECTION.

competition guidelines

PERFORMANCE/COMPETITION INFORMATION

Junior Division: Average Age (8-12.99)

Senior Division: Average Age (13 & up)

Age of all competitors is as of January 1, 2010.

Junior and Seniors will be judged separately in the following categories:

BALLET - Consisting of Ballet or Pointe technique. Must include classical steps and movements. Ballet or Pointe shoes must be worn.

JAZZ/HIP HOP - Consisting of jazz technique and must contain primarily jazz work including funk and hip hop.

LYRICAL/MODERN - Consisting of varying techniques (jazz, ballet) demonstrating balance, extension, control and interpretation.

MUSICAL THEATER - Consisting of theater style dance and musical interpretation.

NOVELTY - Consisting of all other categories, clogging, ethnic, acro/gymnastics.

TAP - Consisting of tap technique. Must wear tap shoes.

SHOWCASE - A non-competitive entry; not judged for awards. You will receive judges' critique. Time limit for this entry is 9 minutes, limited to line numbers. Competition entry fees still apply. You are eligible for the Most Outstanding Presentation award.

Judges reserve the right to change the competing dancers category if a piece is entered improperly.

COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

Solo	\$55.00
Duo	\$35.00 per dancer
Trio	\$30.00 per dancer
Group (4-8)	\$25.00
Line (9 or more)	\$20.00
Production (9 or more)	\$20.00 per dancer



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

You must be pre-registered for the entire convention in order to compete.

2 solo entries permitted per registrant.

The following time limits are strictly enforced. A five point deduction will be taken for any piece going over these time limits. Solo, Duo, Trio, Group, Line three minutes. Production six minutes.

3 gymnastic moves allowed per routine.

Props are permissible but must not be hazardous.

Competition Fees are non-refundable...no exceptions.

Free Admission.

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

Each music selection must be submitted on a separate CD and labeled as follows:

Title of Entry • School/Studio Name • Teacher's Name

Music must be cued with no more than a 4 second lead.

All music must be completely edited and cued to the start of each routine.

ADJUDICATION OF AWARDS

EVERYONE IS A WINNER! - Competition entrants do not compete against each other for a single award in their category. They only compete against themselves on our scoring system. Plaque awards are presented to the top 3 scores in each category.

JUNIOR		SENIOR	
High Gold	83.0-90.0	High Gold	84.0-90.0
Gold	76.0-82.9	Gold	77.0-83.9
High Silver	70.0-75.9	High Silver	71.0-76.9
Silver	63.0-69.9	Silver	64.0-70.9
High Bronze	57.0-62.9	High Bronze	58.0-63.9
Bronze	56.99 and below	Bronze	57.99 and below

Most Outstanding Presentation Trophy Award and \$100 Cash Prize.
Most Outstanding Choreography Trophy Award and \$75 Cash Prize.
Each selected by our judges.