

2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Providence, RI

July 2nd - 8th, 2025

YOUR ULTIMATE NATIONALS GUIDE!



This guide is designed to help you navigate everything we have planned, so you can make the most of your time, enjoy every moment, and celebrate your dancers' achievements alongside your friends, family, and the entire ADA community.

Let's make this a Nationals to remember!

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

Our competition is split up into 2 "teams" - Red and Blue - to accommodate the number of entries. This structure helps to keep our competition hours modest, and ensures that studios do not have dancers on more than one stage at a time. Solo entries will compete on the stage in Expo Hall C, and Duo-Production entries will compete on the stage in Expo Hall A. Each session will conclude with an awards ceremony - **see the competition schedule for details on what will be announced at each awards!**

CONVENTION CLASSES

With your Registration Fee, you get access to 30+ classes all week long - taught by a superstar faculty and designed for all ages and ability levels (ages listed are simply a guideline, all classes are open). Please be sure to have your red convention bracelet on in order to be admitted to the convention rooms!

Parent Observer bands can be purchased at the Merchandise Booth. Fun fact - our faculty will be nominating ADA in Class Ambassadors for our Fall workshops from classes!

DANCE OFF & GALA

The top-scoring entries from each category (Solo, Duo/Trio, Small Group, Large Group, etc) will perform once again in the exciting National Championship Dance Off! During the Awards Gala later that evening, high score winners in each category will be recognized, and the *Elite Six* will be selected to re-compete live for our gala audience - adding even more entertainment to the evening!

The Galas are a highlight of Nationals! It's a chance for dancers, families, and studios to celebrate their achievements together in style. Dress to impress - this is a fun, semi-formal occasion! Each dancer's registration includes Gala admission for the dancer and two guests, with seats organized by your studio owner prior to the event. There are no physical tickets, just assigned studio sections. **The 12 & Under Dance Off and Gala is on July 5th, and the 13 & Over Dance Off and Gala is on July 8th.**

DANCER OF THE YEAR

The next level of competition for regional Ultimate Challenge winners is America's Dancer of the Year (DOTY) where winners from each regional event will vie for the coveted title of America's Dancer of the Year. Contestants not only perform their solo, but they are also judged in audition classes and featured in a show-stopping Opening Number! The solo performance evenings are open for the public to attend, so stop in and watch some amazing talent take the stage!

SPIRIT DAYS

A Nationals highlight! Let's celebrate with some fun themed days...dress to impress and let's see that spirit and creativity!

July 3rd - Disco Day

July 4th - Red, White, and Blue Day

July 6th - Pajama Day

ESSAY CONTEST

All registered dancers are welcome to submit a 250 words or less essay based on the prompt "The Power of Teamwork in Dance" for the 2025 George Lon Essay Contest. Winners will be announced at the Gala (in 12 & Under and 13 & Over) and are invited on stage to read their essay live for our audience! Submit your essay to Info@AmericanDanceAwards.com by **July 1st** to be eligible.

PROFESSIONAL PANEL

July 5th from 9:45am - 10:45am in Ballroom D/E

This Q&A panel is designed for **high school aged dancers, their parents, and their teachers**. We're fortunate to bring together such an accomplished and inspiring group of industry professionals as your judges and faculty. Join them as they share their insights, experiences, and advice - and bring your questions, too! They're here to support your dancers and help guide their journeys forward.

PARENTS' DANCE JAM

July 3rd from 8:00 - 9:00pm in Ballroom 555/556

Parents (and Teachers!), it's your turn to groove! Join the one and only Scott Sisbarro for a fabulous and fun disco themed Dance Jam - no prior experience needed, just a willingness to let loose and have a blast. Don't forget your disco attire - let's dance the night away!

CLASS MONITORS

We're looking for a few parents or guardians of registered dancers to sign up as Class Monitors for specific times - and enjoy a FREE Observer Band for the entire week! Spaces are limited, so visit the National Championship page on our website to select a time slot and view all the details. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at Info@AmericanDanceAwards.com. We appreciate your support!

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