Application Deadline: Friday, April 20, 2018
Live Competition: Sunday, June 10, 2018
Location: Del Mar Arena

Date, time and stage are subject to change.

These rules and regulations are effective as of Dec. 29, 2017. Any updates will be posted in this same location with a new effective date.

Eligibility:
- Employees of the San Diego County Fair (22nd District Agricultural Association/Del Mar Fairgrounds), their families or extended families, subsidiaries, sponsors and affiliates are not eligible.
- Open to all residents of the United States of America.
- Amateur and professional groups of 5 to 50 members - no individuals may compete.
- Attire and image, as well as content of performance, must be suitable for family viewing, both in live performance and on any media that is provided in the application.
- Intoxication, use or possession of any controlled substance, or impolite, discourteous or obscene speech or conduct toward, or in hearing range of, the public or staff by participant or participant’s group will be sufficient grounds to terminate your participation in this contest.
- This is a Hip Hop Style dance competition and at least 80% of the dancing in the performance must be in a Hip Hop Style. Dance groups must fit into the following categories:
  - Junior Division: Any group where 75% or more of the performers are between the ages of 13-18. The remaining 25% may be younger than 13. All groups must be represented by an adult 21 years of age or older. The adult representative may not compete.
  - Adult Division: Any group where 75% or more of the performers are 18 years of age and older. The remaining 25% may be younger than 18. All groups must be represented by an adult 21 years of age or older. The adult representative is not required to compete.
  - Battle Division: Open to all ages (different age group divisions might be added)

  We retain the right to adjust the divisions based on the number of participants.

Please note: Age is determined by the performer’s age as of June 1, 2018. Studios may enter more than one group in each category but performers may not compete in more than one group. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding these divisions and which one you should enter.

Entry Procedure
The San Diego County Fair (SDCF) neither retains nor returns promotional materials. The SDCF is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, stolen or misappropriated entries. Entry constitutes permission to use participant’s name, likeness, and performance for future advertising and publicity without additional compensation.
- Entries must be submitted online by the deadline of April 20, 2018. You will receive a confirmation receipt at the end of the application process.
- A one-time fee of $20 will be charged for each application. All entry fees are due upon submission of the application and are nonrefundable. The $20 fee will be waived for teams who wish to be considered only for exhibition. Keep in mind there will be limited space/time for exhibition teams.
- The application cannot be saved and returned to at a later date. Applicant must have all materials ready when beginning the application.
- A YouTube link of a previous performance is required at the time of the application. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the link is functional prior to submission.
- Applicants agree to abide by the latest Best Dance Crew Rules and Regulations. Any updates to these rules will be posted at www.sdfair.com.

**Online Preliminary and Final Round Judging:**
Contestants will be judged on the following:
- Technical Skills – The judges will evaluate each team based on the style and difficulty of movements and the execution of each movement. Body placement, spacing and formation changes will be included in this category.
- Showmanship – The judges will evaluate based on attitude, energy, intensity and presence as well as a connection with the audience. This can be displayed through facial expression, eye contact, body movement and choreography.
- Rhythm/Musicality – The judges will evaluate each team on its ability to synchronize movements as a group, with the music, and with phrasings of the music.
- Creativity/Choreography – The judges will look for overall originality with movement, transitions and style with choreography. The music editing and costume will also be included in this category.
- Overall presentation and completion of application.

**Live Round:** Each group will be able to perform a **maximum** of 5 minutes during the round, with a grace period of ten (10) seconds. Once the 5:10 minute marker has been reached, sound personnel will turn off the music and no further dancing is allowed.

The sole decision for selection rests with the Fair Management. The 22nd D.A.A./San Diego County Fair has the right to reject any application at its sole discretion. The judging panel consists of high-profile industry professionals. Entrant acknowledges that all music/performances entered may be distributed to judges who will be selecting the winners, and entrant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold the SDCF, its sponsors, and judges harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in the SDCF competition. By entering this competition, the entrant agrees to accept and be bound by the decisions of the SDCF and its judges, which are final and binding in all matters.

**Performance Area:**
The competition dance floor will be 50x50 feet.

**Prizes:**

**Junior Division**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - $1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - $600
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - $200

**Adult Division**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - $1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - $600
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - $200
Battle Division
Winner - $100

- Cash prizes will be payable by a State of California check. All federal, state, and local taxes, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of the winner.
- All prizes will be awarded to the first name as it appears on the payee data form, completed after the competition, and division of prizes among the winning group members is the responsibility of the winners. Winners will be required to sign a payee data record after the contest confirming that they are authorized to receive the prizes(s) awarded. Failure to sign in ink and return the required form at the required time, or provision of false information, may result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. Forms are subject to verification by the SDCF and its agents. Formal winners’ checks will not be given on the day of the contest.
- If additional non-cash prizes are awarded in connection with this contest, there will be no transfer and substitution of prizes except as necessary due to availability, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded. If it is necessary to substitute a prize, the San Diego County Fair reserves the right to give the winner a cash substitute determined by the wholesale value of the prize. All winners agree to release the San Diego County Fair and sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won.
- All federal, state, and local taxes and customs fees, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of the winner. The San Diego County Fair will not pay any winners’ taxes.
- The San Diego County Fair will use its best efforts to send prizes out in a timely fashion. Please note that prizes which are being sent to winners from sponsors may take longer than prizes sent directly from the San Diego County Fair. If the winner has not received any portion of prizes within 30 days, and has not responded to the San Diego County Fair’s communication, the San Diego County Fair is no longer responsible for delivery of prizes.

For more information please visit our website, www.sdfair.com/contests. For questions email performancecontests@sdfair.com, or call the Special Events Department at (858) 792-4259.