

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EXPLANATION OF AWARDS

National Individual Awards

All individual dancers, flags, rifles, and majorettes will receive three (3) written score sheets and three digital audio critiques of their performance. Those given superior ratings will be awarded a beautiful medal. MA will name in each age division a National Outstanding Dancer, Color Guard, and Twirler and runners-up to receive trophies.

National Ensemble Awards

National 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Trophies are awarded for Pre K-K, 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, and 9th-12th divisions in Duet, Trio, Quartet, and Large Ensemble competition. Medals will be awarded to all participants receiving a superior rating. Color Guard & Majorette Ensemble age divisions will be determined by number of entries received.

National Show Production Awards

Show Production should interpret a theme through the combination of various elements of dance. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies will be presented for these six to twelve minute shows. Each age division will compete independently for award placement.

National Specialty Division Awards

Specialty routines must include performers that are NOT full-time certified members of the team such as dads, moms, and males from a dance class or the school at large. First, Second, and Third place Trophies will be presented for Specialty Routines at Nationals, but may not be counted toward the Jacket Competition.

National Technique Awards

The top 15 high scoring teams and top 5 officer lines in the competition, based upon total points accumulated on three routines, will receive this prestigious award. This award emphasizes execution, extension, and precision.

National Dance Category Trophies

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies are awarded in all team classifications for Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Modern, Contemporary, Military, High Kick, Novelty, Prop, Open, and Pom. First through sixth place trophies are guaranteed to teams with 11 or more entries in a category.

National Winners Circle Trophies

This outstanding honor was originally introduced to the dance team world by Marching Auxiliaries. The top 10-20 teams & officer lines, based upon total points accumulated on three routines entered, will be named to the Winner's Circle. All teams registered at the contest will be in competition with each other for this award.

National Championship Jackets

One set of M.A. National Championship Jackets are guaranteed to be awarded to the overall highest scoring team from the following divisions: All Star/Studio Pre K-6th Grade, All Star/Studio 7th Grade-Open, Junior High/Middle School, High School Small, High School Medium, High School Large, & High School Super sized teams.

M.A. National Championship Jackets are also awarded to the overall highest scoring Officer Line. Eligibility will be determined by totaling the scores in three routine categories. Only those entering at least three categories (excluding Specialty) will be eligible to compete for jackets. Jackets will also be presented in any additional divisions which have eight or more eligible teams. The highest scoring Color Guard soloist and Highest scoring Twirling soloist in all age divisions will also be awarded a National Championship Jacket.

National Dance Solo Champions

The top ten percent of the Senior Dance Soloists (11-12) will have an opportunity to perform for the entire audience before the Saturday evening Award Ceremonies. Finals in any other dance division will be held if entries exceed 30 contestants. The 1st place Solo Winner will perform in all dance divisions where finals were not conducted.

The top 3 Dance Soloists in the 11-12 division will earn, in addition to their National Championship Trophy, Cash Scholarships in the following amounts:

First Place \$300, Second Place \$200, Third Place \$100.