

JAMFEST DANCE SUPER NATIONALS

America's Center Convention Complex
701 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101

I am so excited to welcome you and your team to JAMfest Dance Super Nationals 2018! JAMfest Dance Super Nationals is JAMfest's premier national DANCE-ONLY event, and we pull out ALL the stops to ensure that your experience is both stress-free and truly memorable! The options and extras are virtually endless. My name is **Colton Heier** and I will be your Event Director. My role is to work hand in hand with the venue and our staff to produce a smooth, organized and FUN event for everyone! I could not successfully direct this event without the help of some key players, so I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to our wonderful event team.

Event Team for Dance Super Nationals:

- Registration Coordinator: **Jessica Lomba** (jessica@jambrands.com)
 - Communicates with you to get your teams registered and paid
- Scheduling Manager: **Laura Leigh Rossoll** (lauraleighr@jambrands.com)
 - Communicates with you regarding the Performance Order
- Dance Director: **Molly Whiting** (mwhiting@varsity.com)
 - Oversees the entire customer experience for Dance
- Brand Manager: **Francesca Beyer** (fbeyer@varsity.com)
 - Oversees the entire customer experience

In the message you'll find a ton of helpful information about our event coming up...

Performance Order:

The Performance Order will be sent to the email address on file one week prior to the event.

COACHES CHECK-IN

Location – Second Floor, Outside Room 200

A coach or official representative authorized to make important decisions must come to check-in as soon as you arrive at the venue. Coaches Check-In will be open on Friday, February 9th, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. If you cannot make it on Friday evening, you may check in starting at 6:30 AM on Saturday morning.

Each team receives two free coaches with their registration. All Star coaches will need to be USASF credentialed with a clean background check, once this is verified you can

receive your wristband. If you have more than two coaches, the fee to for them will be \$40. You can pay this fee (cash only) at coaches' check in to get wristbands for additional coaches.

More information will be coming to you soon from Jessica in your Final Event Confirmation Packet.

ADMISSION

Location – First Floor, Main Lobby Room 106

- Athletes must be in team uniform/costume or team warm up to pass through security without a wristband.
- Coaches must show their coaches wristband to pass through security.
 - Each team will be given up to 2 coaches wristbands at no charge.
 - Additional coaches' wristbands can be purchased at Coaches Check-In for the same price as spectator admission.
- All other spectators will be required to purchase a spectator wristband.

Box office for spectator admission will be open:

- Saturday, February 10th: 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM
- Sunday, February 11th: 6:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Spectator Pricing:

Spectators 1 Day	\$20.00
Children (Ages 5-12) 1 Day	\$15.00
Spectators 2 Day	\$35.00
Children (Ages 5-12) 2 Day	\$25.00
Active & Retired Military 1 Day - With ID (No Dependents)	\$15.00
Active & Retired Military 2 Day - With ID (No Dependents)	\$25.00
Seniors (65+) – 1 Day	\$15.00
Seniors (65+) – 2 Day	\$25.00
Infants/Toddlers (4 & Under)	FREE

All admission sales are **CASH ONLY and final. Lost or stolen wristbands will not be replaced.

USASF WORLDS BID INFORMATION:

- 1 - partial paid bid to the highest scoring senior hip-hop team
- 1 - partial paid bid to the highest scoring senior pom team
- 1 - partial paid bid to the highest scoring senior jazz team
- 1 - partial paid bid to the highest scoring senior lyrical team
- 3 - partial paid bids to the next highest scoring senior or open teams
- 4 - at-large bids to the next highest scoring senior teams
- 10 - at-large bids to the next highest scoring senior or open teams

We reserve the right to limit the number of at-large Dance Worlds Bids at JAMfest Dance Super Nationals

PERFORMANCE MARLEY FLOOR

The Marley Floor in the performance halls will be 50' W x 49.5' L. These strips will be laid vertically with an "X" in the front center of the floor for your reference.

PRACTICE AREAS

Location: Hall 2

There are two Marley Floors as well as two Stretch Strips in the practice area. Each Marley floor is 50' W x 49.5' L. The Stretch Strips are 10' W x 49' L. The Marley strips will be laid vertically. There will be an "X" in the front center of the Marley for your reference.

On Friday, one of the Marley floors and one stretch strip will be used for Solos/Duets/Trios practice before they perform. Each Solo/Duet/Trio will receive 3 minutes of practice time on each floor.

On Saturday and Sunday, two Marley floors and two stretch strips will be used for team practice before their performance. Each team will receive 6 minutes on one stretch strip and 6 minutes on one Marley floor.

*****Please do not bring any athlete backpacks into the practice area*****

All participating All Star coaches that need access to the practice area are required to be a USASF Professional Member. They must complete and pass the associated background check prior to the event. Any All Star program with non-coaching staff (trainers, team moms, photographers, etc.) that needs access to the practice area will also need to complete and pass the associated background check prior to the event.

For more information on the USASF Guidelines, please contact your USASF Regional Director. http://www.usasf.net/regional_directors/

Note: USASF membership does not apply to school and rec programs.

OPEN PRACTICE

Location: Hall 2

On Friday, open practice will take place from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. It is important that you understand when your team's open practice is scheduled. The sign-up sheet is posted on the website.

On Sunday, Open Practice is available first come first serve for any team wanting extra practice. This will be located on the Open Practice floor in Hall 2.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Location: Second Floor, Awards Ballroom

All awards ceremonies will be held in the Ballroom. The Worlds Bid Ceremony will take place in Hall I at the end of the day on Sunday.

Athletes will enter from the South side of Ballroom. As parents enter the Ballroom from the west main entrance, they will need to take a seat upon arrival, as they wait for the Awards ceremony to begin. Once the ceremony is over, remaining athletes and spectators need to exit from the same doors they entered, and into the lobby.

If your athlete is announced as a Champion, the spectators will then need to exit out of the same doors they entered and go straight across the hall to meet their athletes for the Champions Experience. Champion teams will be escorted directly off the stage to pick up their jackets and head to the Champion Experience room.

ATHLETE HOLDING FOR AWARDS

Location: Second Floor, Lobby Area

We ask that all athletes head to lobby area near coaches check in to wait for awards. In this area, we will have all the athletes line up and when it is time for the awards ceremony to begin, you will be escorted directly onto the stage.

AWARDS & GIFTS:

Each participant will receive a JAMfest blanket!

Each winning athlete will receive a Champion Jacket!

Each winning team will receive a trophy and a banner!

MUSIC:

Be sure to follow the music guidelines for this event. Go to varsity.com/music for the latest resources.

Please bring a minimum of TWO high quality copies of your music to the event. Only CDs, iPods, iPhones or MP3 players are allowed. Cassette tapes are not allowed. It is STRONGLY suggested that you DO NOT use an iPhone 7 for music playback, as your music will cut out. This device and devices that do not include a headphone jack have a strong tendency to stop the music in the middle of routines. If you choose to use one of these devices, you will NOT have the option to perform again or restart your music if your music stops.

If you are using a cell phone to play your music, please make sure that it is on airplane mode, so no outside interference will hinder the performance. Once the play button is pressed, the device must be placed on the DJ table.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOTAPING:

For the safety and comfort of all attendees, no telephoto lenses over 200 MM are permitted. Spectators are only permitted to take photos or videos from the VIP area of their team/program after receiving permission from the Program Owner.

BE A FAN ZONE:

We invite all family and friends to move to our “Be A Fan” Zone in front of the stage/performance floor when their athlete’s team is performing! When in the “Be A Fan” Zone, HAVE FUN! The athletes LOVE when you’re clapping, singing and cheering for them in this section! Please be respectful of our staff, judges, and other spectators by keeping the flow moving smoothly into and out of this area. If you are the designated picture-taker, be sure to keep cameras at shoulder level during the performance. Simply exit in the direction specified after the performance is over.

CONCESSIONS:

Plenty of concessions at the venue will be made available to all athletes and spectators. No outside food or beverage may be brought into the facility.

MASTER CLASSES

Location: Second Floor, Awards Ballrooms

We will be offering Master Classes for FREE on Friday and Saturday, in the Awards Ballroom. We encourage athletes to attend as many classes as they would like.

The master class schedule can be found on the Dance Super Nationals web page two weeks prior to the event.

MEET & GREET

Location: Second Floor, Lobby Area

We will be offering a Meet and Greet with Marko Germar on Friday directly following the master classes. This will be in the Lobby outside the Awards Ballroom.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Event updates and information, as well as fun posts and contests, will be ran throughout the day on various forms of social media. We encourage you and your program to follow our social media feeds!

Follow us on social media @JAMfestEvents
Official Event Hashtag: #JAMfestDSN

WEATHER POLICY:

All Varsity Louisville events will go on regardless of the weather conditions. Should an extenuating circumstance arise, please check the JAMfest website for any updates. Varsity Louisville encourages you to exercise caution and make any necessary travel arrangements so that you will not have any problems making it to the event. No refunds will be given on any Varsity Louisville expenses. Please keep an eye on the local and national forecasts so that you are prepared for any inclement weather.

WARNING:

Strobe lights, fog and other special effects may be used in the production of this event.

SECURITY:

Participants, coaches, and spectators are not allowed to bring the following items into the venue:

- Outside food and beverage
- Weapons (with or without a permit)
- Alcohol
- Tripods
- Cameras
- Pets (except approved medical use pets)
- Posters/signage
- Coolers/flasks
- Laser pointer
- Skateboards, roller skates, bikes, hover boards

THANK YOU!

Most importantly, we want to thank you for choosing to attend JAMfest Dance Super Nationals. We are going to do everything in our power to make sure you have an unforgettable experience!