

Invitational Competition Guidelines

1. **Invitational Registration & Solos:** Invitational competition directors shall not open registration for all teams until September 1.
2. **Limit of Participating Schools:** There will be a limit of 30 total schools per invitational competition.
3. **Time Restriction:** A competition may not begin before 8:00 a.m. and must not end after 7:00 p.m. (this includes award ceremony). In the case of an unusual circumstance that may cause a delay (injury, power outage, etc.), the situation must be documented and reported to Jan Whittaker, at the UHSAA office, within 72 hours of the competition.
4. **Use of additional performing areas:** If it appears the competition may go beyond the 7:00 p.m. limit, the competition director must secure extra space to hold auxiliary routines such as the small gym, auditorium, etc. and/or limit the amount of auxiliary routines. An additional panel of judges may also need to be hired to meet the time 8:00 am- 7:00 pm time limit.
5. **Guidelines for competition entry fees:** Competition team entry fees should not exceed \$18 per dancer. It is suggested to use the following guidelines:
 - a. 1-4 Routines \$15 or less
 - b. 5+ Routines \$18 or less
6. **Spectator entrance fees:** Spectator entrance fee may not exceed \$10 per person (adult price). Directors are encouraged to think of options such as a family pass, a 2-day pass for those attending solo and team competition, and more affordable pricing for students. It is suggested to use the State Tournament pricing:
 - a. \$10 Adults
 - b. \$5 Seniors and Students
7. **Assigning of judges:** The competition director must assign one (1) new judge **per panel**. Using more than one new judge at an invitational and solo competition is highly recommended.
8. **Role of the Competition Director:** The role of the competition director is to run a well-organized and safe competition. Every precaution should be taken to put the athletes' safety and well-being first. It is never appropriate for a competition director to get involved in judging discussions or decisions. Any competition director who tries to influence judges to assess or not assess penalties, may be put on a probationary status and/or lose sanctioning privileges.
9. **Scanning score sheets:** The competition director will need to scan (front and back) all Military and Dance scoresheets and send them to jwhittaker@uhsaa.org within 72 hours of the conclusion of the competition.