

DUPREE DANCE // BELLEVUE, WA 2022

REGIONAL EVENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

MASK MANDATE

The Dupree Dance faculty and all attendees and observers are to abide by the current local indoor masking order at all times throughout our event including in classes and on stage. If there are any changes or updates closer to the event in regard to mask mandates, we will update registrants accordingly.

KING COUNTY MANDATE / PRE-EVENT VERIFICATION COMMITMENT

King County's current mandate requires all attendees ages 12 and older to have either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test that has been administered within 72 hours prior to our event. Our host hotel highly recommends that we communicate with our registrants in regard to a system of verification that would take place immediately *prior to* our event, as not only is this the safest approach, but it will also avoid long lines and stress during our at-event registration check-in process.

We are asking that every independent registrant and studio owner/director commit to verifying that every attending age 12 and over dancer/teacher/observer from their studio has either had an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a negative FDA approved COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours prior to attending our event. We are requesting that you please communicate with your dancers and families in advance of our event and set a deadline of Thursday, February 10, for your age 12 and up attendees to confirm that they are vaccinated or have received a negative COVID-19 test within the stated time frame. We appreciate the commitment from every studio owner/director and independent registrant in adhering to this request. We feel that the additional verification on your end will allow your dancers and dance parents/guardians the comfort of communicating with you directly, but pre-event verification will contribute to a seamless and safe registration check-in process. We thank you in advance for partnering with us.

STRICT REGISTRATION PACKET PICK UP POLICY

We are requiring that a parent/guardian of an independent registrant and an adult Studio Owner/Director or pre-appointed adult studio representative be designated as the sole registration packet pick-up contact. This representative must be committed to arriving well in advance of their first dancer(s) involvement in our competition and/or convention. The registration packet pick-up contact must be committed to being able to pick up the entire studio or independent packet PRIOR to the time that their first registered dancer takes the stage (Friday competition participants) or steps into the classroom (convention only participants).

BEFORE a registration packet is released, we will request that the appointed registration packet pick-up representative sign an additional event statement verifying that all attending age 12 and over dancers/teachers/observers from their studio has either had an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a negative FDA approved COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours prior to attending our event. If a signature is not received, a registration packet WILL NOT be dispersed by our Dupree team members and the registrants from that studio or independent registration will not be able to gain access to our event. Once the packet is released from our Dupree team members, we are requiring that EVERY registered dancer must be wearing his/her official convention registration wristband prior to gaining backstage access and prior to gaining access to any convention classroom. Our Dupree team members will NOT pull individual registration wristband(s) from studio packets at any time.

Closer to our event, we will ask each registered studio or independent account to provide up to two names as the adult representative(s) that they designate as their official registration packet pick-up representative. Registration packets will only be released to these representative(s) at our event, and the representatives must be fully aware and willing to sign the event statement that their studio/independent account verified that all attendees/observers ages 12 and over have had an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a negative FDA approved COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours prior to attending our event.

HOST HOTEL ENHANCED HYGIENE PROTOCOLS AND INFORMATION

The Hyatt Bellevue follows daily electrostatic cleaning protocols. As part of Hyatt's Global Care & Cleanliness Commitment, their new standards and procedures have accreditation by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council, associate training and support resources. Hand sanitizers are stationed in all public areas and outside each event space. Their indoor air filtration system uses the highly rated Merv11 & Merv13 filters, and the air circulation is outside air, not recirculated inside air.

DAILY SELF ASSESSMENT COMMITMENT

In addition to our pre-event and at-event protocols, we are asking that EVERY attendee/observer please commit to a daily self-assessment prior to arriving at our event. If any dancer or attendee is exhibiting any COVID-like symptoms OR in the past 5 days has been in close contact with an individual who is test-confirmed for COVID-19 or is presumed to have COVID-19, please do NOT attend our event.

COVID DIAGNOSIS OR EXPOSURE WITHIN 5 DAYS PRIOR TO OUR EVENT

CDC has recently updated the isolation time for both COVID-19 and the Omicron variant diagnosed and exposed individuals to 5 days. If any registered dancer/teacher or parent/guardian/observer tests positive for COVID-19 or is exposed to someone in the same household who tests positive for COVID-19 within 5 days prior to our event, we ask that they not attend. If any registered dancer/teacher or parent/guardian/observer tests positive for COVID-19 or is exposed to someone in the same household who tests positive for COVID-19 prior to the recommended 5 days of quarantine AND remains asymptomatic, they may attend our event. For registered dancers who are exposed or diagnosed with COVID-19 within 5 days prior to our event or who are symptomatic within 5 days prior to our event, we will gladly apply a convention credit on the registration profile in the amount paid by that dancer for the event he/she cannot attend. If a competition routine is a SCRATCH due to a COVID-19 case, we are happy to also apply a competition credit on the studio account for that scratched entry only. If a routine performs but is missing a dancer who is not in attendance due to a COVID-19 case/exposure, we will not apply a competition credit for that routine or for the individual(s) missing from that routine. We will not deduct for a last-minute hole in a routine due to a COVID-19 case/exposure. We ask that the studio owner/director please communicate with our backstage team members and/or competition emcee within a few numbers prior to any performance that is missing a dancer. This will allow adequate time to alert our judges. All convention and/or competition credits applied on accounts will be able to be used towards any regional or National Finals event within 12 months from the time they are applied. Convention credits may only be applied towards convention registration, and competition credits may only be applied towards competition registration.

We request that the studio owner/director or independent registrant follow up with a formal email to Dupree@DupreeDance.com and provide the Dupree Dance event city/date, studio or independent profile name, the dancer's first and last name, as well as the song title of any competition entry that was a scratch due to a COVID-19 case/exposure. The email must be received during the event or within 3 days following the event. Dupree Dance will commit to a timely response verifying that the convention and/or competition credit has been applied.

REGISTRATION SECURITY

If COVID-19 were to cause us to have to cancel our event for any reason, we will commit to a 100% full registration refund policy.

CONVENTION CLASSES

- CLASSROOM NUMBERS
 - We are continually monitoring our registration numbers for each level to ensure that adequate space is available at all times. We have also secured large rooms that will easily allow for dancers to spread out during all convention classes. Our faculty is committed to social distancing reminders in all classes and will avoid choreography that requires dancers to physically partner or connect with another dancer.
- OBSERVERS
 - We will allow attendees to pre-secure convention observer bands during their initial online registration process. We have a large amount of space and want to remain flexible in regard to observer potential. At the same time, we want to ensure a majority of our space is dedicated to our registered dancers taking classes. Dupree Dance reserves the right to limit or restrict observer bands at any time. In the event we have to limit/restrict, we will fully refund the price for any pre-paid observer's band.
- KICK OFF
 - We will not hold an all-group Kick Off. Instead, each level will meet in their own rooms on Saturday morning for an individual start to their class schedule including a warm-up.
- CLOSING CEREMONY
 - We WILL hold a Closing Ceremony including a Faculty Performance and Scholarship Presentation. The Closing Ceremony will be located in our mainstage room at the conclusion of our event. If any registered dancer would like the option of attending via livestream, they may utilize the link that will be located on the homepage of our website at that time. We will allow a dancer and/or teacher representative to collect any scholarship or award for a dancer in the event that a recipient is not physically present during our Closing Ceremony. If a representative is not present, we will push all award results to our public results page following our event.

- VIRTUAL CLASS OPTION

ADJUSTED VIRTUAL CONVENTION FEE MUST BE APPLIED PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- We will offer any registered Junior, Teen or Senior dancer the ability to take class via live stream (real-time) instead of in-person. All classes, with the exception of the audition class, would be made available during both Saturday and Sunday's full convention schedule.
- A separate opportunity to upload an audition submission video would be provided to dancers who opt to take class via live stream. The live scholarship awards presentation at the conclusion of our event in each room would not reflect dancers who are taking class via live stream and choose to submit an audition video. The audition video submission deadline for convention registered dancers who choose take via live stream would fall by/before the Wednesday immediately following the event. Dupree Dance will email a separate list of additional scholarship winners who choose to take via live stream and submit their audition video virtually at a later date once adequate time has been given for us to thoroughly review each submission.
- **You must email Dupree@DupreeDance.com no later than the stated registration deadline of your event with first and last name(s) of any Junior, Teen or Senior dancer(s) who opt to take convention classes via live stream.** As long as we receive your email by/before the registration deadline, we will reduce their convention rate to \$175. If any registered dancer opts to switch from in person to live-stream classes AFTER the registration/payment deadline, they are welcome to do so, but will not receive a refund or credit for the difference in tuition.
- A dancer who opts to livestream cannot switch to in-person classes after the registration deadline of our event.
- We will not offer a live stream option for Mini dancers. If any studio owner/director has one or more Mini dancers who are unable to attend in-person classes, we are asking that they simply inform us of this via email at least a few days in advance of the registration/payment deadline and we will communicate with them at that time as to how we will handle those specific Mini dancers in regard to convention registration.

COMPETITION

- LIVE STREAM
 - We will live stream our entire competition and all awards ceremonies for the benefit of all attendees. Attending dancers/audience members are asked to utilize the live stream to observe competition during any block in which they/their dancer is not performing during or when a transition protocol is announced.
- GENERAL SCHEDULE
 - You can expect that most all solo, duo and trio entries will be scheduled either during the school day and/or after school hours on Friday. We will utilize Saturday to schedule a majority of all our Group, Line, Production and Super Production entries. It is also possible that we will start a portion of the Group, Line, Production or Super Production competition on Friday after school hours.
- ENTRY/STUDIO BLOCKING ORGANIZATION
 - We will use entry blocking for solo/duo/trio entries and studio blocking for our group/line/production entries. This method of line-up organization minimizes the number of dancers/studios in any given area during our competition. Shortly after the registration deadline, we will communicate with all registrants as to the general competition schedule. Requests for particular days/times will not be accepted, as our schedule will be strategic and depends on both the age and overall number of entries from each registered studio.
- LIMITED OBSERVERS
 - Our competition observer rules will allow a max of 2 parent/guardian observers per registered dancer to remain in the audience during their own dancer's specific scheduled competition block ONLY. Observers must follow all transition protocol and award ceremony announcements at the event.
- AWARD CEREMONIES
 - Exact rules and procedures regarding our awards ceremonies will be released prior to our event. These rules and procedures will limit the number of observers/dancers in the room during any given awards ceremony.