



# Dance Masters of America, Inc.

## Solo Title Scholarship Competition Rules

### 2022-2023



The rules in red and highlighted in yellow are new or revised for 2023.

#### Section 1 – ELIGIBILITY

1. Only members in good standing or a student of a member in good standing of Dance Masters of America (hereafter listed as DMA) may enter DMA Solo Title Scholarship Competitions provided that the Teacher of Record, Teacher(s) of Recognition, DMA Approved Chaperones, and the Affiliated Chapter have complied with all the rules and requirements of the National Organization.
2. The Teacher of Record shall be the DMA member teacher whose signature appears on both the Chapter and the National Scholarship Competition entry forms as the entrant's Teacher of Record; shall be responsible for the entrant.
3. The Teacher of Record may not have more than one female entrant entered in each of the female Solo Title Scholarship Competitions.
4. The Teacher of Record may only have entrants from the same chapter in a given year for all National Solo Title Scholarship Competitions.
5. All choreographers to be recognized shall be listed on the DMA Solo Title Scholarship Competition entry form as Choreographer(s) and shall receive recognition. However, only DMA Members or students of a DMA Member are eligible for awards.
6. The Entrant, DMA Member Teacher of Record, DMA Approved Chaperone and DMA Member Teacher(s) of Recognition listed on the DMA Solo Title Scholarship Competition entry form must be:
  - A. Pre-registered for the full National Convention.
  - B. A registered guest of and residing at the National Convention Hotel.
  - C. Responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements.
  - D. The Teacher of Record, or DMA Approved Chaperone must be in attendance at all times, from the date of arrival to date of departure of the Entrant.
  - E. All Solo Title entry forms must be completed on JotForm no later than April 15th, 2023. All photos and fact sheets must be approved by the chapter secretary.
  - F. All fees must be received at the National Treasurer's Office with National Convention Registration Form and DMA Solo Title Scholarship Competition entry form no later than April 15th, 2023.
7. Teacher of Record, Teacher(s) of Recognition and DMA Approved Chaperones who are members of DMA and found guilty of violating the rules of this competition are subject to fines, penalties, and disciplinary action by the National Ethics Committee.
8. If an extraordinary circumstance prevents the Teacher of Record from attending the National Convention, another DMA Member may be designated by the Teacher of Record as the DMA Approved

Chaperone provided that all of the following conditions have been met:

- A. Proof of said extraordinary circumstances shall be required.
- B. Has a Request for Chaperone Form completed and emailed to the National President for approval or disapproval (forms may be downloaded from the National Website).
- C. Request for Chaperone Form, if approved, will be mailed to the National Treasurer with \$50 payment.
- D. Has registered and paid in Full for the National Convention.
- E. Not entitled to a Banquet Ticket if not in attendance.
- F. Approved Chaperone is a DMA Member.
- G. Approved Chaperone has paid in full for the National Convention.
- H. Approved Chaperone is residing at the National Convention Hotel.
- I. Approved Chaperone will be in attendance at all times throughout the period required from the date of arrival to the date of departure of the entrant.
- J. Approved Chaperone privileges have not been extended to the same Teacher of Record the previous year.
- K. Approved Chaperone privilege shall not be extended to a Teacher of Record more than three (3) times in his/her lifetime.
- L. Approved Chaperone is willing and able to assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Teacher of Record and be legally responsible for the entrant for the full National Convention or until the Teacher of Record arrives to assume their duties.
- M. Teacher of Record must inform the Approved Chaperone of their responsibilities, which includes attendance at the mandatory Solo Title Orientation Meeting.

9. Entrant must have been enrolled (registered and attending classes on a weekly basis) as a student with the Teacher of Record:

A. CURRENT STUDENTS:

- 1. For a minimum period of not less than ten (10) months prior to the Affiliated Chapter Competition.

B. STUDENTS WITH LESS THAN 10 MONTHS:

- 1. With written permission from the former teacher if the student has studied with the Teacher of Record for a period of less than ten (10) months prior to the Affiliated Chapter Competition.
- 2. Without written permission from the former teacher if he/she does not or will not continue to offer dance education to the student on a weekly basis.

C. STUDENTS NOT STUDYING ON A WEEKLY BASIS:

- 1. Has studied with the Teacher of Record for a period of not less than three (3) years.
- 2. Has studied with the Teacher of Record within the past twelve (12) months and is now in a position that does not permit the entrant to study with the Teacher of Record on a regular basis due to their pursuit of higher education in an area that is more than 100 miles from the Teacher of Record or pursuing professional endeavors. This privilege may not be extended beyond 24 months.

10. Miss Dance of America, Teen Miss Dance of America, Junior Miss Dance of America, and Petite Miss Dance of America Scholarship Competitions are CLOSED competitions. In order to compete for any of these titles, entrants are required to represent an Affiliated Chapter of DMA as their TITLE HOLDER.

Title holders must have received a minimum talent score of 89% at the Affiliated Chapter Solo Title Competition or the Solo Title portion of their Performing Arts Scholarship Competition. The competition in which the entrant qualified must be held within the same DMA fiscal year as the National Competition.

11. Mr. Dance of America, Teen Mr. Dance of America, Junior Mr. Dance of America, and Master Dance of America Scholarship Competitions are OPEN Competitions. In order to compete for any of these Titles, entrants are not required to represent an Affiliated Chapter of DMA as their TITLE HOLDER. Title holders and Open Entrants must have received a minimum talent score of 89% at the Affiliated Chapter Solo Title or Performing Arts Solo Competitions. The competition in which the entrant qualified must be held within the same DMA fiscal year as the National Competition.
12. If the Affiliated Chapter winner is unable to attend the National Convention, he/she must immediately forfeit his/her title only to the First Runner-up who will represent the Affiliated Chapter as TITLE HOLDER. The National Solo Title Competition Director and the National Treasurer must be notified immediately of any changes. After MAY 1st, any changes may not make publications. If the First Runner up is unable to attend, then the chapter cannot send a Title Holder in that division.
13. Entrants into the Miss Dance of America, Teen Miss Dance of America, Junior Miss Dance of America, and Petite Miss Dance of America Scholarship Competitions must be female, (verified at the chapter level with state issued documentation), single, never married, never had a marriage annulled, not pregnant, childless, and never been convicted of a crime.
14. Entrants into the Mr. Dance of America, Teen Mr. Dance of America, Junior Mr. Dance of America, and Master Dance of America Scholarship Competitions must be male, (verified at the chapter level with state issued documentation), single never married, never had a marriage annulled, childless and never been convicted of a crime.
15. Ages:
  - A. Entrants into the Miss Dance of America and Mr. Dance of America Scholarship Competition must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, but not more than twenty-three (23) years of age as of June 1st.
  - B. Entrants into the Teen Miss Dance of America and Teen Mr. Dance of America Scholarship Competition must be at least thirteen (13) years of age, but not more than fifteen (15) years of age as of June 1st.
  - C. Entrants into the Junior Miss Dance of America and Junior Mr. Dance of America Scholarship Competition must be at least ten (10) years of age, but not more than twelve (12) years of age as of June 1st.
  - D. Entrants into the Petite Miss Dance of America and Master Dance of America Scholarship Competition must be at least seven (7) years of age, but not more than nine (9) years of age as of June 1st.
16. Entrants into the Miss Dance of America, Teen Miss Dance of America, Junior Miss Dance of America, and Petite Miss Dance of America Scholarship Competitions who have not won the National Title may compete again after a lapse of one (1) year, provided they have again won an Affiliated Chapter's Solo Title Competition in the same DMA fiscal year. No entrant may compete for the same title in two consecutive years.

17. Entrants into the Mr. Dance of America, Teen Mr. Dance of America, Junior Mr. Dance of America, and Master Dance of America Scholarship Competition, who did not win the title, may compete in succeeding years without any lapse of time provided that all eligibility requirements have been met.
18. The genre of dance, choreographic style and music presented in the National Solo Title Competition must be the same as was used in the Chapter Scholarship Competition to win the Title or qualify in the case of the open male entrants. Costume, music editing, and choreography changes are allowed.

## Section 2 – REGULATIONS

19. All entrants will adhere to the Competition Standards of DMA as follows:
  - A. Inappropriate or sexually suggestive movements should not be part of any performance in any DMA competition. Such movements will be evaluated, during the preview portion of the competition. If not corrected by talent competition, scores will be lowered accordingly.
  - B. Costuming such as thongs, bikini bottoms or tops that allow exposure of private body parts or that is not age appropriate, will be evaluated during the preview portion of the competition. If not corrected by talent competition, scores will be lowered accordingly.
  - C. Vulgar, profane, morally offensive, or suggestive language in music is not acceptable for our family audiences. Music that is unacceptable or not age appropriate will be evaluated, during the preview portion of the competition. If not corrected by talent competition, scores will be lowered accordingly.
20. The Teacher of Record is required to upload music via JotForm by the deadline date of **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and a backup copy of the music must be available at all times.
21. Entrant and the Teacher of Record or the Approved Chaperone are required to attend the Mandatory Solo Title Orientation Meeting. Parents are invited to attend this meeting. This meeting will be held at the designated National Convention hotel. Please refer to the National Convention Schedule of Events. Be sure to allow for travel emergencies and cancellations. Teacher of Record or Approved Chaperone not in attendance at the Mandatory Solo Title Orientation Meeting will be fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per infraction. Entrant not in attendance at the Mandatory Solo Title Orientation Meeting will receive a three (3) point penalty. The Teacher of Record's Chapter Delegate will be notified of the infractions.
22. As a prerequisite for entrance into any DMA Solo Title Scholarship Competition, the Entrant agrees that if he/she is selected as the winner of a Title Scholarship Competition, he/she will sign and enter into an agreement with Dance Masters of America, Inc. This agreement will govern their reign as a DMA Title Holder. The Title Holder, their legal guardian, if required, and the Teacher of Record shall sign this agreement the morning following their competition. (Please see your Competition Director for signing place and time). Failure to sign or have a legal guardian sign this agreement on the specified day and time (without written permission) will result in the immediate forfeiture of the title, all rights to amenities, awards, scholarships, and privileges.

The National Solo Title Contract will be sent via JotForm to each entrant to review prior to attending the July 2023 event. All Entrants, Teachers of Record, Parent/Guardian must submit a pre-signed contract to their title director prior to June 1.

## 23. PENALTY POINTS

Entrants are required to follow all rules and instructions governing the competition. Failure to do so

will result in automatic penalty points deducted from your Overall Score. Penalty Points to be administered as follows:

A. Late or Missing the Orientation Meeting	3 Point Penalty
B. Missing Judges' Preview	15 Point Penalty
C. Missing A Called Meeting	3 Point Penalty Per Infraction
D. Late for A Rehearsal	3 Point Penalty every 15 minutes late
E. Missing a Rehearsal	10 Point Penalty Per Infraction
F. Late for Any Phase of the Competition	3 Point Penalty every 15 minutes late
G. Disobeying Competition Director	3 Point Penalty Per Infraction
H. Dress Code Violations	3 Point Penalty Per Infraction
I. Poor Attitude/Uncooperative/Usage of Foul Language	5 Point Penalty for each Infraction
J. Violation of DMA standards (Rule #18)	10 Point Penalty Per Infraction
K. Immoral Behavior/Usage of drugs or alcohol	Expelled from Competition & Convention

All Penalty Points will be given at the discretion of the Solo Title Directors and verified by the Solo Title Liaison who will notify the chapter delegate.

### Section 3 – THE COMPETITION

#### 24. TALENT PREVIEW:

A. The Talent Preview portion of the competition shall not be adjudicated.

#### B. MUSIC

1. A maximum time limit of 2:50 minutes will be allowed for a talent presentation.
2. All music must be sent through JotForm and labeled with the entrant's division – entrant's contestant number - song title – dancer's name. The chapter secretary must verify that the labeling is correct.
3. The music selection shall be age appropriate and within the standards of the DMA (Rule #18)

#### C. THE ROUTINE

1. The genre of dance, choreographic style and music presented in the National Solo Title Competition (Talent Preview & Final Talent Presentation) must be the same as used in the Chapter Scholarship Competitions. Edits will be allowed if suggested by Solo Title Director for the Final Talent Presentation.
2. Singing, baton twirling or playing of musical instruments by the entrant will not be permitted. Music with audible tap sounds will not be permitted for tap or clogging routines.
3. It is at the Talent Preview that all routines are reviewed by the Solo Title Director and a Member of the Executive Committee to assure that DMA standards are being upheld. The Solo Title Liaison shall notify the Teacher of Record of any music, costume or choreography deemed unacceptable. If the Teacher of Record does not make the suggested changes to the music, costume, or choreography to meet the DMA standards, scores will be lowered accordingly.

#### D. PROPS:

1. Smoke or props that are connected to an electrical outlet may not be used.

2. Fire, swords, knives, or live animals on stage are prohibited.
3. Contained dry ice is acceptable.
4. There is a one (1) minute time limit for props to be set up and a one (1) minute time limit for tear down.
5. Solo Title Directors will handle placement of the props on and off stage.
6. All props must be stored away from the stage area.
7. Prop storage depends on hotel space availability and cost.
8. Any routine that causes a hazard to any student or the facility/stage is not permitted: such as, but not limited to, liquid, gel, aerosol, glitter, powder, or paint.

E. COSTUMES:

1. Costumes for the Talent Preview portion of the competition shall be the same costume that will be worn for the Final Talent Portion of the competition unless they have been instructed by the Solo Title Liaison to change. Replacement shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
2. The costume shall be age appropriate and within the Standards of DMA (see Rule #18).

**25. ORIENTATION and WELCOME PARTY PARADE:**

National Title Holders and Entrants are required to attend the Orientation and Welcome Party Parade of Entrants.

A. National Title Holders and Entrants attire for Orientation

1. Each entrant is to wear their crown, sash and/or medallion with dressy daytime casual clothes over your dance attire. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.

B. National Title Holders and Entrants attire for Welcome Party Parade:

1. Female Entrants in Petite, Junior and Teen Competitions will be required to wear their crown, sash, dressy daytime or business attire. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
2. Female Entrants in the Miss Dance Competition will be required to wear their crown, sash and formal attire (no trains permitted). The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
3. Male Entrants in Master, Junior Mr. and Teen Mr. Competition will be required to wear their medallion with a dress shirt, tie and dress pants or a suit. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
4. Male Entrants in the Mr. Dance Competition will be required to wear their medallion with a dress shirt, tie, and a solid colored suit. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.

Note: Petite/Master, Junior Miss/Junior Mr., Teen Miss/Teen Mr. may choose to wear a different outfit of the same style for the Welcome Party Parade, Interview, and the Awards Presentation.

26. INTERVIEW:

- A. All entrants in Petite/Master, Junior Miss/Junior Mr., Teen Miss/Teen Mr. will be required to sit before the adjudication panel for a three (3) minute interview. Miss/Mr. Dance entrants will be required to sit before the adjudication panel for a five (5) minute interview.

- B. Female Entrants will be required to wear dressy daytime or business attire. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
- C. Male Entrants will be required to wear a dress shirt, tie and either dress pants or a suit for the interview portion of the competition. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.

**Note: Petite/Master, Junior Miss/Junior Mr., Teen Miss/Teen Mr. may choose to wear a different outfit of the same style for the Welcome Party Parade, Interview, and the Awards Presentation.**

## 27. TITLE COMPETITION CLASSES:

- A. Entrants in the Petite/Master and the Junior Miss/Mr. Dance Solo Title Scholarship Competitions will be required to take a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) competition classes, with Ballet class being required. Tap, Jazz and Acrobatic classes are the other subjects offered.
- B. Entrants in the Teen Miss/Mr. and Miss/Mr. Dance Solo Title Scholarship Competitions will be required to take a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) competition classes, with Ballet class being required. Tap, Jazz, Modern, and Acrobatic classes are the other subjects offered.
- C. All classes shall be CLOSED.
- D. Each class has a point value as follows:
  - 1. Petite Miss & Master Dance and Junior Miss and Mr. Dance will have a point value of 1-20.
  - 2. Teen Miss & Mr. Dance and Miss & Mr. Dance will have a point value of 1-15.
- E. Female Entrants will be required to dress as follows for all competition classes. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
  - 1. Ballet Audition: one-piece black leotard. No embellishments, logos and no undergarments showing. Sheer and lace allowed. Pink tights (footed or convertible).
  - 2. Tap/Jazz/Modern/Acrobatcs: one-piece black leotard. No embellishments, logos and no undergarments showing. Sheer and lace allowed. Skin-tone tights, (footed, stirrup, footless or convertible). Females not wearing tights for Acrobatics or Modern must wear boy cut dance shorts over their leotard.
  - 3. Appropriate dance shoes for all classes. There are no shoe requirements for Acrobatic or Modern class.
  - 4. No jewelry, shirts, or pants, etc.
  - 5. Hair must be secured neatly and off the neckline, no ponytails, no hats or other head ornaments.
- F. Male Entrants will be required to dress as follows for all competition classes. The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the Entrant.
  - 1. Black form fitting pants, black tights, or black form fitting shorts. Must be able to dance comfortably.
  - 2. Dance Belt.
  - 3. Black form fitting compression shirt or black muscle shirt tucked in.
  - 4. Appropriate dance shoes for all classes. There are no shoe requirements for Acrobatic or Modern class.

5. No jewelry, hats, etc.
6. Hair must be secured neatly off the neckline, no ponytails, or other head ornaments.
7. No stripes, logos or other designs on pants, shorts, or shirt.

28. SOLO TITLE OPENING ROUTINE:

- A. The opening routine is mandatory for all entrants except if permission has been given due to an injury.
- B. All entrants will be responsible for purchasing and wearing the following:
  1. Female Entrants – one-piece leotard (color to be assigned by Solo Title Director). No embellishments, logos and no undergarments showing. Sheer and lace permitted. Skin-toned tights. Skin-toned Jazz Shoe. Half-soles and dance paws are not permitted.
  2. Male Entrants – Black full length dress pants with a belt. Form fitting compression shirt (color to be assigned by Solo Title Director). Black Jazz Shoe. Half-soles and dance paws are not permitted.
- C. All rehearsals shall be CLOSED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.

29. SOLO TITLE TALENT PRESENTATION

- A. Each entrant will perform their routine in costume before the audience for their talent presentation score. Each Judge will score your presentation from one (1) to one hundred (100) points. After dropping the highest and lowest talent presentation score, the remaining three (3) scores will be added together to give you a total talent presentation score.

30. SCORING:

- A. Five adjudicators shall score all phases of the competition. The high and low score of the adjudicators will be dropped and the combined scores of the three (3) remaining adjudicators shall be used to determine scores in each portion of the competition.
- B. Entrants and the Teacher of Record agree that the time, manner, and method of judging the competition will be solely within the discretion of Dance Masters of America and that all decisions will be final.
- C. Any entrant in the Petite/Master and Junior Miss/Mr. exiting the stage prior to the completion of their dance for any reason other than technical issues or injury may elect to re-dance, receiving no score. Any entrant exiting for technical issues or injury, will have the choice to re-dance for their talent score, or be assessed points based on the portion of the routine completed.
- D. Any entrant in Teen Miss/Mr. and Miss/Mr. exiting the stage prior to the completion of their dance for any reason other than technical issues or injury will not be permitted to re-dance and will receive a zero for their talent score. Any entrant exiting for technical issues or injury, will have the choice to re-dance for their talent score, or be assessed points based on the portion of the routine completed.
- E. Adjudicators score sheets will be the sole property of DMA. The Teacher of Record will receive a copy of the tabulation sheet within 24 hours following the Competition.



## F. TABULATION:

The tabulators will discard the high and low scores and add the remaining scores in each portion of the competition.

1. Total point values for Petite Miss & Master and Junior Miss & Mr. (maximum 465 points)
  - A. Interview: Point value of 1-15 per adjudicator for a maximum total of 45 points.
  - B. Title Competition Classes: Each class has a point value of 1-20 per adjudicator. When all four subjects are completed, the tabulators will take the two highest subject totals and add them to the entrants overall score, for a maximum total of 120 points.
  - C. The talent portion of the competition will have a point value of 1-100, for a maximum total of 300 points.
2. Total point values for Teen Miss & Mr. and Miss & Mr. (maximum 465 points)
  - A. Interview: Point value of 1-10 per adjudicator for a maximum total of 30 points.
  - B. Title Competition Classes: Each class has a point value of 1-15 per adjudicator. When all five subjects are completed, the tabulators will take the three highest subject totals and add them to the entrants overall score, for a maximum total of 135 points.
3. The talent portion of the competition will have a point value of 1-100, for a maximum total of 300 points.
4. All ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - A. In Competition Classes:
    1. class scores of all 5 adjudicators.
    2. decision of the adjudicators.
  - B. In Interview:
    1. interview scores of all 5 adjudicators.
    2. decision of the adjudicators.
  - C. Selecting the Winner:
    1. talent score of the 3 scoring adjudicators.
    2. talent score of the 5 adjudicators.
    3. class scores of the 3 scoring adjudicators.
    4. class scores of the 5 adjudicators.
    5. decision of the adjudicators by secret ballot.

## 31. AWARDS PRESENTATION

### A. Attire

1. Entrants will be required to participate in the Awards Presentation. You may choose to wear a different outfit of the same style that you are wearing for the Welcome Party Parade and the Interview. **Miss & Mr. contestants will wear formal attire. No trains permitted for Miss. A solid colored suit is required for Mr.**
2. **All newly awarded Solo Title Winners will take a picture together the night of Miss and Mr. Dance with their crown, banner, medallion, and trophies. Title Winners must wear their Awards Presentation attire.**

## Section 4 – SOLO TITLE ENTRY FORM

32. **The Teacher of Record is responsible for submitting their Solo Title entry forms, payments, and other required materials. The Secretary of the Affiliated Chapter is responsible for verifying this information.**

**The following must be received at the National Treasurer's Office via JotForm link by April 15:**

- A. A copy of the official Entry Form with all required information and signatures. No blank spaces or "to be announced" will be permitted on the entry form.
- B. The following pictures:
  - 1. One (1) **color** 5X7 high resolution (**minimum of 300 DPI**) vertically posed head shot photograph (no hats, crowns or head ornaments are to be worn)
  - 2. One (1) **color** 5 X 7 high resolution (**minimum of 300 DPI**) vertically posed dance shot picture taken in costume or dance attire.

**\*\*NOTE:** All pictures **MUST** be taken on a solid white & flat (no curtain, scenery, or props) professional background. DMA reserves the right to approve or disapprove all photographs submitted. If the photo(s) is not accepted the chapter secretary will be notified by email.

- C. **All Entrants must submit a personal fact sheet, in bullet form, maximum one page via JotForm. Please do not make reference to your Teacher of Record, Teacher(s) of Recognition, Choreographer(s), or the name of your dance studio. The fact sheet should include interesting facts about yourself that you would like the judges to know. Teachers, Parents and Chapter Secretaries are responsible for proofreading the fact sheet before submission. A sample of the Fact Sheet can be found in the Solo Title Guide on the DMA website under the Member's Only tab.**

33. The Teacher of Record or Chapter Secretary is responsible for mailing to the National Treasurer's Office via US mail by **April 15**:

- A. Convention Registration Form with either a check for payment in full or an applicable Scholarship Form to cover the following.
  - 1. Teacher of Record's convention fee;
  - 2. DMA Approved Chaperone's convention fee and fifty dollars (\$50.00) surcharge;
  - 3. Teacher(s) of Recognition's convention fee;
  - 4. Entrant's competition fee for Solo Title; 5. Entrant's Convention Fee:
    - A. All chapter Solo Title winners must submit their scholarship form.
    - B. Male open entrants must pay convention fee.

34. All fees must be in United States currency, drawn on a United States Bank and made payable to Dance Masters of America. Only checks from member teacher(s) or chapter accounts will be accepted.

### **Section 5 – RULE INFRACTION**

35. All rule infractions occurring prior to the opening of the National Convention regarding Solo Title Entries must be submitted in writing to the National Advisory Committee.

36. All rule infractions occurring during the national convention will be given at the discretion of the Solo Title Directors and verified by the Solo Title Liaison who will notify the chapter delegate.

### **Section 6 – GENERAL INFORMATION**

37. Crown, Sash & Medallion Etiquette

- A. The crown, sash & medallion represents the title, and you should always show respect for Dance Masters of America when wearing them.

- B. Never wear your crown, sash & medallion with shorts, jeans, swimsuit or sweat suit.
  - C. The crown, sash & medallion are never be worn when in a bar, or when smoking or drinking alcohol.
  - D. Profanity and derogatory comments of any kind are unacceptable. Be mindful you are a role model for DMA.
38. Behavior must always be exemplary, including the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.). Be a good role model for other dancers, dress appropriately, not use foul language or engage in any activity that is not upholding the standards of Dance Masters of America.
39. Reigning Solo Title Holders or Solo Title Entrants cannot compete in Performing Arts Scholarship Competition in the Solo Category.
40. Reigning Solo Title Holders or Solo Title Contestants may only participate in duo/trio, group, line, production, or extended routines entered into the Elite Division.

## **Section 7 – RESPONSIBILITY**

41. The Teacher of Record or DMA Approved Chaperone and Parents/Legal Guardians shall be responsible for the Entrant's:
- A. Behavior, safety, and well-being.
  - B. Attendance in classes.
  - C. Proper nourishment.
  - D. Being properly groomed and dressed for the various events of the Scholarship Competition and convention in accordance with the guidelines provided.
  - E. Compliance with the Official Rules of the Dance Masters of America Solo Title Scholarship Competition now in effect or as announced thereafter.
42. Injury Release
- A. Entrant and Reigning Title Holder must complete an injury release form to be turned in to their Director at the Solo Title Orientation Meeting.
  - B. Entrant or Reigning Title Holder sustaining an injury during any phase of the competition must sign an additional medical release form to be turned in to the Solo Title Director before being allowed to continue any phase of convention or competition.

## **Section 8 – NEWLY AWARDED NATIONAL TITLE WINNERS & TEACHERS OF RECORD**

43. If selected as a DMA Solo Title Winner, each entrant, their parent/legal guardian, and their Teacher of Record will re-sign and agree to follow all stipulations of the Solo Title Contract, at a place and time to be announced.