



## WALLER COUNTY FAIR TALENT SHOWDOWN

### RULES & REGULATIONS

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#### **GENERAL RULES:**

- Contest will be open to residents of Waller County only.  
Contest is rain or shine.
- 2015 WCFTS Grand & Reserve Champion winners are not eligible for the 2017 competition.
- Each performer is allowed to compete in no more than two acts, and cannot be in the same talent category. Any performer in violation will disqualify all acts they participated in.
- Due to staging limitations, maximum number of participants in a group is 4.
- Absolutely no lip-syncing, unless your act IS lip-syncing and is declared as such.
- Due to time, space and equipment limitations, we cannot allow bands to participate.
- Professional entertainers are not eligible for this competition.  
A professional is considered to be anyone who has received financial compensation from the type of performance entered.
- All acts must be safe and family appropriate.
  - \* No profanity, vulgarity, violent or racially slurred content in any vocal performance or dance music.
  - \* Attire/costumes must be respectable and tasteful. No nudity or risqué clothing. No alcohol, tobacco or drug advertisements are to be shown on performer's clothing.
  - \* Come dressed, as restroom facilities are limited.
  - \* Contest Chairman reserves the right to deduct points, disqualify, or disallow any performance that she deems inappropriate.
  - \* No pyrotechnics, smoke, open flames, knives, batons, live animals or any other dangerous additions to the act. No throwing of glitter, confetti, etc.
- Each act will be strictly limited to 5 minutes, to include all set up, performance and tear down. Acts that exceed the time limit will be docked 20 points (out of 80 possible) at judge's discretion.
  - \* Judges decisions are final and represent their personal opinions, not the opinion of the Waller County Fair. Judges score sheets will be distributed at the conclusion of the competition for feedback purpose only. Disputes with the judge's decisions can result in disqualification.
- Teachers/parents are not permitted to coach students during the performance
  - \* Negative interference by any contestant parent, guardian, or guest can result in disqualification and possible removal from the premises.

- Acts that cancel will not receive a refund. Please give notice of cancellation ASAP so alternates may be called.
- Each performer will receive one complimentary pass for free admission to the fairgrounds for the competition day only. Family members accompanying a performer will be responsible for their own admission.
  - \* Free parking is available on a first come, first served basis. Pay lots are also available along FM 359.
- Participation in this event indicates permission to use any photo or video image taken during the event, for future marketing and literature.

#### **PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES:**

- Sound system, sound technician and microphone(s) will be provided. Use of personal sound equipment is prohibited. Instruments are required to use the PA system as an amplifier.
- Performers are responsible for providing all necessary props, seating, costumes, instruments, etc. Only props that can be carried on by the performer or 1 stagehand will be permitted. Nothing that requires extensive set up. If the act requires a keyboard, it must be requested beforehand.
- Performers must provide their own prerecorded accompaniment (ex. Karaoke track).
  - \* Accompaniment MUST be on CD ONLY, no MP3 players or cell phones.
  - \* Song must be cropped to the desired entrance. Sound Crew will not be responsible for skipping to the correct entrance (you can download free software at <http://audacity.sourceforge.net>)
  - \* Turn in CD upon check-in for each round of competition
  - \* Accompaniment tracks must contain background vocals only. ABSOLUTELY NO LEAD VOCALS. (Among other places, these can also be found on iTunes and YouTube.)
  - \* To minimize human error, the CD should have only the music for the performance, no other tracks.
  - \* We are not responsible for non-working/damaged CDs during the performance
  - \* An easily accessible backup is suggested to be in your possession during the competition.
  - \* CDs should be retrieved from the sound booth at the conclusion of your Age Division. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, or unclaimed CDs. Unclaimed CDs will not be mailed.



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### **AGE DIVISIONS:**

- Youth: Ages 5 to 8
- Junior: Ages 9 to 13
- Teen: Ages 14 to 18
- Adult: Ages 19 to 55
- Senior: Ages 56+
  - \* Performer's Age Division is determined by age on the day of the performance.
  - \* Group's Age Division is determined by the average of all members' ages on the day of the performance.
  - \* Divisions may be tweaked, based on contest entries.
  - \* Space is limited.
  - \* Should a performer's age come in to question, proof of birth date will be required.
  - \* Anyone accompanying the performer on stage will be factored in to the age division classification.

### **ADJUDICATION CRITERIA: (MAX 10 POINTS EACH)**

- Appearance/Costume
- Stage Presence/Showmanship
- Technical Ability
- Age Appropriateness
- Overall performance/difficulty/execution
- Professionalism
- Originality
- Audience response

### **AWARDS:**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded in each Age Division.
- An overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded (from any Age Division) during the Finals. Honorable Mention will also be awarded at the Finals.
- Winners must be present to receive awards. If winner is not present, the award will be forfeited and awarded to the next contestant.
- Grand winners will receive:
  - \* A custom buckle and cash prize!
  - \* An invitation to ride in the 2018 parade
  - \* The opportunity to perform on the Main Stage in the Pavilion the evening of Thursday, October 5th, between opening and headlining acts.

### **AUDITION PROCESS:**

- (Sorry, time requests will not be accepted)
- Talent Showdown: Saturday September 30th, 2017 in the "Ole Wagon Wheel" building at the WC Fairgrounds. Arrive no later than 12:30pm. Brief sound checks will be allowed.
  - Finals: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners from each Age Division will advance to the Finals round, which will start at 3pm on Saturday September 30th. Finalists MUST perform different material from the first round.
  - Finalists should be prepared to perform improv with selections from the judges in the event of a tie.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

- \$25 per performer or \$75 max for groups

Bring performer application and entry fee payment to  
JUST DANCE STUDIO  
2316 Main Street - Waller Texas  
PHONE: 979-451-5603

Or Mail to:  
29370 Skymac Ranch  
Hempstead Texas 77445

All entries must be in no later than Wednesday, 9.27.17

Cash or Money Order only, made to Waller County Fair Association.

### **CONTACT:**

- Kelley Land, Contest Chairman

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**PERFORMER APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.WALLERCOUNTYFAIR.ORG](http://WWW.WALLERCOUNTYFAIR.ORG)**