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Hello Coaches,

As we get closer to the UDA National Dance Team Championship, we have some exciting news to share with you all. Because we want every athlete to experience nationals to the fullest, and we know how hard everyone has worked this year, we are excited to announce that for **2021 only** all School and All Star teams at NDTC will have the opportunity to compete **twice**; once in Semi-Finals and once in Finals.

It is our hope that with two guaranteed performances, we will provide an additional opportunity for everyone to showcase their skills on the national level and celebrate each other (especially the seniors).

An updated block schedule is below reflecting the changes.

[BLOCK SCHEDULE](#)

Fifty percent of your team's score from Semi-Finals and fifty percent of your team's score from Finals will be combined to determine the final overall ranking in each division. The Semi-Finals order of competition will be randomly drawn in our office. The Finals order will also be drawn on Monday, April 12th and we will post that drawing in the coaches BAND. If you have not joined the coaches

BAND, please do so [HERE!](#)

Also new this year, we will be posting each ranking along with scores on Varsity TV. In the past, we have only posted the teams who advanced in rank order. We hope that this new change allows us to be more transparent with you, the athletes and the fans watching at the championship or at home. As coaches, you will have the opportunity to see the full division breakdown, however, it is our hope that you will keep that information to yourselves for the protection of the dancers who may not have had their strongest performance.

### **Varsity Awards:**

All Varsity awards will be part in person and part virtual for the ESPN television recording. All awards will be available to watch on Varsity TV for free. There are two times listed on the awards schedule. Prior to awards, we will announce the top 3 teams from that division in alphabetical order. Those teams and coaches will need to report back to the HP Field House to the warm up doors 15 minutes prior to the scheduled awards time. Unfortunately, we cannot have spectators for awards. The top three teams will be socially distanced on the main floor and must wear their masks. When awards start, we will announce the results virtually for that division and then award the top 3 teams in person. Placements that were announced virtually will be able to pick up their awards at the South side of the Arena between the two sets of stairs, lower after their awards on Friday, April 23rd until 11 pm and 9:00 am until noon on Saturday, April 24th. The top 3 teams will receive their awards during the awards session and National Champions will receive their jackets then as well. Only 2 people can come and pick up the awards.

### **Junior High, Junior Varsity and All Star Awards:**

This year all Junior High, Junior Varsity and All Star Awards will be presented virtually. The awards shows will air on Varsity TV for free. Placements that were announced virtual will be able to pick up their awards at the South side lower level of the Arena between the two sets of stairs after their awards on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> until 11:00pm and on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until noon. National Champion coaches will receive an email requesting jacket sizes so that we can prepack them prior to your arrival. Only 2 people can come and pick up the awards.

Although we wish we could all gather for awards, our team is working to create a virtual awards show we think you're going to love!

### **Venue Information:**

We will be using the HP Field House and the Visa Center as venues for NDTC. For those of you who have been to the Championship before, the venues will be set up a little differently to accommodate the spectators and allow for proper distancing. The stage for HP will still be on the floor and

new this year, the stage for Visa will also be on the floor and closer to the judges. We will be sending out venue maps prior to the Championship so you can familiarize yourself and your team with the new set up.

We look forward to seeing your team compete with us next month and shine bright on the #UDANationals stage!

For general questions about your registration – your registration specialist is Lisa Holder, [lholder@varsity.com](mailto:lholder@varsity.com).

UDA is always here to help you on your journey to nationals. If you have any additional questions, please email [ndtc@varsity.com](mailto:ndtc@varsity.com).



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