

2023-2024 UDA College Nationals Dance Preliminary Round



What Divisions/Categories will have Prelims?

Division 1A Jazz and Division 1 Jazz will have a Preliminary round for the 2024 National Championship. This decision was based on the number of teams that competed in these divisions in 2023.

Will there be any other Preliminary rounds added for 2024 based on team entries?

No. Preliminary rounds were added based on final division sizes from the 2023 Championship. We will not be adding or eliminating Preliminary rounds for 2024 based off 2024 enrollment. Preliminary rounds may be added to 2025 Championships if deemed necessary following the 2024 event.

How are teams split into Preliminary groups?

Teams that competed in the Jazz division in 2023 will be seeded into A/B groups based on their final rankings. Teams that are new to the division will be randomly placed in a group.

How many teams will advance through to the next round of competition?

Preliminary rounds will advance 65% of the teams into Saturday's Semi-Finals round. The Semi-Finals round will advance 50% of the teams into Sunday's Final round. In the event of a tie for teams advancing to the next round, the tied team will compete in reverse order of the previous order of competition. In the event of a tie for the final spot advancing, both teams that are tied will move on.

How will reverse rank work for Semi-Finals?

Teams from group A will compete in reverse rank order alternating with Teams from Group B who will also compete in reverse rank order. (Example: 5 teams advance in group A and group B. Team #5 from A will compete 1st, Team #5 from B will compete 2nd, Team #4 from A will compete 3rd, etc.) In the event of a tie for teams advancing to the next round, the tied team will compete in reverse order of the previous order of competition. The Preliminary group that will compete first in the Semi-Final round may switch based on the number of teams advancing from each group.

Will the top team from Preliminaries advance straight to Finals?

No. All teams will move to the Semi-Final round.

How will judging work with the two Preliminary groups?

There will be 2 panels of judges for Prelims. For Semi-Finals, judges from each Prelim group will carry over. Semi-Finals and Finals judges will remain the same.