

## **How to qualify for USA Nationals:**

If your team competes in any of the divisions listed under “Qualifying Divisions”, and you would like to compete at USA Dance Nationals, you must first pre-qualify at a USA Dance Regional or Classic. *If you do not have a USA Dance Regional in your area, you must qualify by video. Registration for USA Dance Nationals opens in October. Register early! Teams do not need to wait to qualify for Nationals.* The USA will place each team in the “Open” or “Championship” division once the team has performed at a USA Regional, for all qualifying divisions.

## **QUALIFYING DIVISIONS**

- **Dance – New Sizing** X-Small (2-5), Small (6-10), Medium (11-17), Large (18+)
- Hip Hop - Small (5-10), Medium (11-17), Large (18+)
- Lyrical - Small (5-10), Medium (11-17), Large (18+)
- Jazz - Small (5-10), Medium (11-17), Large (18+)
- Military - Small (5-14), Large (15+)
- Prop (5+)
- Kick (5+)
- All-Male (5+)
- Novelty/Musical Theater (5+) \*\*
- Character Dance (5+) \*\*
- Dance/Pom (5+)

**\*\*At any USA competition a school may enter into either the Novelty/Musical Theater or the Character Dance division, but may not enter into both.**

For qualifying divisions, teams who receive an average score of 85 points or greater (excluding penalties) for a given routine at a USA Regional will qualify for (and must compete in) the “Championship” division at Dance Nationals. Teams who score an 84.9 or below for a given routine at a USA Regional will qualify for (and must compete in) the “Open” division at Dance Nationals. Only the judges’ scores can determine the qualification for “Open” or “Championship” divisions.

## **NON-QUALIFYING DIVISIONS**

The following divisions **do not** require prior qualification at a USA Regional or via video entry in order to compete at USA Dance Nationals. The non-qualifying divisions include:

- Co-Ed (5+)
- Dance/Drill (5+)
- JV Dance (5+)
- JV Hip Hop (5+)
- JV Dance/Pom (5+)
- Solo

\* JV teams can choose to compete in any division. An individual may not compete in the same division at different levels i.e. JV Dance/Pom and Dance/Pom. A team can only compete in the JV Division if their school has a separate Varsity team.