



TRIBUTE NATIONAL TALENT PROCEDURES FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Welcome to the 10th Anniversary Season of Tribute National Talent. Now that our online registration is open for 2021, we wanted to share with you our plans moving forward. We have all had to make similar changes in order to follow set guidelines and safety procedures and we want to continue to do our part to make you feel comfortable and safe while attending our event. As we move closer to the new year, we will continue to keep an open line of communication with those attending. Here are some of the policies and safety measures that we will implement. Please note that some of our policies are subject to be modified, changed or could even be lifted based upon venue, state and federal regulations. If you have any questions regarding any of the listed measures please contact our office. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year ahead and continue to hope and pray for the best.

Practice the 4 W's

- **W**atch your distance and space to allow for social distancing
- **W**ear a mask/face covering
- **W**ash your hands or use the hand sanitizer stations
- **W**hen you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME

Refunds

If for any reason an event must be cancelled, studios will receive FULL refunds without hesitation as we did for the 2020 season.

Scheduling

Our current foundation for each event will be to use a 'Block' schedule format unless we are able to utilize normal scheduling. Therefore, each studio will be assigned specific time slots for all of their dancers to perform their routines. There may be situations in certain venues with adequate space to have more than one studio at a time perform. If and when we are able to have more than one studio at a time, each studio will be assigned their own dressing room as well as designated areas for each studio. We are also going to take into consideration costume changes. We want to do everything we can and be as creative as possible with each studio schedule to give dancers time in between routines. We will work very hard to create a schedule that takes into consideration the needs of the dancers and teachers and we will also work with teachers to allow for order changes if needed.

Face Coverings

Face coverings and masks will be required for all participants and spectators. Dancers are not required to wear masks on stage, and this will be up to the studio owner and teachers **unless enforced by state and local governments**. The staff at Tribute will wear face masks at all times and the only exception will be for our judges and emcee as they social distance at their tables. Please note that our judges will never make any score deductions for anyone who chooses to wear a mask or personal protective equipment while performing on stage. If for any reason these requirements change in the coming months, we will let everyone know.

Health and Wellness

The health and well-being of those who attend our events is particularly important. We will do everything we can to make sure our events are safe and secure. As for those attending, we ask for you to take precautions and if you are having flu-like symptoms we ask that you please stay home. We ask that the studio owners be responsible for checking with their dancers and families to ensure they are not experiencing any symptoms. We all must do our part not only to protect our own health but also the health of those we come in contact with during an event. As for our own staff, we will be in constant communication with one another before, during and after each event. The Tribute staff will have daily temperature checks before we start the event, and we will ask each employee certain questions regarding their health and how they are feeling. We have always cared about those who attend Tribute, and we will continue to check on everyone throughout the event.

Cleaning and Preparation

In cooperation with the venue cleaning will be a top priority. We will be thoroughly cleaning the stage, backstage area, seating areas and dressing rooms before and after each studio block. On our end, we have purchased electrostatic sprayers to clean and will be using a non-toxic cleaner made specifically for COVID19 and approved and registered by the EPA and FDA. This cleaner is extremely safe while also being highly effective against coronavirus and bacteria on treated surfaces.

Hand sanitizing stations will be provided at the entrance and backstage at the venues. We will attempt to assist with social distancing by setting up specific designated areas for all participants as a way to utilize crowd control. We want to make sure there will be plenty of space for everyone when your studio is performing.

Venue Capacity, Limits and Seating

Every venue will be different and will have different rules and stipulations. There will be designated seating to allow for social distancing. There may also be limits on the number of people who can be in the audience viewing the event. **There may be cases in which we would be required to limit the number of spectators.** Those decisions will need to be made prior to the event and we will make sure that advance notice is given based upon what restrictions we must follow at the venue.

Awards Presentation

In order to allow for social distancing, we will not be presenting awards on stage or have dancers on stage for an awards presentation. We are going to do our awards in an "Olympics" style presentation. All judges' placements will be announced (NOT SCORES) immediately after each performance exits the stage. For soloists, your placement trophy will be given to you right after you perform by our backstage staff. **ALL TOP TEN OVERALL AWARDS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AFTER THE EVENT.** For our solo title "Standout Dancer" there will be one winner for Honor and Supreme for each age division. Solo overall awards as well as title awards will be shipped to the studios after the event. At the end of each block, we will present judges group choreography awards to the teachers. We will not present virtual awards for our events. The way in which we have our awards presentation is subject to change or could be modified.

Waiver and Release Form

Each studio will be required to sign Event Waiver /Release Forms prior to your arrival.

No Merchandise Sales

Back in 2019 while we were planning for the 2020 season, we decided to not sell any merchandise at our events. This policy will continue for the future as well.

Viewing Our Events

As many of you know, from day one at Tribute we have never had a video/photo company and have always been one of the only companies that allow studios to take their own photos and videos. Therefore, since we have not offered this in the past and do not have a video company, our events will not have a Live Feed. With block scheduling and one studio at a time, I have come up with other options for each studio for those who might not be able to attend. That information will be sent to each studio owner for their approval. Regardless, each studio is still allowed to have a representative record and take pictures like we have always done and will not need a pass to do so. I just want to give additional options for studios and parents.

Props

Prop handlers are permitted backstage and must wear a mask/face covering at all times. Props must be placed on stage by studio staff, parents or dancers. Our staff will not assist in placement of props for the studios.

Backstage and Performance Area

With Block Scheduling and with one studio at a time, we will allow for dancers from the same studio to be backstage with limitations. Our backstage manager will have discussions with studio owners and teachers and together will have an understanding of how many dancers can be backstage at a time from each studio. Solos and Duet/Trios will be different from groups. Our goal during the groups will be to have one routine on stage and one routine backstage ready to perform next. This will allow for a smooth transition from one routine to the next. Dancers and Teachers ONLY backstage unless there are props, and No spectators will be permitted. Masks must be worn when backstage as well.

Dressing Rooms

We are going to set assigned dressing rooms for each studio. There will be a rotation in place so that we will have time to clean in between studios. So, for example if Studio A is using dressing room 1, upon arrival we will have Studio B use dressing room 2. This will give us time to clear and clean dressing room 1 for Studio C to arrive. We ask that you keep the number of family members to a minimum inside your assigned dressing room.

Water Fountains or Food

Each venue will be different on what they will provide at our events or if water fountains will be open. Therefore, we recommended that everyone bring their own water to drink.