



**2009 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR
SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

**Hip Hop Dance Battle 2009:
Rules and Regulations**

Time and Date: Thursday, June 25

Location: Chevrolet Del Mar Arena

Entry Deadline: June 5th, 2009

Eligibility:

Open to all residents of the Continental United States of America, and Baja California, all ages. Amateur and professional groups, five members or more - no individuals - may compete. Dance groups must fit into the following two categories:

[] Division One

All amateur dance groups age 18 and under. 75% of performers must be UNDER the age of 16.
Grand Prize \$1000

[] Division Two

All amateur dance groups age 16 and over. 75% of performers must be OVER the age of 16.
Grand Prize \$1000

[] Division Three (Battle Division)

All professional and amateur dance groups age 16 and above. This division will feature two rounds: a Performance Round, and a freestyle Battle Round to determine the best of the best. The top four groups from the performance round will compete for first through fourth place in the Battle Round. The performance round can feature dance groups of any size, but the Battle Round will be 7 vs. 7. Also please note on your list of performers who will be in the battle for you. (Example a group of 23 can perform, and then put their 7 best in the Battle round) Grand Prize \$2000

Please note: Individuals may only be a part of one dance group. Studios may enter more than one group in each category but dance crews can only perform in one category each. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding these divisions and which one you should enter.

Entry Procedure

Please note that San Diego County Fair neither retains nor returns promotional materials. The San Diego County Fair is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, stolen or misappropriated entries.

- Applications must be submitted by mail and postmarked no later than **June 5, 2009**. Faxed, emailed, or walk-in applications will not be accepted. Those chosen to perform at the San Diego County Fair will be notified by June 10, 2009.
- You **must** include with your application:
 - o A DVD or YouTube video (please include link on application) of a previous performance
 - o A photo of your Dance Crew
Preferences for the still photo are:
 - * JPG format
 - * Medium to high resolution.
 - * Because the photo may be displayed on the Fair's Web site as square in shape as possible, we prefer a photo with a ratio no larger than 3:4 or 4:3. For example, a photo measuring 3 inches by 4 inches, or 4 inches by 3 inches.
 - * Photos may be cropped as needed by Fair personnel for use on the Fair Web site and other materials.
 - o A very brief bio, no more than 100 words, Bio must include the group's name, where it is from (region or city, for example, East San Diego County or El Cajon). Optional information can include how long you've been performing together and any past performances of note.

It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the submitted performance material, such as DVD or website link, are complete and playable. The San Diego County Fair does not give feedback or a critique to entrants.

Selection Criteria:

Each application will be reviewed by a Fair Selection Committee on the basis of the following:

- Timely receipt of a completed application.
- Uniqueness and appeal of performance.
- Appropriateness of performance and attire for a family audience.
- Overall presentation of application and promotional material.

The groups selected will be notified by mail/email as to their date and time of performance. Credentials and parking information will also be included. The sole decision for selection rests with Management. The 22nd D.A.A./San Diego County Fair has the right to reject any application for any reason.

Stage Information:

The space available to dance on will be 40'x40'.

Performance - Length and Order:

Divisions 1 & 2 : Each group will be able to perform a **maximum** of 5 minutes during the round, with a grace period of ten (10) seconds. Once the 5:10 minute marker has been reached, Sound Personnel will turn off the music and no further dancing is allowed. The performance order will be determined by random drawing.

Division 3: Consists of two rounds. The first round will be run like Divisions 1 & 2 above. Based on scores from the first round, the four highest scoring Dance Crews will go on to compete head-to-head in the Battle Round. The two highest scoring teams will battle each other for 1st place. The remaining two teams will battle each other for 3rd place. The Battle round will last for 5 minutes with each team trying to one-up and out dance each other in a face-to-face battle for the best. Then the 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners will be announced after final judging.

Judging:

Contestants will be judged on:

- Technical Skills
 - The judges will evaluate each team based on the style and difficulty of movements and the execution of each movement. Body placement, spacing and formation changes will be included in this category. Break dancing is not necessary to do well in this category.
- Showmanship
 - The judges will evaluate based on attitude, energy, intensity and presence as well as a connection with the audience. This can be displayed through facial expression, eye contact, and body movement and choreography.
- Rhythm/Musicality
 - The judges will evaluate each team on their ability to synchronize movements as a group, with the music, and with phrasings of the music.
- Creativity/Choreography
 - The judges will look for overall originality with movement, transitions and style with choreography. The music editing and costume will also be included in this category.

Entrant acknowledges that all music/performances entered may be distributed to judges who will be selecting the winners, and entrant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold the San Diego County Fair, its sponsors, and judges harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in the San Diego County Fair competition.

By entering this competition, the entrant agrees to accept and be bound by the decisions of the San Diego County Fair and its judges, which are final and binding in all matters. Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of these official San Diego County Fair Rules and Regulations as established herein.

Prizes:

Divisions 1 & 2

1st Place - \$1,000 and Trophy

2nd Place - \$250 and Trophy

3rd Place - \$175 and Trophy

Division 3

1st Place - \$2,000 and Trophy

2nd Place - \$500 and Trophy

3rd Place - \$350 and Trophy

- Cash prize will be payable by a State of California check. All federal, state, and local taxes, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of the winner.
- If additional non-cash prizes are awarded in connection with this contest, there will be no transfer and substitution of prizes except as necessary due to availability, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded. If it is necessary to substitute a prize, the San Diego County Fair reserves the right to give the winner a cash substitute determined by the wholesale value of the prize. All winners agree to release the San Diego County Fair and sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won. All federal, state, and local taxes and customs fees, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of winner. The San Diego County Fair will not pay any winners' taxes. The San Diego County Fair will use its best efforts to send prizes out in a timely fashion. Please note that prizes which are being sent to winners from sponsors may take longer than prizes sent directly from the San Diego County Fair. If the winner has not received any portion of prizes within 30 days, and has not responded to the San Diego County Fair's communication, the San Diego County Fair is no longer responsible for delivery of prizes.
- All prizes will be awarded to the first name as it appears on the entry form, and division of prizes among the winning group members is the responsibility of the winners.
- NOTE: Dates, times, and contest locations are subject to change due to unforeseeable circumstance.

For more information please visit our website, www.sdfair.com/fair, Contests and Competitive Exhibits section. For questions email performancecontests@sdfair.com, or call the Special Events Department at (858) 792-4259.

Please return all above materials and application to:

San Diego County Fair

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Del Mar Fairgrounds

2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard

Del Mar, CA 92014-2216



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Entry Form

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Name of Group Performing: _____

Name of Dance School (if applicable): _____

Name of Person Submitting Application: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County of Residence: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____
(Include area code)

E-mail address: _____ Best time to be contacted: _____

Number of People in Act: _____

Performance Group: Division 1 _____ Division 2 _____ Division 3 _____

List All Group Members Below (use another sheet if necessary):

| LAST NAME, FIRST NAME (in alphabetical order) | AGE | BIRTH DATE | HOME PHONE |
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How did you hear about the Hip Hop Dance Battle? _____

We wish to enter the Hip Hop Dance Battle and agree to abide by the rules provided by the San Diego County Fair. I certify that all information provided above is true and accurate. (Your signature indicates that you have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as published on www.sdfair.com/fair.)

GROUP CONTACT SIGNATURE: _____
(Parent or guardian must sign for minor under the age of 18.)

PRINT NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

