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# Grand Nationals 2026

**Moody Gardens Convention  
Center Arena  
1 Hope Blvd  
Galveston, TX 77554**

**Registration-** Check in at the Music table in your main arena on the morning of the contest.

**Schedule-** will be posted online, the Thursday before the contest.

**Performance Area-** Beautiful arenas with telescopic seating & individual cushioned chairs.

**Judges Area-** See diagram.

**Team Entrance & Exit-** See diagram.

**Floor Surface-** Concrete with basketball markings.

**Dressing Area-** Assigned ballrooms. Some private dressing rooms are available for \$500, please contact [shana@showtimeint.com](mailto:shana@showtimeint.com).

**Results-** Directors pick up score sheet packets at the awards table after the Awards Ceremony. Results will be posted on our website one week after the contest.

**Admission-** Cash only at door. Small bills only.

**Two day Admissions-** \$40.00 Adult/ \$15.00 Child (7-11)/ 6 & under free. Senior Citizens \$30.00.

**Saturday only-** \$25.00 Adult/ \$10.00 Child (7-11)/ 6 & under free. Senior Citizens \$15.00.

**Sunday only-** \$25.00 Adult/ \$10.00 Child (7-11)/ 6 & under free. Senior Citizens \$15.00.

**Spectator Parking-** Free surface parking, charge for parking garage.

**Bus Parking-** Free surface parking.

**Concessions:** There will be a concession stand available for the teams and spectators. No outside food or beverage. See page 2 for banquets and meals.



**[General contest information can be found on our contest page. Click the red buttons on the right side of the contest page.](#)**

## Nationals Awards

Teams & Officers may enter up to 11 routines each. Team & officer scores are not combined.

	<b>Enter</b>	<b>Possible Award</b>
Teams (example- Large)	1 Routine (example-Jazz)	National 1st place LG Team Jazz 2nd place 3rd place, etc. We will present a trophy for every entry.
Teams (example- Large)	3 Team Routines (example-Jazz, Lyrical, Prop). Must be 3 different categories.	<b>National Grand Champion Large Team</b> Beautiful 6' Trophy Grand Champion Banner Grand Champion Rings
Officers (example- Intermediate)	1 Routine (example-Jazz)	National 1st place INT Officer Jazz 2nd place 3rd place, etc. We will present a trophy for every entry.
Officers (example- Intermediate)	3 Officer Routines (example-Jazz, Lyrical, Prop). Must be 3 different categories.	<b>National Grand Champion Officers</b> Beautiful Trophy Grand Champion Banner
1. K-9 2. High School 3. Allstar teams	Submit the online form	<b>Academic Competition</b> 1.National GC K-9. Beautiful large trophy. 2.National GC HS. Beautiful large trophy
Teams & Officers	Team and Officer Routines	<b>Applause Awards</b> Usually 10 presented For Choreography, Precision, Showmanship, Energy, Crowd Appeal, Kickmaster, Technique, Spirit of America.
Teams & Officers	Team and Officer Routines	<b>Supreme Award</b> Awarded to the highest scoring routine in each dance category for team and officer routines. All routines, in all age divisions are considered for this very special highpoint award. Classic high schools are not eligible for Supreme.
Teams & Officers	Team and Officer Routines	<b>Best of the Best</b> In order to win these awards, teams or officers must perform at least three team or three officer dances. The Best of the Best awards are presented to the top total scores across all classifications. Three dances added together must total a minimum of 828. Classic high schools are not eligible for Best of the Best.
	Solos	A Champion can be named in each classification if that Champion earns a score of at least 92. Runners up can also be named. There is no standard score for earning Runner Up. Runners Up are not ranked. Every soloist who earns a First Division will receive a lapel pin.
	Small Ensembles Medium Ensembles Large Ensembles	A Champion can be named in each classification if that Champion earns a score of at least 92. Runners up can also be named. There is no standard score for earning Runner Up. Runners Up are not ranked. Every dancer in a small ensemble who earns a First Division will receive a lapel pin.

### More features that might interest you:

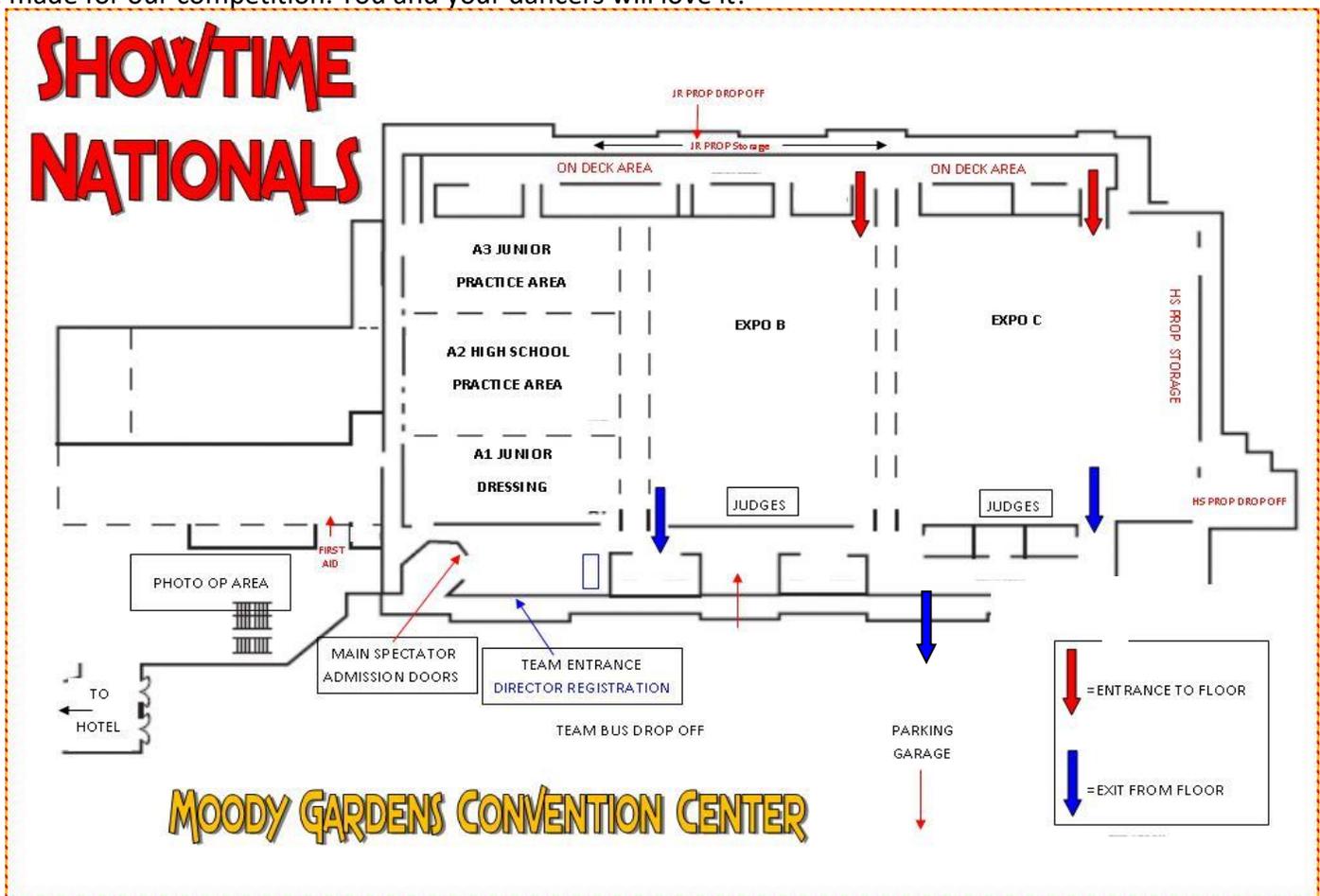
If you'd like to take full advantage of amenities at Moody Gardens, you can purchase **group wristbands** good for any or all attractions. Contact 409-683-4203 or [manderson@moodygardens.org](mailto:manderson@moodygardens.org)

**Banquets & Meals:** Moody Gardens catering can take care of your meals for a reasonable fee. Think of how much hassle you'll avoid by letting the excellent staff prepare, serve & clean up after the meal. Cater just one meal or several, it's up to you. Contact 409-683-4605 or [msalazar@moodygardens.org](mailto:msalazar@moodygardens.org) for more info. **Outside food is not allowed.**

Moody Gardens Hotel is absolutely gorgeous. Spacious rooms, restaurants, shops and a beautiful pool are just a few of the features. They are accepting reservations now. Please [Click Here](#) to reserve your rooms.

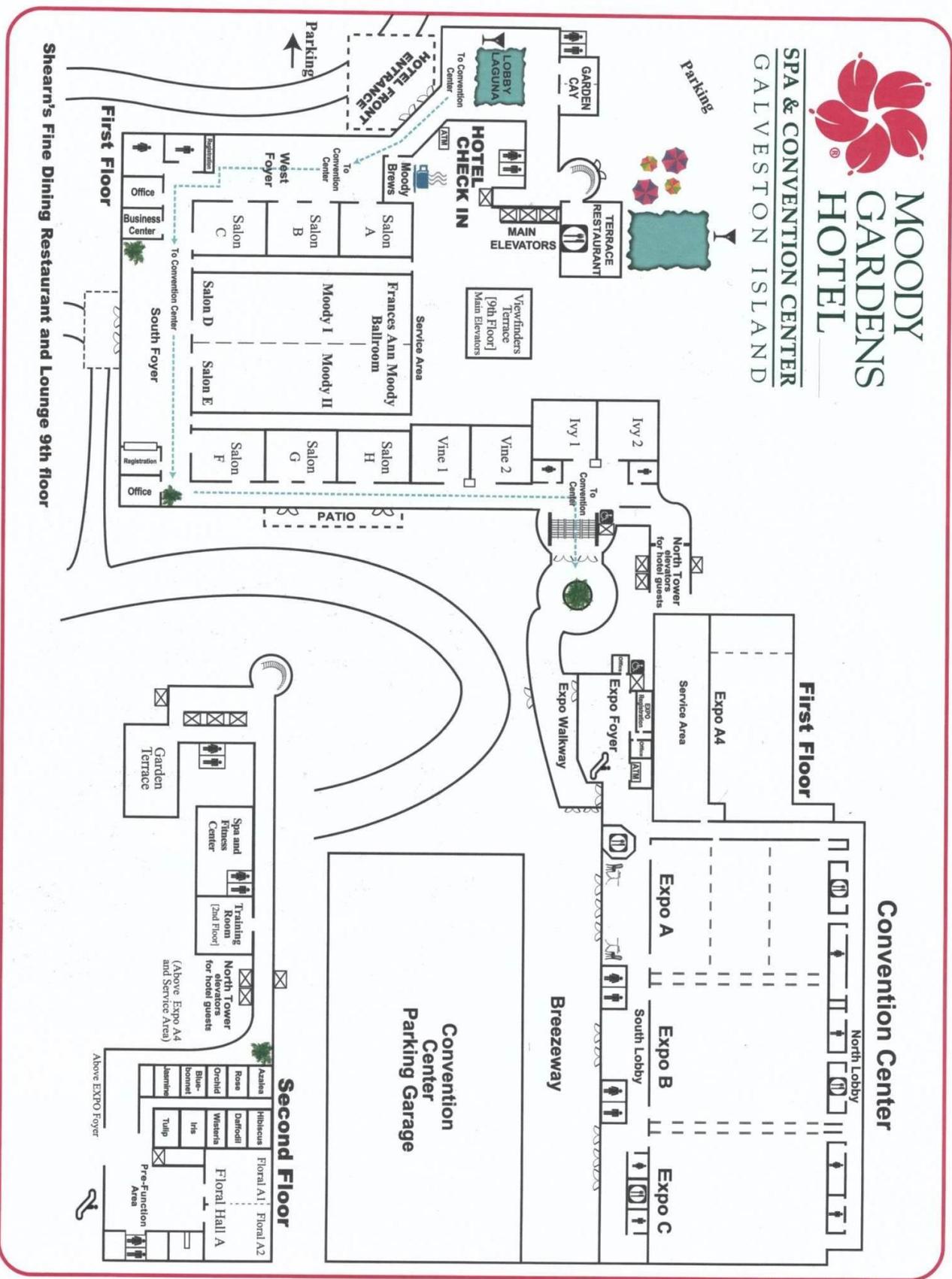
What is Different about ShowTime Nationals? ♦ ShowTime Nationals are held at beautiful Moody Gardens where **all arenas are under one roof**. There is no running from building to building outside in all kinds of weather. Their beautiful five star hotel is attached to the convention center, so you can send you team to their rooms during breaks for costume changes and some rest. It is by far the best Nationals venue in our industry. ♦ We schedule our Nationals for **Saturday & Sunday**. That way there's no worrying about getting there on Friday afternoon to perform. No having to rush or pull your dancers out of school early. ♦ **Every single routine receives an award!** ♦ There are also special **individual keepsakes** for every dancer. ♦ And with ShowTime you will never wait for hours for the awards ceremony to begin. **The Awards Ceremony is complete within 90 minutes.**

Moody Gardens in Galveston is the best Nationals competition venue in the industry. It's a world class hotel, spa, and conference facility set among 242 acres of botanical beauty and accented by magnificent exhibit pyramids that include a living rainforest, a Texas-sized aquarium, Discovery Museum and a Giant Screen 3-D Theatre. You can also visit Palm Beach, ride the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat or visit the new 4-D theater. Schlitterbahn is within walking distance of the hotel. The beautiful conference center arenas seem to be made for our competition. You and your dancers will love it!



# MOODY GARDENS HOTEL

SPA & CONVENTION CENTER  
GALVESTON ISLAND



Shearr's Fine Dining Restaurant and Lounge 9th floor

# SHOWTIME NATIONALS

Hi Everyone! This info is very important, so please read every single item. Feel free to forward it to all your team members and parents as well. Thank you!

Our staff has made extensive preparations for your Nationals contest. Our goal is to organize everything beautifully so that your day is as stress-free as we can make it. Here are some things to know ahead of time.

## SATURDAY

7:30-9am – **REQUIRED REGISTRATION** inside your performance area-ExpoB or Expo C.

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS** – We will have registration materials & fun stuff for directors to pick up at the registration table.

**MUSIC** – Be sure to upload your music by the deadline so it can be included in the contest playlist **10 days before the contest**. Please be aware that if you upload music, or change music, after the deadline, it will not be included on the playlist at the contest. Make sure to upload by the deadline. The sound quality is so much better if music is played from our playlist, and not from a device. You want your music to sound as nice as the other teams! Always bring backup music with you to contest.

## SUNDAY

8:20am – Kickmaster Competition in EXPO B. We will name a winner in High School, and a winner in K-9.

## NATIONALS INFORMATION

**MOODY GARDENS RULES** – Moody Gardens does not allow tents or any outdoor grilling. No outside food is allowed. Please refer to the paragraph below for setting up meals for your team.

**ON TIME FOR PERFORMANCES** All routines must be performed in the order we've assigned them on the schedule. If you are not lined up at checkpoint ready to perform at your assigned time, five points will be deducted from your score. We have been using this method all year, and we've only had to deduct points one time in our total contest season. The directors have all expressed their appreciation for the contest moving along as scheduled and for not letting the schedule be manipulated. We know you understand that materials such as score sheets have been pre-arranged in order, and that switching the order would lead to confusion and the possibility of being scored on the wrong score sheets.

**LARGE PROPS AND BACKDROPS** Yes, Prop Dads and Helpers need a wristband too. Props and backdrops may be delivered and stored at Moody Gardens anytime from 1pm—3pm Friday. Please look at the diagram on the "Information" page on our website. They may also be delivered from 7:30am—9am Saturday morning. Junior Props may be stored compactly in the back hallway behind Expo B. High School Props may be stored compactly against the wall in Expo C in the space behind the Music Table. In Expo C we will not be able to raise the huge loading dock doors at other times because it lets the air conditioning out. John VanGils in Expo C will have instructions on unloading. He will have you stack them outside on the loading dock. Thank you.

**ENTRANCES AND EXITS.** Your entrances and exits are limited to approximately 30 seconds each. They are not scored, so please enter and exit very quickly so that we may maintain the contest schedule. Junior Directors, please note you will not have time to personally space every routine. There will be penalties for going over your time limits. Every team and officer entrance, routine, and exit should be stopwatched at 3 minutes total. You are allotted the full maximum time limit for your routines, we are just asking you to shave off as much time as you possibly can.

**SPACING: Teams are not allowed to space in the Expos on Friday.** We have massive setup arrangements going on and safety issues prevent us from having people in the Expos. Each Expo will have basic basketball markings including the outside perimeter, center line, center circle, key and circle on each end (no curved three point line and no volleyball markings). EXPO A, B, AND C will be locked and lights out.

GLITTER & DEBRIS: We have experienced some issues in the past with props and backdrops having debris that falls onto the floor and requires a full sweep. It is imperative to know that your team will be responsible for set up, performance and breakdown, and clean up by your own people, within your time slot or your team will be penalized 5 points. The only time exception is Show Production category that has a total of 10 minutes to set up, perform and break down. This includes glitter, sequins, etc., which must all be cleared from the floor by your own personnel. We will provide dust mops, and the debris must be completely off the floor where it will not be tracked back onto the performance area. The glitter and sequins or any other loose items **MUST** be sealed and secured onto the backdrops. We have also noticed screws and large staples falling onto the floor that could cause serious injury. If any of this is found on the floor after your performance, again, it will be a 5 point penalty. Please make sure that your construction is checked on staging and backdrops to avoid any penalties or causing injuries. We do not allow any hay or raffia at our contests. You are responsible for entering, performing, exiting, and cleaning up anything you may have left on the floor within your three minute time slot for team and officers in order to avoid a 5 point penalty for going into the next team's time slot.

### **AND NOW . . . THE FUN STUFF --**

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: We have a beautiful backdrop for team photo ops. It will be located near the escalator. It will be available until Sunday at 11:30am.

AWARDS. We made this change several years ago and everyone seems to enjoy and appreciate it. We are presenting trophies for every single routine performed. To be announced as "National Grand Champion Intermediate Team Jazz," you will need to score at least 90 on that routine. If you are the only one in that category and do not score a 90, you will still receive a Gold Award Trophy. Something ShowTime does that you won't find at other Nationals: We have routine categories that have quite a few entries. We will not call out all place numbers when there are so many entries in some of those categories. For instance, in ELEM TN, we would say, "The following teams have earned Gold Awards ELEM TN, and then call out those 8 teams. We would follow with FIFTH PLACE, FOURTH PLACE, THIRD PLACE, SECOND PLACE, and INT TJ GRAND CHAMPION. I hope you like this.

DIRECTOR GIFTS. We have special gifts for each team director (one per team) that we would like to present to you at Director Registration. We appreciate you!

ROULETTE WHEEL. The sales table features a giant roulette wheel for discounts. If someone is purchasing at least \$30 in merchandise, our staff will spin the wheel for one of the following discounts: "free t-shirt, \$5 off, \$3 off, \$2 off, and \$1 off." Should be fun! The Roulette Wheel will be available until the Awards Ceremony begins.

NATIONALS T-SHIRTS. We have special Nationals t-shirts for sale at \$25 in a limited quantity. So be sure to let your dancers and parents know that when they are gone, they are gone. Tell them to go straight to the t-shirt table to purchase one.

EXPO A will be cleared Sunday by 12:15pm so that we can pull out the remaining bleachers and raise the walls. If this is your assigned dressing room, please clear all belongings by 12:15.

90 MINUTE AWARDS CEREMONY. And now . . . if you've been to another contest and the Awards ceremony was so long and drawn out that you didn't really care what you got, I would like to assure you that won't happen. We tabulate constantly and have the results ready to go right away. As soon as the last routine finishes in B or C, we will raise the walls and continue in the other Expo. We will have the solo finalists lined up and ready to go. Here's the agenda for the Awards Ceremony:

Solo Finalists Line Up

Solo Champions Perform (only the winners in each classification)

90 minutes from here to Farewell

Special gifts for each dancer and director presented by the ShowTime Staff

Teams come down onto the floor

Awards Ceremony continues with duets, small ensembles, medium ensembles, large ensembles, Kick Master, Officers, Teams, Academic Champions, Grand Champions, Applause, Supreme, Best of the Best.

The absolute longest this will take is no more than an hour and a half from the end of solo awards to farewell – PROMISE!!

**PLAN AHEAD FOR**  
**NATIONALS 2027**  
**March 20-21, 2027**

**Advantages**

- \*Saturday and Sunday format allows all matching routines to be performed in order**
- \*No performances on Friday eliminates stress and absence from school**
- \*Awards for every single routine in every single category**
- \*Entry fees are not inflated to pay for apparel for winners**
- \*Every dancer will receive a commemorative Nationals keepsake**
- \*Awards Ceremony will conclude Sunday afternoon to allow you plenty of time to travel home or to stay and enjoy Galveston**