

Bailes De Mi Tierra

Competencia Folklorica

RULES and REGULATIONS – 2012

1. ELIGIBILITY:

This competition is open to all dancers from all age groups and levels of experience. **The Pro-Am Category is for professional groups or if at least one dancer is a Professional or Folklorico Dance Instructor.**

2. ENTRY FORMS:

Entry forms may be duplicated as needed. Be sure to keep a copy for your records. Make sure that all entry information is accurate. Mail all entries, fees, photos, logos, and release forms in one packet. **Forms and fees must be postmarked by the registration deadline.** Fees are non-refundable for entries canceled after the late registration deadline.

Make Checks Payable to: BHS/CDM

MAILING INFORMATION:

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 1614 Chambers Street
 Bastrop, TX 78602

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512-775-5423 (CELLULAR)
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3. COMPETITION DATES:**February 23– February 25, 2012**

4. REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**February 1, 2012 (Must be post marked by this date)**

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**February 8, 2012 (No refunds after this date)**

5. CATEGORIES & TIME LIMITS:

Solos	1 Dancer	4 Minute Max (1 song)
Duets	2 Daners	4 Minute Max (1 song)
Trios	3 Dancers	4 Minute Max (1 song)
Ensembles	4-6 Dancers	6 Minute Max (1-2 Songs)
Small Group	7-10 Dancers	8 Minute Max (1-3 Songs)
Large Group	11+ Dancers	10 Minute Max (1-3 Songs)
Quadros	11+ Dancers	12 Minute Max

NOTE:

Penalties will be assessed for any entry going over the allotted time. Confirm your timing BEFORE getting to the competition.

6. DIVISIONS:

DIVISIONS:	LEVEL	CRITERIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	High School	Grades: 9-12
	Middle School	Grades: 7-8
	Intermediate	Grades: 5-6
	Elementary	Grades: 4 and under
COLLEGE	College Student	College Student Representing a College/University
PRIVATE/ NON-PROFIT	Young Child	6 years old and under
	Child	7-10 years old
	Junior	11-14
	Young Adult	15-18 years old and older
	Adult	19 Years and older
PRO-AM	Professional/ Amateur	At least one dancer is an Instructor or Professional

NOTE: There must be at least 4 entries in each division. If there are not 4 entries, contestants will be moved up to the next division.

7. AWARDS:

DIVISION RATING CERTIFICATES:

1st, 2nd, 3rd Division certificates will be presented to all contestants. Placement will be determined by using the following point system:

- An average score of 90 or above will receive a **DIVISION ONE** rating.
- An average score of 80-89 points will receive a **DIVISION TWO** rating.
- An average score of 70-79 points will receive a **DIVISION THREE** rating.

TROPHIES

The three highest scores in each category and division will be awarded high point trophies.

8. PARTICIPANTS

All dancers must be enrolled with the participating school or organization. If an ineligible participant is found, the group will be disqualified. Schools and Colleges must submit a roster signed by your registrar/counselor confirming all participants are registered students. Backstage access is restricted to Dancers, Instructors and Directors. A performing group MUST always have an adult supervisor with them backstage. Groups will be responsible for any damages incurred while they are backstage.

9. MUSIC:

EACH ENTRY MUST BE RECORDED ON A SEPARATE TAPE or CD. Directors are responsible for picking up tapes and CD's after presentations.

ALL MUSIC MUST BE LABELED AS FOLLOWS:

**NAME OF SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION
ENTRY #**

10. STAGE PREPARATION TIME:

There will be **NO** designated stage preparation time. It is suggested that you arrive early on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning to walk through your dances. Your time on stage might be limited to allow other groups an opportunity to walk through their dances as well.

11. PROPS

Hats, Canes, and other props may be used. Scenery and special lighting will not be available. Curtains will not be opened or closed for effects. If you start in a posed position or start on stage, you will need to get in places with the curtains open. **Machetes must have the "Filo"/Sharpness removed. Candles may be not lit nor may you use glitter anywhere in the theater.**

12. SCHEDULE/PERFORMANCE TIMES

A tentative competition schedule will be mailed/e-mailed out (see calendar for dates). Read the schedule carefully. The contest time can run fast and your group could perform as much as 45 minutes to an hour prior to their scheduled times. Please be prepared so that we are able to keep the contest moving.

13. DRESSING ROOMS

Dressing room area is limited. Only Dancers, Instructors and Directors will be allowed in the dressing areas. Please pick up after yourself and keep all areas clean.

14. T-SHIRTS AND FOLKLORICO ACCESSORIES:

Order your "Bailes de Mi Tierra" Competencia Folklorica commemorative T-shirts ahead of time. **See the T-shirt order form for discounted prices.**

A limited amount of extra T-shirts will be ordered.

NOTE: Contestants and 2 Directors receive a shirt with the entries.

Please return the T-shirt Order form with your entry packet.

We are planning for Folklórico vendors to be on site on the day of the event to help provide you with last minute accessories.

15. PROGRAMS:

Souvenir programs will be available for sale on the day of the competition. **Directors**, please send a **4X6 photograph** of your group along with a **write up** about your group with your registration packet to be included in the souvenir program. The photos will also be used for publicity before and after the contest.

• **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:**

Your group may sell advertisements to be placed in our souvenir programs. 1/2 of every ad sold will be applied to your contest fees and the other 1/2 goes toward the cost of producing the programs. See advertisement pages attached.

16. VIDEO CAMERAS

Video passes will be available. All video Cameras must stay in the designated Video Camera area, no exceptions. **Electrical outlets will not be available.** (SEE PRICE LIST FOR VIDEO PASS RATES)

17. SHOWCASE PRESENTATIONS

Submit a **\$5.00 application fee** with a videotape of your group performing a region that you would like to present to everyone at the awards ceremony. A panel of judges will view the tapes and choose 3 groups to perform for the Awards Ceremony. **This is your chance to show off your group to everyone. Please see calendar for due dates.**

18. WAIVER RELEASE FORMS:

The release form(s) must be submitted for each contestant with the registration forms and fees. No dancer will be allowed to perform without a signed form on file.

19. CONTEST SITE:

**JERRY FAY WILHELM CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
1401 CEDAR STREET
BASTROP, TX 78602**

20. STAGE DIMENSIONS:

**Performing Arts Center – Main Stage: 50' Wide X 38' Deep. Wings are 8 Feet
Performing Arts Center – Black Box Theater: (about 32' Wide X 20' Deep)**

21. PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

NOTICE: No food, or drinks will be allowed in the Auditorium. Water only (must be in closed containers) is allowed. No food or drinks of any type will be allowed back stage, Dressing Rooms, Green Room (our holding area), or Black Box Theater (2nd stage area.)

Bags will be checked as you enter dressing and stage areas. Please inform your parents so that they understand, if we ask them not to bring anything in.