**Grand National Rule Changes**

**Grand National Finals 2022**

 **The Grand National Finals will begin on Sunday June 19th.**

We will be starting with the Solo & Duo/Trio Shootout. **The top 3 highest scoring Starz Solos and top 3 highest scoring Duo/Trios will compete against each other in this year’s Grand National Shootout.**

**The Mini, Preteen, Teen and Senior (excluding adults), will get the opportunity to re-compete their routine in a randomly chosen order in front of all 9 National judges.  The top 3 highest scoring Rising Starz level solos and duo/trios from Mini, Preteen, Teen and Senior (excluding adults) will also re-compete in front of all 6 National judges. Each studio is only allowed to have one routine in each age division at each level.**This spectacular Shootout will start at 8:00am and will feature the best of the Solos & D/T’s that the Nationals have to offer. Awards will be given to all Shootout routines. The award ceremony will take place after all Solos & D/T’s have competed at both levels.

**\*If a dancer from the same studio qualifies in both a solo and a duo/trio the studio will be allowed time to accommodate for a costume change (not to exceed 10 mins).**

The final event of the competition will be the amazing Grand National Finals for the group routines. **The top 5 Starz level mini, pre-teen, teen and senior groups will have the chance to re-compete for the titles of Mini Grand National Champion, Pre-teen Grand National Champion, Teen Grand National Champion, and Senior Grand National Champion. The top 5 Rising Starz groups for each level will also be given the opportunity to re-compete using the same format as the Starz level.** This will give your dancers the possibility of once again performing the dances they have been working so hard on all year long**. Each studio is only allowed to have one routine in each age division at each level.**The results will be based on the highest scores from small groups and large groups.

Production and Line Shootout. **The Three highest scoring production routines at both the Starz & Rising Starz level will re-compete to be the Grand National Production Champions. The three highest scoring line routines at the Starz & Rising Starz levels will also re-compete and become the Grand National Line Champions!**

Dancers winning the high points in the categories of small group, large group, lines and production are encouraged to stay until they are informed of the qualifying results for Sunday’s Grand Nationals.

However, winning 1st over-all high point does not necessarily mean your routine will be in the finals. It could be bumped out by another routine in a different category of the same age. For example: If Studio A has a mini small group that wins 1st place high-point with a score of 292.15 but later the same studio has a mini large group that does not win a highpoint but has a score that is higher, the mini large group from Studio A bumps the small group from Studio A even though the small group was ranked higher in its category. Only 4 dances from the Starz level and 4 from the Rising Starz level in the mini division are chosen for the Grand National Groups regardless if they are a small group, large group. This is the same for pre-teen, teen, and seniors.

**Studios that have more than one routine that qualifies in each age group for the Grand National Groups may choose which routine will advance (highest qualifying is always recommended).**

As each age group finalizes the Grand National information will update. The Grand Nationals Solo & D/T’s Shootout will begin at Sunday at 8:00am and immediately following the Shootout there will be an awards. Our Stand-Out Dancer routine will open up this Spectacular event at 12:45pm prior to the Start of the Grand National Groups**.**The Grand National Group Finals will begin at 1:00pm and finish by 5:45pm.

All dancers and parents are encouraged to stay and watch the show even if they are not participating. The top Rising Starz and Starz routines of the Grand National Finals will win a trophy. The Overall Highest Score for the week will win a **$500** cash prize. We are excited to have this special event that will include our Rising Starz dancers in both the Shootout and the Grand Nationals this year.**The New Starz Level does not qualify for the Grand Nationals.**

These events are a wonderful way for studios to support one another and for dancers to cheer each other on!

On behalf of all of us at Starz we want to wish all the dancers the best of luck and hope this year’s event will be one to always remember.

Good Luck to you and See you in the Wisc Dells!!