



Dear Directors & Parents of Step Up Competitors,

We are thrilled to be hosting you and your dancer this weekend! We hope to give you a great competition experience and hope to have many more chances to work with you in the future! A few items of business to help you prepare for this weekend:

- ★ The address of Vista Heights Middle School is 484 Pony Express Parkway, Saratoga Springs, UT 84045
- ★ Doors will open at 7:45 AM on Saturday morning
- ★ Entrance is **FREE**
- ★ All solos will be held in the auditorium. The dressing area will be marked in a nearby location.
- ★ The competition schedule will be posted on [www.stepupcompetition.com](http://www.stepupcompetition.com)
- ★ All music will be submitted electronically prior to the competition. Bring a backup copy of music for soloists.
- ★ Judges' critiques will be on audio/video files. These files will be sent to your TourPro accounts within 48 hours of the competition. Instructions will be sent on how to access those critiques.
- ★ At the Solo Finale Gala, overall winners are awarded Half or Full Scholarships to one of our 2027 Step Up Conventions. These will be held on Oct 2-3 in Vernal or on Oct 9-10 in Richfield. These are non-transferrable and apply only to the 2027 convention season. They apply only to the registration fee and do not cover hotel or transportation.
- ★ At Step Up, we have a special judge just to keep levels correct. Sometimes we move a routine because it contains technique we consider to be at a different level. Other times (less often), we may re-align categories where we feel dancers were not well-matched and a direct comparison was not fair to the dancers. No one is in trouble when we move routines – just be aware that it does happen. **However, if a dancer is moved UP a level because of technique outlined on our website rules page, that dancer will not be eligible for overalls at either level.** Fair categories are a core pillar of our competition. We do everything we can to make sure your dancer is competing on a level playing field.
- ★ *Studio Directors Only: There will be a small directors packet available at the check in table for the few directors that registered their studios. We will offer a light hospitality room with a few snacks and light lunch and bevs. This does not apply to any parent-registered/independent dancers.*

Thank you again! We look forward to hearing you cheer on your favorite dancer and studio at Step Up Competition 2026!

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