

Vegreville Pysanka Festival Dance Competitions Rules & Regulations

General

- Each group must have a routine name – for adjudication purposes school names **MUST NOT** be used within the routine name.
- Solo's and Duet's do not require a routine name.
- Age groups will be determined by the average age of the participants as of **January 1st** of the Festival Competition year. The average age equals the total of ages divided by number of dancers. For Adult groups all participants must be 18 years of age or older.
- No substitutions may be made for any participant. The name of the dancer listed on the entry form is the only person who is eligible to compete in the category for which he or she was entered.
- Only one entry per form.
- Participants are to check in at the Registration Desk 1 hour prior to scheduled dance time.
- Dancers must be stage side and ready to perform 3 dances prior to their entries scheduled dance time.
- There will be no prompting or coaching during the dance performance permitted. Failure to comply could result in competitor being disqualified.
- This is an Amateur Dance Competition. Dance instructors or dancers who dance regularly with a semi-professional performing dance group are; not eligible for competition (e.g. Cheremosh, Shumka, Volya).
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MARCH 1, 2011**

Adjudication

- Competitors will be adjudicated on **Technique** and **Presentation** of their performance.
- The following is how the participants will be adjudicated

Technique

Execution of steps
Musicality
Style
Spatial Awareness
Use of Stage
Synchronization

Presentation

Expression
Projection
Poise
Confidence
Entrance / Exit
Professionalism
Overall Impression

- All entries will be awarded a mark by the adjudicator established strictly on his/her expert opinion and our Festival's marking criteria.
- Each participant will receive a medal based on the awarded mark.
- Written adjudication will be given to each entry with the adjudicators comments for the dancer's further development.
- Instructors can pick up the adjudication sheets at the Registration Desk.
- Medals will be distributed at the completion of each dance session based on the following marking system.

Platinum	95 – 100%
Gold	90 – 95%
Silver	85 – 90%
Bronze	80 – 85%
Merit	79% and under

- **ALL DECISIONS OF THE ADJUDICATOR WILL BE FINAL**
- **NO ONE AT ANYTIME WILL BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE ADJUDICATOR TO DISCUSS MARKS, RESULTS OR COMMENTS.**
- **All complaints / bouquets are to be directed to the Festival Coordinators.**
- **Violation of this rule will result in the Disqualification of all the dance school entries.**

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Dance Categories

- The Dance Competitions will be divided into two parts. **STANDARD & ADVANCED.**
- The **STANDARD** portion of the Festival Competition is for dancers/clubs who dance once a week and perhaps take a more recreational approach to Ukrainian dance.
- The **ADVANCED** portion of the Festival Competition is for those dancers/clubs who are perhaps more competitive, dance more than once a week and most likely take some other form of dance training including ballet, jazz or other.
- **NOVICE** – this option is open to participants in their 1st year of Ukrainian Dance and to groups providing 50% of group's members are in their 1st year of dancing.
- **STANDARD** – Competing Friday's
- **ADVANCED** – Competing Saturday's
- Depending on the number of entries days & times may be adjusted.
- The Categories are as follows

Poltava	Bukovinian	Hutzul	Volyn	Transcarpathian
Pollissian	Character	Lyrical	Hopak	Pokuttia
Podillia	Kuban	Open	Other (specify)	

Time Limits

- At this Festival Competition there are no designated time limits **however** you **MUST** provide the length of your dance number on the entry form so we may schedule appropriately.

Time Limit Guidelines

Solo	2 to 3 minutes
Duet	2 to 3 minutes
Small Group	4 to 5 minutes
Medium Group	4 to 5 minutes
Large Group	5 to 6 minutes

Awards

- Scholarships and special awards will be awarded at the completion of the Festival Competition.
- The recipients will be determined by the adjudicator and announced at the conclusion of the dance competition.
- The following are a list of eligible awards
 1. Showmanship Award
 2. The Vohon Awards
 3. The Shumka Award
 4. The Cheremosh Award
 5. The Don Chomlak Award
 6. The Veselka Awards
 7. Choreographer Award
 8. Dancer Scholarship Awards

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Fees

- All Fees MUST be remitted by Cheque or Money Order to

**The Vegreville Cultural Association
Attn: Vegreville Pysanka Festival Dance Competitions
P.O. Box 908
Vegreville, AB T9C 1S1**

Solo	\$10.00 per dancer
Duet	\$10.00 per dancer
Groups (all sizes)	\$10.00 per dancer

Group Sizes

Small	3 to 6 dancers
Medium	7 to 12 dancers
Large	13 + dancers

- **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS.**
- **CHANGES IN FESTIVAL ENTRIES MAY ONLY BE MADE UNTIL 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL COMPETITION DATES.**

Music

- All entrants will provide their own cassette, CD, iPod, or computer to the music station at least 30 minutes prior to their competition time.
- All music must be labelled and cued before being submitted to the sound system operator.
- Due to our venue the preferred method of music would be on an iPod or a newer CD.
- The Festival Committee cannot be held responsible for difficulties encountered related to **poor tape or CD quality**.

Practice Room

- A practice room will be available and an audio system will be provided for your use.

Disclaimers

- The Vegreville Pysanka Festival will not be held responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- The Vegreville Pysanka Festival is not liable for any injuries or illnesses that may occur during the Festival Dance Competition

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Unique to the Pysanka Festival Competitions

- This portion of the Festival is to provide value added opportunities for the dancers and festival goers to learn more about Ukrainian Dance and Ukrainian Culture.

Dance Workshops

We will host a variety of workshops with our adjudicator as well as other experienced instructors from the community.

Regional Theme

Every year our festival will emphasize one Ukrainian Region. There will be dance workshops, awards for dancers and choreographers as well as a small museum exhibit displaying items from the featured Region. For 2011 the Feature Region is **Transcarpathian/Zakarpattia**.

Ukrainian Dance Trick Competition

We will have this fun event on Saturday afternoon, open to dancers from the entire Ukrainian Dance Community. This is open to males and females of all ages.

Tanets House

There will be a participatory social dance event. Come and participate in traditional village social dances. This is an all ages event. Wear loose clothing and NO experience necessary.

Showmanship Opportunities

From each day of competitions, entries will be selected to perform at the ever popular Grandstand Shows. Selections will be based on overall impression, showmanship and entertainment having high audience appeal.