

Seton *Dance Team*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Here we go again.... below is all the information you should need regarding our event but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at setondance@gmail.com. Thank You to all those who have attended in the past and made our competition a HUGE success, welcome to all our new competitors and GOOD LUCK to everyone in their upcoming season. We can't wait to see you all at Seton High School on Saturday, January 9, 2027!

Divisions

- School Teams *(we will follow the UDA grid which is listed below)*
 - Junior High 9th grade and below
 - Junior Varsity 7th - 12th grades
 - Varsity 8th - 12th grades
- All Star / Studio Teams *(we will follow the 26/27 USASF age grid posted online August 18, 2026 and listed below)*
 - Tiny birth years of 2019-2022
 - Mini birth years of 2016-2021
 - Youth birth years of 2013-2018
 - Junior birth years of 2010-2016
 - Senior 6/1/2007-2014
 - Open on or before 12/31/2011
 - Special Needs All Ages

Categories

- Pom, Jazz, Hip Hop, High Kick, Lyrical/Contemporary, Prop/Variety, Open, Game Day, Team Performance, Solo, Duet, Ensemble (any group with 3-5 dancers)
- Team categories will be split into Small (5-12 dancers) & Large (13 or more dancers) only if after the split there are at least 3 teams in BOTH categories. We will NOT be splitting into DI and DII (UDA teams) only by team size. If registrations warrant, we will split Game Day performances into Small (5-12 dancers), Medium (13-16 dancers) & Large (17 or more dancers) per UDA rules.
NOTE: The only exception to this rule is if an All-Star program has multiple teams in the same category, then we will automatically split the category by size.

Awards

- Trophies will be awarded in each division, per category, for all teams.
- Specialty Awards may be given at the discretion of our judges. (Ex: Best Choreography, Best Costume)
- A Grand Champion Award will be given in each session.
- All ties will be broken for 1st place only using the total points in the "Overall Effect" section of the score sheets.

Judges

- We will have at least 3 judges for all divisions in both the gym and auditorium and will likely have 2 judging panels in both locations to keep the day moving.
- All judges will be selected by the Seton Varsity Dance Staff and will be independent, qualified judges.
- Bios of judges will be posted on our website, as they are confirmed.
- All judges' decisions are FINAL.

Score Sheets & Rules

- All score sheets we will use will be posted at www.setoncincinnati.org/athletics/dance.
- Performance rules and penalty sheets will be posted at www.setoncincinnati.org/athletics/dance.
- Individual performance score sheets will be emailed to the registered coach upon the completion of each session's awards ceremony.

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Registration & Fees

- All registrations must be completed online at www.setoncincinnati.org/athletics/dance for each individual team.
- The same school/organization bringing multiple teams is required to pay the first team, second team, etc. pricing for each individual team registered. Example: A school bringing both a Varsity & JV team, registering early for 2 routines each would total \$700 for the program (\$350 per team).
- Fees are due immediately upon online registration submission and Non-Refundable if cancellation occurs on or after December 1, 2026. Should Seton cancel for any reason all registration fees will be refunded.
- **EARLY Registration Fees** (payment made/postmarked on or before October 15, 2026 will be:
 - First team routine \$200
 - Second team routine \$150
 - Additional team routine \$100
 - Solo \$65
 - Duet \$95
 - Ensemble (3-5 dancers) \$125
 - Special Needs No Charge
- **ON TIME Registration Fees** (payment made/postmarked between October 16, 2026-November 30, 2026) will be:
 - First team routine \$225
 - Second team routine \$175
 - Additional team routines \$100
 - Solo \$80
 - Duet \$115
 - Ensemble (3-5 dancers) \$150
 - Special Needs No Charge
- **LATE Registration Fees** (payment made/postmarked December 1, 2026 and after) will be:
 - First team routine \$250
 - Second team routine \$200
 - Additional team routines \$100
 - Solo \$95
 - Duet \$135
 - Ensemble (3-5 dancers) \$175
 - Special Needs No Charge
- Registrations will be accepted until Tuesday, January 5, 2027 as long as space/time allows. We do reserve the right to cut off registrations early if the day fills up.
- If adding on an additional team performance, solo/duet/ensemble after your original registration was submitted, please complete the online registration form again and submit payment following the current fee schedule at the time of the additional registration.
- If you would like to pay your registration via Credit Card you are more than welcome to do so and Seton's website will process that payment at the time of registration.
- Payment via School/Organization check, Money Order or Cashier's check is also an option and all checks should be made payable to SETON HIGH SCHOOL. No personal checks please and cash will not be accepted via mail.
- **When registering online if you would like to pay via CHECK please use the coupon code: DANCECOMP to bypass the payment screen. This will process your registration and flag us that you will be mailing a check shortly.**
- Check payments should be sent to:
 - Seton High School
 - Attn: Dance Team Competition
 - 3901 Glenway Avenue
 - Cincinnati, OH 45205

NOTE: Because of the Christmas & New Year's holidays, Seton will be closed between December 19, 2026 and January 3, 2027. **All mailed payments must be received before school breaks for the holidays on 12/18/26.**

- A confirmation email will be sent upon our receipt of your online registration to the email address provided. If your school or organization requires an invoice for check payment this confirmation can be used as such.

NOTE: Email us at setondance@gmail.com if confirmation email is not received within 24 hours for a copy.

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Warm-Up & Performance Locations

- Team performances will be in the GYM.
- Solo, duet & ensemble performances will be in the AUDITORIUM.
- Team warm-up will be in the old gym; there will NOT be a designated area for solo, duet, ensemble warm-up.

Schedule

- Prelim schedule will be sent out no later than Monday, December 28, 2026 at.
 - Revisions may be made due to conflicts & late registrations
- Final version will be available on Thursday, January 7, 2027.
- The performance schedule will likely be set up as follows. Sessions may be combined/adjusted if warranted by scheduling:
 - Morning Session
 - Tiny, Mini, Youth Prep & Youth team performances in Gym
 - Junior, Senior & Open Solo, Duet, Ensembles in Auditorium
 - Afternoon Session
 - Junior Prep, Junior, Senior Prep, Senior, Open & Special Needs teams in Gym
 - Tiny, Mini & Youth Solo, Duet, Ensembles in Auditorium
 - Late Afternoon/Evening Session
 - School teams in Gym
- Awards will be in the Gym/Auditorium after each session's conclusion.

Results

- Master Tabulation results will be available no later than Tuesday, January 12, 2027.

Spectator Admission (this is a cash only event)

- Adult \$10
- Student & Seniors \$8
- 2 and under FREE
 - must sit on parent/guardian lap

Medical/Media Release Form & Athletic Trainer

- Seton's Athletic Trainer will be on hand all day should a dancer (or spectator) require medical attention.
- Seton also has an AED located just outside both the gym and auditorium in case of an emergency.
- A Medical/Media/Participation Release Form must be handed in for each dancer upon check-in by the team Coach. A copy of this form is attached and can be downloaded at www.setoncincinnati.org/athletics/dance.

General Information

- All performance & back-up music should be on an mp3 player/phone. **Please have any necessary adaptors needed for your particular device.**
- NO outside food or drink is allowed inside Seton – we will have food/drinks available for sale in our Food Court.
- All teams will be assigned dressing facilities within Seton – keep in mind that it may be necessary to 'double up' some teams in classrooms and that will be done within organizations whenever possible.
- ***Seton is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any personal belongings lost and/or stolen from within our classrooms or facilities*** – please advise your dancers, parents, supporters to leave all non-essential/valuable items at home.
- We MAY run ahead of schedule throughout our competition day. If the judges are ready to go & team is present, we will keep moving. Please let your parents & fans know not to walk in the last minute; they may just miss your performance!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SETON IN JANUARY!!!

Is there something we didn't cover?

For further questions or information please contact us at setondance@gmail.com.