

## Coach & Team Safety Protocols

- **COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure?** Do not attend! Notify registration of any participant number changes.
- **Masks** are required to attend the event. Athletes are not required to wear a mask during a performance; however, before and after they are. The Iowa Events Center requires all guests to wear a mask unless they are eating or drinking.
- **Disposable Masks for Performers** - is strongly recommended. Masks are required in the warmup areas; masks can be thrown away once lined up and a coach/manager can have new disposable masks for performers after exiting the floor.
- **Sanitization Stations.** The Iowa Events Center has sanitization stations throughout the facility; however, having personal sanitizers is always advised.
- **Social Distancing** – in general, maintain social distancing when and where you can.
  - Seating throughout the venues have been blocked off to encourage social distancing.
  - Avoid gathering in hallways, entrances, and lobbies.
- **Water Bottles** – coaches and participants need to bring personal water bottles (labeled with name) that may be filled at the athlete water stations in each warmup area. Bottles may be filled prior to entering the venue. Water fountains are not available. Prior to a team's performance, water bottles may be staged at their exit side on the tables provided. Sanitizing spray for the tables will be available. See diagrams.
- **Dressing Room Guidelines – Hy-Vee Hall A:** *ISDTA Board Members will be monitoring to ensure guidelines are being followed.*
  - **Arrive** with as much hair, make up and costuming done as possible!
  - Maintain social distancing as much as possible within your team and apart from other teams.
  - Bring personal mirrors to not crowd bathrooms. Performers should not use public restrooms for getting ready.
  - Once your team and solo performances are complete you are required to immediately remove all your belongings from the dressing room.
  - NO undressing in the open, NO music, No full out rehearsal
  - Overflow for QUIET team stretching and restrooms is in Hy-Vee Hall B and C. See diagrams.
- **Warm Up Areas** – 3 teams will be allowed in each warmup area at a time to ensure enough space for proper social distancing as much as possible; masks are required until lined up for performance entrance. Soloists need to socially distance in their warmup areas.
- **ISDTA Practice Mats** – will be available in every team and solo warm up area. Sanitization spray will be provided and needs to be used after each use.
- **Entrances and Exits for performers** – **See diagrams as exit locations for team are new!** Team entrances and exits do not have to maintain 6 feet apart; however, should not include any physical contact between performers. Soloists will enter and exit from the same direction in their venue.
- **Team Photos with Tim McConnell** – masks are required while Tim is arranging the team for pictures; masks may be removed for the actual picture(s) and then masks are required to be put back on. Tim is located on the performance floor level in Wells Fargo Arena; be conscious of overcrowding and maintain social distancing.

**COMPETITION DAY REGISTRATION:** located in Hy-Vee Hall – opens at 6:30 a.m. and will remain open until the last team checks in.

- **When should we arrive?** We advise arriving at a minimum of 1 hour to 1.5 hours prior to your performance to check in, get settled into the dressing room area, and have ample time to warm up.
- **When do teams go to the warmup area?** 3 teams are allowed at a time; reference the performance schedule to determine what time you need to be there. Watch your time, allow for walking from Hy-Vee Hall to the arena as we will run on schedule!
- **Can a coach check in at registration before their performance day?** Yes. Coaches are welcome to check in and receive their wristband packets, pre-order merchandise and academic achievement awards (if applicable) prior to their performance day. This is NOT required; however, an option for coaches close to Des Moines.

**Coaches' Registration Bag:** this year, coaches will pick up a bag with their necessary contents!

- **Wristbands:**
  - **Tan Wristbands** – for each performer, alternate/manager, coach, and bus driver registered. Please wear on the right wrist. These provide access to all areas of competition and are to be worn at all times, even during performance. Judges are aware of the wristbands and do not deduct from appearance.
  - **Red Team Helper Wristbands** – enclosed if ordered during registration. Does not give access to dressing room.
  - **Coach Name Badge(s)/Lanyard** – please complete the name and school information and wear at all times, this and your tan wristband are your access to the performance floor and dressing areas. Markers will be provided and sanitized between uses.
  - **Bus Driver Badge(s)/Lanyard** – enclosed if ordered during registration.
  - **Administrative Pass(es)** – enclosed if ordered during registration. Arrange a way for you to get this to your administrator or have them pick up at the registration table, just put your school name on it.
- **Participation Certificates** for team and solos based on your registration numbers.
- **Academic Achievement** (*if applicable*): certificates and recognition plaque. Top academic winner(s) will be announced during the awards ceremony on 12/5/20.
- **Solo Division I Medals** – it may seem unconventional; however, we have pre-packaged medals based on the number of soloists competing from your school. They are in a purple, bubble mailer with the ISDTA address on it. Many soloists score the 75-point minimum to earn a Division I, and you as coaches have the opportunity to award those recipients. If you have remaining medals, please mail them back to ISDTA in the provided purple mailer.

**Pre-Order Merchandise Pick-Up:** located in Hy-Vee Hall next to registration. Items not picked up will be shipped at the school's expense.

**First Aid + Athlete Assistance:** We have a Nurse, Kim Jenkins in Wells Fargo Arena all three days; available 7:00 a.m. – end of performances each day. First Aid is also available in Hy-Vee Hall across from the registration table.

**Parking for Teams and Spectators:** Utilize the far North Lot of the Iowa Events Center accessible off 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. Credit Cards are accepted for payment; \$10/car and \$40/bus. Vehicles that leave the parking lot and return must pay the parking fee again.

**TEAM Props & Back Drops:** Wells Fargo Arena, Northeast Doors off 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Team props and backdrops load in/out will only occur at Wells Fargo Arena this year. Reference the Wells Fargo Arena diagram to locate where props and backdrops are to be stored based on the direction your team faces for performance. All props and backdrops should be removed from the venue soon after the performance is complete.

**SOLO Props:** If soloists have a prop, they may bring it in with them and store it in the location designated on the Hy-Vee Hall diagram. All props should be removed from the venue soon after the performance is complete.

#### **Watching Performances:**

- Coaches and participants are welcome to watch following their performances or on days they do not perform; however, are required to sit in spectator seating and follow social distancing rules. Tan Wristbands may be used for admission.
- If at any point ISDTA feels there are too many spectators in the venues, teams and spectators with completed performances will be kindly asked to leave.

#### **Wells Fargo Arena Sections for Seating:**

- East Side-
  - 100 Level: 114-118
  - 200 Level: 216-219
  - 300 Level: 318-322
- West Side- *(side we have historically faced)*
  - 100 Level: 102-106
  - 200 Level: 202-206
  - 300 Level: 302-306

## Important Information:

- **ISDTA State Merchandise** will be sold on-site each day in Wells Fargo Arena on the main concourse.
- **2021 State Dance Commemorative Program** will be sold on-site each day in Wells Fargo Arena and Hy-Vee Hall.
- **Hy-Vee Floral** will be on-site selling flowers and gifts in Wells Fargo Arena on the main concourse.
- **ISDTA Webstore:** [www.isdtalive.com](http://www.isdtalive.com) (*share, share, share this!!*)
  - **Event Information and Safety Protocols for Spectators**
  - **In-Person Spectator Ticketing** – contactless way for spectators to purchase their general admission tickets. \$15/day
  - **Live Stream Access** – location to purchase daily live stream access. \$15/day
  - **Digital File Purchase** – purchase professional recordings of your routines and receive them digitally on December 6! *These are being provided in lieu of DVDs.*
  - **ISDTA State Merchandise** – available for purchase (*to be shipped before 12/25, not picked up at state*)
  - **Digital Program** - available for purchase and viewing starting November 17. \$5
  - **Live Action Photos** – pre-order your live action photography of your team routines by Tim McConnell, our competition photographer.
  - **Team Group Photos** – Tim McConnell, will be on-site for team photos; ordering information is found here.
  - **Awards Ceremony** – access to the awards ceremony here.
- **Food:** Concessions will be open all three days. Outside food cannot be brought in. *Note, there is not a coaches' breakroom this year.*
- **Press Release** – share with your local media. Found on [www.isdta.net/comeptitionresources](http://www.isdta.net/comeptitionresources)
- **Media Pass** – invite your local media to attend the in-person competition.  
<https://isdta.formdash.org/features-and-public-relations/local-media-invitation/>

## Judging / Awards Ceremony / Scoresheets + Results / Awards:

- Virtual Solo Judging will take place Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22
- Virtual Team Judging will take place Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24
- Virtual Awards Ceremony will stream at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5
- Awards distribution plan will be announced following the awards ceremony!
- Pre-purchased Digital Files of the competition will be released Sunday, December 6 for download.
- Team and Solo Digital Scoresheets will be available in your school account Sunday, December 6
- Team and Solo Competition Results will be released Sunday, December 6
- Judges' Audio Critiques for team and solos will be distributed in December to coach email accounts.