

# TEAM REGISTRATION PACKET

SENIOR DIVISION

SEASON 4



NATIONAL DESI  
DANCE LEAGUE

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# WELCOME TO NDDL

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The National Desi Dance League is more than just a circuit — it's a reimagined competitive league for South Asian dance teams across the country. Built from the ground up with accessibility, sustainability, and meritocracy in mind, NDDL is here to make the dance circuit work better for teams, competitions, and the community as a whole.

In Season 4, we're building on our league structure while introducing some changes:

- **Unified Regional Structure:** 4 official regions (West, South, Midwest, Northeast)
- **The Flagship Path:** 4 Regional Partner Competitions leading directly to NDDL Nationals in Las Vegas

**By applying to NDDL, you're joining a unified league experience with:**

- **Guaranteed placement** at 1+ competitions
- Transparent national and regional rankings
- A chance to qualify for Nationals
- A clear process, supported by real-time communication and infrastructure
- A commitment to **professional judging**, and media standards across the board

Whether you're a veteran team or brand new to the scene, if you're ready to level up — this is your league.

**⚠️ Note:** Certain elements of the competition structure may be adjusted based on the final number and distribution of team applications received. All updates will be communicated transparently to applicants.

# INTRODUCING THE NDDL PORTAL

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NDDL is excited to formally launch the NDDL Portal.

The NDDL Portal is the centralized engine that powers the entire league ecosystem. Built to eliminate administrative friction and repetitive paperwork, the portal is the mandatory platform for all teams and Partner Competitions to manage their season from application to the final stage.

## INTEGRATED APPLICATIONS

All team applications begin through the NDDL Portal.

## CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT

Teams maintain a single, master roster shared across the league. New dancers can be added, and registration fees can be tracked in real-time.

## ASSET UPLOADS

Upload all performance-critical files directly to the portal.

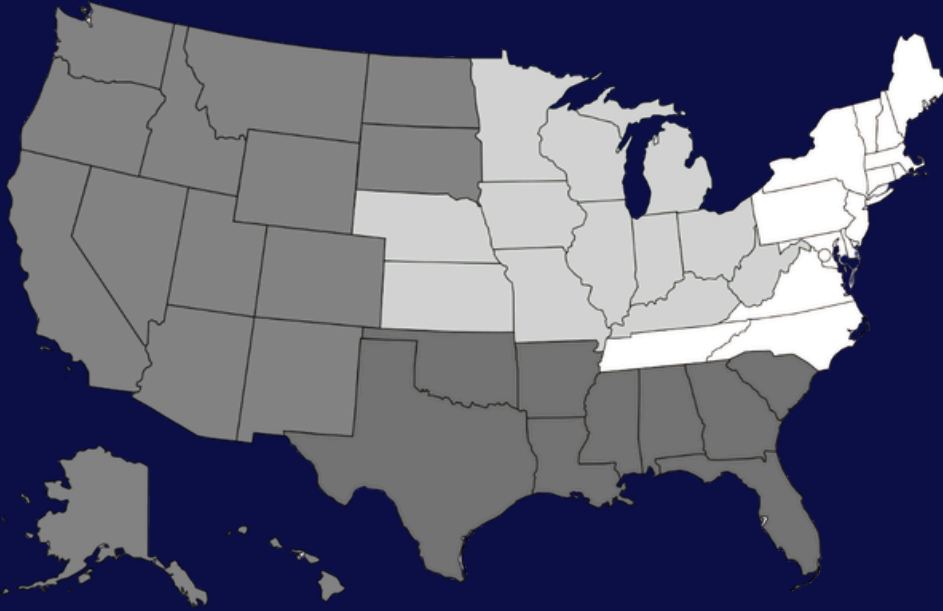
## LOGISTICS TRACKING

Submit your team's hotel booking confirmations and flight itineraries to ensure NDDL and PC staff are ready for your arrival.

**The NDDL Portal is your gateway to Season 4. Access it now to lock in your Early Admission pricing and regional priority.**

# REGIONAL MODEL AND SEASON 4

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**For Season 4, NDDL is simplifying the barrier to entry while increasing the value of each event.**

- **1 PC Requirement:** To qualify for Nationals, teams are now only required to attend one Partner Competition (PC) within their assigned region.
- **Competitive Edge:** Teams may opt to attend a second PC to improve their chances of qualifying for a Nationals spot.
- **No Semifinals:** We have removed the semifinal layer to focus all resources on high-quality Regional PCs and the Las Vegas Championship.
- **Direct Qualifiers:** The top 3 placements from each regional PC earn a direct qualification to Nationals.

# COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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## INTRODUCING THE 7-MINUTE STANDARD

To better support storytelling and thematic depth, the Senior division set length has been increased to **7 minutes** (inclusive of the intro video).

Each team will be given **1 minute** to set up on stage before their performance. At the 1 minute mark, the submitted intro video and music file will begin.

Each team will perform a **7 minute** routine, including introduction video. Similarly, each team will be given **1 minute** to tear down and transition off stage. Exceeding this time limit will result in a **20-point deduction for every 10 seconds** beyond the 7 minute mark.

There is no tech time allotted. This shift is designed to make shows more sustainable and efficient for Partner Competitions. There will be a stage walk-through where teams will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the venue.

## NO AUDITION VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

To keep Season 4 accessible, teams will not be required to submit audition videos to compete. This gives newer teams a real platform to grow without watering down the competition.

# COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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## REGULAR SEASON FORMAT

All accepted teams will participate in:

- One regionally assigned partner competitions within the team's region
- A second optional competition, outside their region

The placings from each partner competition your team competes at determine your Nationals qualification.

## ADVANCEMENT STRUCTURE

At the conclusion of the regular season:

- The top placing teams from each Regional Partner Competition will move on to Nationals

## SUBMISSION DEADLINES

To ensure a smooth competition experience, teams must submit all required materials by the deadlines set by each PC and NDDL, including:

- Music and final mix
- Lighting cues + other venue based production requirements (if applicable)
- Intro video (if applicable)
- Digital backdrop (if applicable)
- Liability forms + hotel confirmation
- Any roster updates

Penalty fees will be established by PCs for any late submissions

# JUDGING RUBRIC

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## **CHOREOGRAPHY** **250**

Staging & Blocking 50

Creativity, Originality & Complexity 50

Musicality 50

Dynamics in Movement & Dance Style 100

## **EXECUTION** **250**

Synchronization 100

Dance Foundations 50

Technique 100

## **PERFORMANCE** **250**

Facials 100

X-Factor 50

Stage Presence 100

## **PRESENTATION** **250**

Music Selection & Transitions 50

Costumes, Hair/Makeup 50

Staging, Backdrops, Props & Production 50

Theme & Storytelling 100

## **OVERALL IMPRESSION** **100**

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**TOTAL SCORE** **1100**

# APPLICATION AND MATCHMAKING

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## APPLICATION

To apply for NDDL Season 4, teams must fill out the [official NDDL Application](#) with basic team information. After submitting, team leadership must join the [NDDL Discord](#), where a private registration channel will be created for all ongoing communication.

## TIMELINE

- **Application Launch:** May 15, 2026
- **Early Access:** Ends June 30, 2026
- **Regular Access:** Ends September 30, 2026
- **Late Access:** Ends November 30, 2026
- **Final Lineups:** Announced December 21, 2026

## PROCESS

- **Apply:** Teams submit their application with all their logistical information.
- **Matchmaking:** Teams are matched to a PC based on their region and first-come, first-served application priority.
- **Access:** Acceptance grants access to the NDDL Portal for the season.

# PAYMENT INFORMATION

## APPLICATION FEE

Team application fees are due at the time of application submission.

**Reminder:** this is separate from the PC registration fee administered by each PC. The earlier you apply, the lower your team application fee:

Fee Type	Fee Amount	Deadline
Early	\$300	Jun 30, 2026
Regular	\$350	Sep 30, 2026
Late	\$400	Nov 30, 2026

## ROSTER FEE

**\$25/dancer** roster fee is due **December 10, 2026**.

To ensure the continued sustainability and operational integrity of the league, all participating teams are subject to a 16-member minimum for the assessment of league roster fees.

- **Policy Detail:** Even if a team's official roster contains fewer than 16 members, the team is required to pay the \$25/dancer roster fee for a minimum of 16 dancers.

# PAYMENT INFORMATION

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## SECURITY DEPOSIT

Each team must submit a **\$250 security deposit by December 10, 2026**. This deposit is held as a precaution and will only be used in the event of:

- Venue damage caused by the team
- Fines due to behavioral violations (e.g. breaking venue rules, legal infractions, etc.)

The deposit will be returned at the end of the season if no fines or issues arise.

## HOW TO PAY

Payments must be made via **Zelle to: [accounts@nddl.com](mailto:accounts@nddl.com)**

**Any other payment method will incur fees.** If Zelle doesn't work for your team, please contact us at **[cfo@nddl.com](mailto:cfo@nddl.com)** to determine the next best method.

## WITHDRAWAL PENALTY

Any team that drops out of an accepted competition will be assessed a \$500 withdrawal fee per event. Failure to pay will result in suspension from the league.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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## GENERAL LIABILITY WAIVER

By submitting this form, your team understands and agrees that:

- NDDL is not responsible for any injury, illness, accident, loss, or property damage incurred during participation in any NDDL-related events, rehearsals, travel, or competitions.
- All participants assume full responsibility for their health, safety, and belongings during the course of the season.
- Teams agree to abide by the rules and safety protocols of all Partner Competition venues.
- NDDL is not liable for any delays, cancellations, or changes resulting from weather, travel complications, or third-party partners.

## CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

All teams must:

- Uphold respectful behavior at all NDDL events, both in-person and online (including [Discord](#), email, and social media).
- Abide by all local, state, and federal laws. Illegal activity — including but not limited to underage drinking, drug use, vandalism, harassment, or theft — will result in disciplinary action.
- Any instance of sexual assault, harassment, or criminal activity will result in immediate removal from NDDL and be reported to legal authorities without exception.
- Accept that venue damage, conduct violations, or failure to follow safety or competition rules may result in team fines, disqualification, and/or withholding of security deposits.
- Designate at least three team points of contact to serve as official points of contact for all communication and compliance throughout the season.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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## FINANCIAL COMMITMENT & REFUND POLICY

By submitting this form, you acknowledge that:

- All team application fees, dancer registration fees, and security deposits are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise by NDDL.
- Your team is responsible for full and timely payment of all applicable fees as outlined in the application packet.
- Failure to submit payments on time may result in late fees, loss of Partner Competition placement, or removal from the season.
- Security deposits will only be refunded at the end of the season, pending no rule violations or fines.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERMS

One of the team captains must sign this page and acknowledge that:

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- Your team is responsible for full and timely payment of all applicable fees as outlined in the application packet.
- Failure to submit payments on time may result in late fees, loss of Partner Competition placement, or removal from the season.
- Security deposits will only be refunded at the end of the season, pending no rule violations or fines.

**Due at the time of application submission via submission of this [Google Form](#).**

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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**Team Name**

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**Team Captain Name**

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**Team Captain Signature**

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**Date**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **Do we need to submit a qualifier or audition video (AV) to apply?**

No. All teams start directly in the regular season. No qualifiers or AVs are required for Season 4.

## **How many competitions will our team attend?**

Each accepted team will be assigned one regional partner competition. You may opt into a second competition outside your region if space allows.

## **What's the cost to register?**

- Team Application Fee:
  - \$300 (Early, due June 30, 2026)
  - \$350 (Regular, due Sept 30, 2026)
  - \$400 (Late, due Nov 30, 2026)
- \$25 per dancer registration fee (due Dec 10, 2026)
- \$250 security deposit (refundable, if no fines)

## **What's the performance format?**

- 7-minute routine (includes intro video)
- 1-minute setup on stage before the music starts
- 20-point deduction for every 10 seconds over the time limit

## **How are teams matched to competitions?**

- Your location
- Competition capacity
- Competition preference

## **How are Nationals spots decided?**

Top placed teams per region go to Nationals.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **What happens if my team changes roster mid-season?**

Updates must be submitted before the 72-hour pre-show deadline. New members must pay the \$25 fee.

## **Is there a roster cap enforced by NDDL for the season?**

No, there is no enforced roster cap. Teams can include as many dancers as they'd like as long as dancers are paying the \$25 NDDL fee along with any associated registration fees.

## **Is participation in the Discord required?**

Yes. All communication and document submissions happen via NDDL's Discord server.

## **How do we get our security deposit back?**

If your team avoids venue damage or conduct violations, the \$250 will be refunded after the season.

*For any questions, please reach out to [directors@nddl.com](mailto:directors@nddl.com).*