

Georgia High School Association  
State Competitive Dance Invitational  
February 11-12, 2026



Akins Arena  
Classic Center  
Athens, Georgia

Coaches Information

### **Competition times:**

There will be 3 sessions. The following competitions will be held:

Wednesday, **4pm** Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>- A-2A Pom, 3A-5A Pom, 6A Jazz, A-6A Kick

Thursday, **9am**, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – A-2A Hip Hop, 3A-5A Jazz, 6A Hip Hop

Thursday, **3pm**, Feb. 12- A-2A Jazz, 3A-5A Hip Hop, 6A Pom

**Music should have already been emailed to Jeff Hulsey with the School's name and dance style noted. If you have not done this, email to [jhaudiaproductions@gmail.com](mailto:jhaudiaproductions@gmail.com)**

### **Registration & Team check in:**

Team check in will be located at team drop off on Foundry Street. Buses should drop off the team and coaches off look for signs)

Please have your transportation department send in this information immediately:

[https://classiccenter.formstack.com/forms/classic\\_center\\_bus\\_parking](https://classiccenter.formstack.com/forms/classic_center_bus_parking)

Teams may check in by

- 3:00pm for Wednesday's session
- 8:00 am on Thursday for the morning session
- 3:00 pm for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session on Thursday.

- Teams competing in both sessions may remain in the arena between sessions. If you would like to order food for your team, please email PPalmer2@levyrestaurants.com for options.

**All teams must be checked in by the beginning of the session.**

Up to **20 team members** and 3 coaches may check in with the team if they are dressed in a school warm up or team uniform/costume. All team members should be on your roster that was submitted by Feb. 1. Coaches must be listed on the GHSA coaches list and have a Dragonfly pass to enter with the team.

**Teams should arrive in uniform. While there are locker rooms for teams to use, no team gets to use that locker room by themselves.** Teams who will compete twice on Wednesday will have access to dressing areas. You will have time for your team to dress in this area and return to their assigned seats. This is not a place where you will be able to have team meetings or leave your things. All of your items (book bags, etc.) should be placed in the seating area you are assigned.

**Bus drivers should arrive at the Pass Gate and will be allowed entry with the proper credentials.**

Teams will be directed on where to sit and put their things. Your assigned area is where the staff can find you to make sure you get to warm ups on time. **It is important to be on time for warm ups!**

Please keep your team together until after all competition for your team is over.

**Warm ups:**

Your team will receive a warm up time to meet Staff to take you to warm ups. Please do not make the staff look for you. **If you are not at warm ups on time you may receive a “delay of meet” deduction.**

The warm up room is carpeted and will also allow for stretching, as well as running through the routine. You will be given approximately 10 minutes to stretch and go through your routine. There will be a Bluetooth speaker there for your convenience.

After warm ups a guide will take you back to the arena. You will have a matted space to warm up lifts and anything else you need when your team is waiting to be “on deck.”

**Performance floor:**

Teams will navigate through in the hole, on deck, etc. There will be a person on the main floor who will direct you where to go. The basketball court will be your performance space. The judges are up high where they have the best view.

**Exiting:**

Teams will exit to their right and find water stations immediately off the floor. The trainer will be stationed there, as well. After teams finish water, they are to go back to be with their team

**Athletic Trainers:** An athletic trainer will be on site. They are available for taping before, during, and after competition. Please provide tape and pre-wrap if needed. There will also be water stations at several places after warmups and when your team comes off the floor.

**Awards:**

Awards will be given at the end of the competition. The top 6 teams will be called to the floor of all styles/divisions. The announcer will call out 4th-1st place. The runner up and winner receive trophies and medals- like all other GHSA sports. Please, please make your athletes AND their parents understand this.

**Spectator Admission:**

2/11-<https://gofan.co/event/5920490?schoolId=GHSA>

2/12 Morning- <https://gofan.co/event/5920493?schoolId=GHSA>

2/12 Afternoon- <https://gofan.co/event/5920497?schoolId=GHSA>

2 Session Pass 2/11-2/12 Morning- <https://gofan.co/event/5920509?schoolId=GHSA>

2 Session Pass 2/12 Morning & Afternoon-  
<https://gofan.co/event/5920511?schoolId=GHSA>

3 Session Pass- <https://gofan.co/event/5920504?schoolId=GHSA>

**Pass Gate:** A GHSA pass gate will be available. Coaches must show their Dragonfly coaching pass to be admitted. College coaches will be admitted at this gate with their proper ID.

**Parking:** There are several parking decks available and metered parking on the street, as well. For bus parking, please submit this form:

[https://classiccenter.formstack.com/forms/classic\\_center\\_bus\\_parking](https://classiccenter.formstack.com/forms/classic_center_bus_parking)

**Security guidelines:** Akins Arena has a clear bag policy for spectators. Please check out the information here: <https://www.classiccenter.com/akins-ford-arena>

Team members may bring in their bookbags when they are checking in.

**Concessions/hospitality:** There will be several concession stands open throughout the event.

**Vendors:** Pepwear will be available for event apparel near the GHSA pass gate as spectators enter the arena.

**Music Selection:** Please make sure your music selection is free of any explicit language or violent implications. Teams that use music that violate may be disqualified.

**Questions?** Any questions on legalities of stunts or apparel should be sent to Penny Mitchell at [penny@ghsa.net](mailto:penny@ghsa.net) before Feb.8<sup>th</sup>.