

# Encore Performing Arts Showcase Inc. 2026 Elite Team - For Your Information

## **Subject to change**

Congratulations on being selected to be a part of the 2026 Encore Elite Teams! You are invited to attend our 2026 Nationals at Tahoe Blue Event Center in Lake Tahoe and perform a routine choreographed by the best in the business during the Grand Slam Championship & Awards Gala on the evening of Friday June 26th.

- Dancer/s do not need to attend with their studio to be able to participate on the Elite Teams.
- If a dancer/s wishes to compete at Nationals they will need to register through their studio. \*\*Additional fees apply.

## **Registration Deadline: Friday May 14, 2026**

### **Schedule of Emails** *(Dates are subject to change)*

- May 2026 - How to Register to be on the Elite Team
  - This email will be sent directly to the studio directors and they will forward to their Elite Team Recipient(s).
  - There is a link in the email to fill out a form where you can provide sizes for costumes, parent contact information and a color photo headshot to be used for the Elite Team posters.
    - Please make sure the parent email is one that is checked on a regular basis since this is where the majority of the communication is through.
  - There is also a link to pay for the Elite Team Fee
    - The fee includes: Costume, Elite Team Jacket, Bag, Pizza Party & any props to be used in the routine, etc.
  - **Registration Deadline: Wednesday May 14, 2026**
- May 2026 - Elite Team Photo Page, Rehearsal Schedule, What to Pack & Facebook Group
  - This email will be sent directly to the parents of registered and paid Elite Team Members
  - Another Tentative schedule will be provided if any changes have been made.
  - You will be provided with a link to request to be added to the Elite Team Facebook Group.
    - This will be a closed group for the Members only and their Parents/Legal Guardians. Please allow up to 24 hours to be approved to join the group. This group will be used as a secondary communication method.
    - **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\* - During Nationals week this Facebook group will be where any changes will be sent and where you can ask any questions.**
- Choreography will be emailed out as soon as it is received
  - All Elite Team Members will be expected to know & have a complete grasp of the choreography.
  - Choreography will also be posted to the FaceBook group.

### **Elite Rehearsal Schedule** - *All rehearsals are closed and subject to change*

Encore will send a Team Photo along with the DanceBug video of their final performance at the Gala as soon as possible after Nationals.

Date	Junior Elite Team (ages 8-12)	Senior Elite Team (ages 13+)
Sunday, June 21, 2026	5:30pm - 8:00pm	1:00pm - 3:30pm
Monday, June 22, 2026	6:30pm - 8:30pm	No Rehearsal
Tuesday, June 23, 2026	No Rehearsal	5:00pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	8:00pm - 10:30pm	5:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, June 25, 2026	6:30pm - 8:00pm - All Rehearsal 8:30pm - Photo & Pizza Party **Please wear full costume for Team Photo 9:00pm - 10:00pm - All Tech Rehearsal Elite Team Photo & Dress Rehearsal **Parents of Elite Team Members will be allowed in for the final run through <b>PLEASE NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS</b>	6:30pm - 8:00pm - All Rehearsal 8:30pm - Photo & Pizza Party **Please wear full costume for Team Photo 10:00pm - 11:00pm - All Tech Rehearsal Elite Team Photo & Dress Rehearsal **Parents of Elite Team Members will be allowed in for the final run through <b>PLEASE NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS</b>
Friday, June 26, 2026	1:30pm - 3:30pm - Head & Tails 4:45pm - Red Carpet 4:45pm - Pizza for Gala Dancers ONLY 5:15pm - Grand Slam Gala - Doors Open 5:45pm - Miss/Mr Encore 6:00pm - Show Start	1:30pm - 3:30pm - Head & Tails 4:45pm - Red Carpet 4:45pm - Pizza for Gala Dancers ONLY 5:15pm - Grand Slam Gala - Doors Open 5:45pm - Miss/Mr Encore 6:00pm - Show Start

**Attendance**

Attendance is required for **ALL** rehearsals. Please get with the Encore office as soon as possible if there is a conflict. We do our best to schedule Elite Members around their rehearsal times but if they are a little late due to competition performance or awards that is ok.

**What to Bring to Nationals**

- Elite Team Shirt Received at Regionals
- Black Belt
- Black Short Shorts
- Black Fishnets (no seam)
- Skin Tone Bra with Straps – NOT STRAPLESS (Halter or Clear Straps)
- Skin Tone Tights
- Black Cami - Can be crop or full length
- Black Jazz Shoes
- Black Combat Boots
- Safety Pins

**Hair & Makeup**

Hair & Makeup should be whatever is required by your studio should you be in another dance in the Gala unless required by the Elite Team Choreographers.

**Grand Slam Championship & Awards Gala - Friday June 26, 2026**

Elite Team Members do NOT need a ticket to perform in the Grand Slam Championship & Awards Gala. Additional Gala information will be provided at a later date. An email will be sent to registered/paid Elite Team Members when tickets are about to go on sale.

**For any questions while onsite please send a message in the Facebook Group.**