

Dance Competition Packing List

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The 10 things never to forget

- ☐ Every costume, with every piece that goes with it
- ☐ Tights for each routine, and a spare pair
- ☐ The right shoes for each routine
- ☐ Hair pieces and accessories: headpieces, bows, earrings
- ☐ Bobby pins, hair elastics, gel and hairspray
- ☐ Makeup, including lashes and lash glue
- ☐ The schedule, with your dancer's entry numbers and call times
- ☐ Safety pins and fashion tape
- ☐ Water and snacks
- ☐ A phone charger or battery pack

The packing list, by category

Costumes and tights

- ☐ Each costume on its own hanger, in a garment bag
- ☐ The accessories for each costume, in a labeled pouch on its hanger
- ☐ Tights for each routine, in the color and style the studio asked for
- ☐ A spare pair of every kind of tights
- ☐ Undergarments the studio asked for (nude leotard, dance briefs)
- ☐ Shoes for each routine, and foot thongs or half-soles if used
- ☐ The studio warm-up or jacket
- ☐ A cover-up or robe to wear over a costume between routines
- ☐ Slip-on shoes for walking around in costume

Hair

- ☐ Brush and comb
- ☐ Bobby pins in your dancer's hair color, more than you think
- ☐ Hair elastics
- ☐ Bun nets, and a bun form if your dancer uses one
- ☐ Gel and hairspray
- ☐ Hair pieces for each routine: headpiece, bow, scrunchie, clips
- ☐ Curling iron or hot rollers, if a routine's look calls for curls

Makeup

- ☐ Foundation and powder in your dancer's shade
- ☐ Blush, eyeshadow and eyeliner as the studio specifies
- ☐ Mascara
- ☐ False lashes and lash glue
- ☐ The studio's lipstick shade, and lip liner
- ☐ Brushes and sponges
- ☐ Makeup remover wipes and cotton swabs
- ☐ A small mirror

Quick-change kit

- ☐ Safety pins in several sizes
- ☐ Fashion tape
- ☐ A small sewing kit, with thread in your costume colors
- ☐ Small scissors
- ☐ Clear nail polish, to stop a run in tights
- ☐ A stain stick
- ☐ Fabric glue for a loose rhinestone
- ☐ A lint roller
- ☐ Spare earring backs
- ☐ A towel or mat to stand on while changing

Emergency kit

- ☐ Bandages and blister pads
- ☐ Toe tape
- ☐ The pain reliever your family uses
- ☐ Any medicine your dancer takes
- ☐ An instant ice pack
- ☐ Tissues and hand sanitizer
- ☐ Period products
- ☐ Deodorant

Food and water

- ☐ Water bottles, more than one
- ☐ Snacks that don't crumble or stain: crackers, pretzels, granola bars, cheese sticks
- ☐ Easy fruit: bananas, grapes, apple slices
- ☐ A simple lunch, for a long day
- ☐ Straws, so your dancer can drink without smudging lipstick
- ☐ A small cooler
- ☐ Napkins and wet wipes

Parent bag

- ☐ Phone, charger and a battery pack
- ☐ The schedule, printed or saved on your phone
- ☐ Cash, for parking or vendors
- ☐ Any tickets or wristbands you were sent
- ☐ A sweater: dressing areas and auditoriums can be cold
- ☐ A folding chair or blanket, where the dressing area allows it
- ☐ Something to read, and snacks for siblings
- ☐ A marker and labels

Convention add-ons

- Several class outfits: fitted dancewear your dancer can move in all day
- Shoes for every style on the class grid: jazz shoes, ballet slippers, sneakers for hip hop
- Knee pads, if your dancer uses them for floor work
- A layer for between classes
- Lunch and extra water: breaks between classes can be short
- A small notebook for combinations and corrections

This competition

Competition and dates:

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