2020 Solo/Duet/Trio/Small Group Rules & Regulations

We are excited to announce that Just For Kix is offering a Solo/Small Group competition for dancers interested in additional competition. Listed below you will find general rules and regulations for these competitions. Also, you will find the styles and division levels available to compete in.

2020 Solo/Duet/Trio/Small Group Competitions:

- **Sauk Rapids High School** (Sauk Rapids, MN) the solo/duet/trio/small group competition will held on Sunday, March 1st.
- **Eden Prairie High School** (Eden Prairie, MN) the solo/duet/trio/small group competition will held on Saturday, March 28th
- **Rochester Nationals Mayo Civic Center** (Rochester, MN) the solo/duet/trio/small group competition will held on either Friday, April 24th or Saturday, April 25th

**Register** – Entries for the Solo/Duet/Small Group competition will open on January 1st, 2020 for all three competitions.

**Divisions** –
Solo (1 dancer) will be one division.
Duet (2 dancers), Trio (3 dancers), Small Group (up to 7 dancers) will be another division.

Participants must be active and currently registered Just For Kix dancers, with accounts in good standing. Exceptions for Rochester Nationals, non-JFK dancers may compete at this competition.

**Time Limits** – 1:30-2:30 minutes
Note: Overtime will result in automatic point deduction of one point for every 5 seconds under/over the time limit.

**Music** – Music/Song choice must be appropriate. Please take time to be sure the lyrics and meaning of the music chosen is in good taste. Just For Kix prides itself on our conservative music choices, and would like those competing in this event to choose music appropriately as well.

- Each entry will be required to record their own music on an individual CD, USB or have their director email it to music@justforkix.com
- There must be one routine/song per CD or file, clearly labeled with the dancer’s name, name of the routine, age division, performance division, and JFK class location name.
- All music should be recorded at proper speed. For EMERGENCY, you must have 1-2 duplicate recordings available at the competition.
- MUSIC MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COMPTITION. Music can be mailed to the home office, properly labeled as stated:
  Just For Kix
  Attn: Solo/Small Group Competition
  7842 College Road
  Baxter, MN 56425
- Directors and/or Instructors can send music to: music@justforkix.com Please do not have parents or dancers send to this e-mail box.
**Entrees:** Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and will be limited to the amount of performance time available. JFK reserves the right to add additional competition time or eliminate the competition due to unforeseen circumstances. All registration should be made through our website, directions to submit will be announced when available.

**Fees:** Entry fees are as follows:
- $90.00 for each Solo entrant. – 1 dancer total
- $45.00 for each Duet entrant. – 2 dancers total
- $30.00 for each Trio entrant. – 3 dancers total
- $23.00 for each Small group entrant. – 4-6 dancers total

These fees go to cover facility cost, judges, other individuals working at this event, etc. We are proud to be able to offer this event at MUCH lower fees than most competitions of this type.

**Performance Styles:**
- Jazz – Routine using Jazz technique and skills.
- Lyrical – Routine encompassing the use of balance, flexibility and control using the lyrics or mood of the music.

**Categories -** Categories will be broken down based on the number of entrants. The breakdown will go as such:

1. **Division –** Solo’s will be one division. Duet/Trio and Small Groups will be in another division. Limit for Small Groups of four participants.
2. **Average Grade:**
   - Wee: 2-3.5
   - Mini: 3.51-5.5
   - Middle: 5.51-7.5
   - Junior: 7.51-9.5
   - Senior: 9.51-12
   - In the event of low participation divisions may be combined in order to allow for adequately sized divisions.

**Choreography –** Choreography should fit the music and include appropriate steps and movements. Inappropriate or suggestive movement will receive deductions.
- Program Directors are not required to help choreograph the routines. We do this so that the directors do not feel obligated to help when they are many times already stretched for time.
- Just For Kix class time CANNOT be used for Solo/Small Group routines.
- Your Just For Kix class routine cannot be used for the competing routine.

**General Props are Allowed:** No dangerous props may be used such as fire, swords, knives or live animals. No form of liquids (including water) gels, aerosols, glitter, or confetti, etc., which may affect the dance floor surface may be used during a routine. Props must not affect or incur damage to the performance floor.

**Costumes/Uniforms:**
Costuming can be chosen to match the song chosen to perform to. Dancer may use their Just For Kix uniform or provide their own.

**Divisions:**
Students will compete in the following grade division:

Note: For Duet/Trios or Small Groups, the average age determines the grade division into which you compete. Add the grades of all contestants, and then divide by the number of contestants.
Performing: A performance order will be created prior to the competition based on number of entrants and divisions.
- Dancers will be given the order and approximate times a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Dancers will line up in the chute, similar to the team events hosted at the facility. Dancers are allowed to have a chaperone with them (parent, Director) etc, but it is not required. Dancer will enter onto the floor when the chute manager indicates. Timing of the routine will start when the music begins and stop when the music ends.
- Routines may only be re-performed in the case of technical difficulties or injury. Dancer will be moved to the end of the performance order.
- All contestants grant permission to Just For Kix to use their photographs to appear on local and/or national print to promote its competitions.

Awards: The top one third of each division will receive a medal based on placement. Awards will also be given for total points awarded to each dancer, further details on awards will be announced closer to the event. A panel of judges scores determine final placement according to rank.

Additional Notes:
- Please note that each dancer should register individually via the website. The rules will be evaluated and enforced on an individual basis, based on what is best for all parties involved.
- Sportsmanlike behavior is expected at all times. Failure to display proper decorum by the dancer(s) or their parent(s)/guardian(s) could result in immediate disqualification. JFK and the hosting facility are not responsible for personal injury or property loss.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ OVER EVERYTHING CAREFULLY.

Solo/Duet/Trio/Small Group Judging Sheet Criteria

Attached you will find a Copy of the Judging Sheet for the Solo’s and Double event. Here are a few notes about each category.

Technique & Execution: This category is where dancers get scored on how they are doing what they are doing. Are they performing the skills in their routines with proper technique. This involves proper positioning, timing and rhythm, flexibility, extension, control etc.

Choreography & Content: In this category dancers are scored on the routine they are performing. Do they use the floor? Is their variety? How difficult is the routine? Does it flow well? Have they used the music well? etc.

Showmanship: This category focuses on the performance of the dancer. Are they connecting with the audience? Are they using facial expression consistently and does it fit the routine? They are also scored on energy level, confidence memory of the routine etc.

Appearance: This category scores dancers on their overall appearance. This is not a beauty contest so we are not scoring our favorite costume, the most expensive costume or the most glitzy costume, it is simply noting whether the dancer took time to do their hair, that their uniform is clean and put together, that it is appropriate for the competition, fits their routine and that if they wear make-up it is appropriate. Make-up is not required and dancers will not be penalized for not wearing it.
Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: My dancer’s cousin is not a Just For Kix dancer; can she be part of the duet?
A: Only during the Rochester Nationals event.

Q: Can we use choreography from a Just For Kix dance?
A: You cannot use an entire routine, but as with most individual choreography, it is acceptable to utilize 2-3 eight counts of choreography.

Q: Can my dancer wear their Just For Kix class costume?
A: Absolutely. Costuming is a small portion of the judging, and if it matches the style of the routine that is just fine.

Q: We originally registered as a duet, and now decided to compete as a small group. Can we change our division?
A: Please call the Home Office to check on the possibility of any changes, 218-829-7107 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm.

Q: Can we hire an outside choreographer?
A: Yes. We want the dancer to be active in the choreography process, but you are welcome to use any means for your choreography.