

CDF Policies and Rules

Each group will have 6 minutes.

You may not exceed your 6-minute limit. You are presenting a 'taste' of what your program is about. This includes costume changes and time between shorter pieces. All of your group's dances must be performed together, we cannot split your dances between other groups. In past years, directors used to make a tiny speech before their performance, but we have changed that policy in the service of keeping the concert moving. There will be no speeches. Information about the piece can be printed in the program, please include it with that form. We also ask that you not do more than two dances. It is OK to do less than 6 minutes.

Groups are limited to 12-15 participants.

As a general rule, each child may only perform once. For example, if you have two pieces and one is duet and one is a large group piece, and the duet's dancers are in the large group piece, don't present the duet.

Groups Must be accompanied by Directors.

Groups must be accompanied by directors or designated chaperones who can serve as directors: know costumes, personnel, sound cues, etc. They must be able to see to the attendance, management and well-being of the group throughout the day.

Groups must plan to be there the whole day. It is a part of this festival to be a part of the workshops and the group bow; groups/dancers may not just come for the performance. Groups must plan to stay to the conclusion of the concert thru the final bow, even if it runs past the scheduled ending time of 6 PM. It is very disappointing unfair to be the last group and have the audience walk out before you dance.

Children should eat before they arrive. There is no scheduled "lunch" period.

Kids may eat snacks during the dressing time at 3:00 PM. It is extremely rude for children to leave workshops in order to sit in the hall and eat, which is essentially in front of the other children and the teacher. Please make this clear to parents and students.

Parent Chaperones. Groups that have very young dancers should have enough parents to care for them. Please limit chaperones to a one to five ratio for children under 10, a one to six ratio for children 10-14, a one to eight ratio for children 14-18. Please make up large name tags for your group's chaperones so that we can tell who is who. For example "Mary Quarry, RDF Dance Co, Parent Chaperone".

There are no lights for the performance.

There is not even on off. The room is filled with day-light.

Performance Tickets: There has been some confusion about paying for tickets to the performance. To clarify: Concert tickets and program ads are how we cover the expenses of the festival. This is in lieu of charging children for participation. All parents and/or volunteers must buy tickets to see the performance. Cash or checks only, no credit cards. Only the dancers and directors get in free. We used to discourage attendance because we had limited seating, but now, at the Boston Ballet, we are not filling the house, so feel free to invite many folks! Tickets will be on sale at the registration at noon and before the concert at about 3:15 PM. There is a family maximum of \$25. No one will be turned away for financial reasons. (See the Volunteer Coordinators at the festival for financial wavers.) Admission does not guarantee a chair. Most of the seating is floor seating. Chair priority will be given to the elderly and disabled.

Costumes and Music: The concert has a mixed-age audience of families and performers. Family friendly costuming and no explicit musical lyrics, please!!

Dropping Out: We realize that when working with children, things happen and groups cannot attend the festival. Please let us know ASAP if you are dropping out. Volunteer deadlines and program info deadlines must be met. We cannot guarantee you a place in the written program if you do not turn in your materials on time.

Failure to follow the rules of this festival may result in termination, either on the festival day or for your group for next year. If you do not turn in your volunteer names or program info by the deadlines, we will assume you are not attending.