## 2017 – 2018 Competition Information

**Dressed and Ready Time (DRT)** is approximately 90 minutes before your Routines performance time. This is not your planned arrival time to the Competition Venue. Please ensure that you have left enough time to find the location, building, entrance, change rooms, rehearsal space, teacher etc. At your DRT parents will leave the Dancers with their Teacher and can go find their seats for the performance at that time. After the performance, Dancers will be brought back to the rehearsal room to be picked up by their Parents. Teachers will be responsible for Dancers from the DRT time until they are returned back to Parents after their performance time.

We kindly ask that Parents take your Dancers to the bathroom before their DRT. For younger Teams, Teachers will also do a bathroom break before the Dancers go on stage. Please remind your Dancers to stay in the rehearsal space with their Teacher at all times. Should a Dancer need to go to the bathroom she must let the Teacher know and always travel with a buddy. Please note, Teachers often have more than one routine and/or Team to rehearse at a time. It is a very busy time but we have a magic system to make sure all Dancers are getting what they need. We appreciate parents understanding and cooperation during DRT.

Adjudication (Awards Ceremony) times can be anywhere from 5 minutes – 3 hours after a performance. This is an exciting time for everyone. Dancers will be invited up onto the stage to listen to awards and will be called up to receive the awards. Dancers must wear their OAA Competitive Wear on stage at all times; black pants are the preferred bottoms. Please remember that you are representing OAA when on stage at awards. Remind your Dancers to sit quietly and listen to the announcer and applaud for ALL routines receiving an award. Please refrain from wearing any purses, bags, satchels, over top of your Competitive Team jacket. Cell phones are not permitted on stage during awards ceremonies. Awards ceremonies involve a lot of children in one place at one time. After awards ceremonies are dismissed, please keep an eye on your Dancer as they are exiting the stage into the audience. Teachers are always present at awards ceremonies however; there may be times where we have to leave in a hurry to be ready for another routines DRT.

**Competitive Tips and Tricks,** created by our Seasoned Dance Moms and Dads over the years, is posted on the Competitive Website. I find this very useful, especially for the new Dance Families this year!

**Competitive Class Cancellations:** Should any regular classes be condensed or cancelled due to Competition Schedule you will be notified when the schedule is released. Dancers can expect that all classes run as normal unless mandatory groups are held at that time.

**Communication on Competition Weekends:** Please ensure that any questions or concerns are directed to Miss Brittany and Teachers before Competition Weekend. Please note, Competitions run anywhere from Thursday – Sunday with hours ranging from 6:00 am – 11:00 pm. If for any reason, you need to reach Miss Brittany during a competition weekend please contact Admin 905 844 2787 or Heidi – 416 819 4901.