



South Asian Showdown



Registration Packet

Dear South Asian Showdown Registrant

Thank you for your interest in the ninth annual South Asian Showdown dance competition hosted by South Asian Nation, Inc. The last eight years have been a phenomenal success with sold out audiences and fantastic performances by the very talented teams.

The concept of South Asian Showdown is to put the best South Asian dance teams up against one another! Fusion, and Hindi-Film teams will compete against one another, in order to be deemed the best South Asian Dance Team. Hence the name, South Asian Showdown!

We, having been to many competitions ourselves, know what competitors look for in a competition: fun, organization, ease of travel, and of course, *dance* representation. We promise to bring you this and more, as we continually strive to bring excellence to the city of Boston and welcome teams from across the globe.

The eighth annual competition will take place on **Saturday, February 24th, 2018** @ John Hancock Auditorium in Boston, MA. The registration packet is due on December 1st 2017. We will also have early registration, which ends on November 3rd, 2017. By applying early, your team will get additional benefits, including a lower registration fee, and a chance to be accepted earlier into the competition!!

We will be placing the first 3 teams in the competition with the winner taking home **\$5000!** This is the largest prize pool of any competition! Beyond the prize money, we promise to bring the best competition and organization to South Asian dance. Our goal is to promote our South Asian culture and our love of dance in the US. Through proper organization, creativity, and planning we believe this event will help us in reaching that goal.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@southasianshowdown.com.

Sincerely,

South Asian Nation



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South Asian Showdown Competition Incentives

Upon the completion of the registration packet and acceptance of your team, you will be given the following prior to and on the day of the competition:

- Team promotion on website, t-shirts, video, and brochure
- Guaranteed admission to all events affiliated with the competition
- Participant package (including t-shirts, after party tickets, etc)
- By registering before November 3rd, your team will get additional benefits listed under Special for 2017 below!
- An individual (liaison) from our committee assigned to your team for questions/inquiries/guidance
- Judges comments on your performance

Special for 2018:

- 1st place receives **\$5000**
- Bids into other competitions
- Register Early and get:
 - Reduced registration fee - \$350 vs \$400 for regular
 - Be informed earlier about your acceptance into the competition



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South Asian Showdown Registration Requirements

In order for your team to be eligible for this competition all of the following information must be provided and received by **December 1st, 2017**. After the completed registration packet has been received, your team will be informed of their status no later than December 8th, 2017. Please provide the following:

- Completed Registration Form
- Early Registration Fee: \$350 for the first 16. \$50 additional for each team member up to 22.
- Regular Registration Fee: \$400 for the first 16. \$50 additional for each team member up to 22.
- Signed Affidavit Form
- Tentative Team Roster
- A minimum of a 2-minute tryout video that best represents what your team will bring to South Asian Showdown. This must be a tryout video for the 2017/2018 dance season. No performance videos or historical videos will be accepted.

Expectations Once Accepted into the Competition

We will provide extensive information to all teams to ensure everyone is on a level playing field. Below are some of the things we will require before the competition:

- Finalized Music (mp3 only)
- Team Introduction Video (no longer than 2 minutes long) (.mp4 only)
- Lighting Request
- Props List (including use of microphones)
- Backdrop information
- Team Picture
- Finalized Team Roster
- Hotel Security Form
- Itinerary of Team (flight information, hotel reservations, etc)



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Each team member is required to sign the affidavit form to ensure that they understand the rules and regulations of The South Asian Showdown.

All team members must read and abide by the following rules:

1. All registration information must be received by December 1st, 2017.
2. All teams will be notified of their status by December 8th, 2017.
3. The minimum number of performers required to participate is 8.
4. The maximum number of team members on a team is 22. This includes dancers, managers, etc.
5. In the event that a team member is added or dropped, the change MUST be submitted to your team liaison. (All dropped team members will lose their registration privileges and all new members must submit all of the necessary documents in order to perform with their team.)
6. The event coordinators have the right to decline the registration of any team.
7. If a team wishes to drop out of the competition after being accepted, they will not be refunded their registration fee.
8. All teams that are not accepted into the competition will receive a full refund of their registration money.
9. All team members must provide the appropriate identification when they check-in (photo ID).



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South Asian Showdown Performance Rules

1. Teams may be comprised of males, females or a combination of both.
2. All teams must inform their liaison of their travel itinerary and *all team members must be present* on Friday, February 23rd, 2018 by 6 PM. If there is no team representation, that could jeopardize the placement of your team in the competition.
3. Teams are *required* to be at their stage rehearsal time the day of the performance. They are granted 15 minutes for the stage rehearsal. The performance must be done at least once during this time for professional recording purposes. There will be NO makeup times!
4. The minimum performance time allotted is 7 minutes and the maximum is 8 minutes. The judges will penalize any team that does not follow these time frames.
5. Your intro video may not exceed 2 minutes.
6. No individual will be allowed to perform for more than one team.
7. Fire, glitter, weapons and hay may not be used on stage. If your team intends on using a questionable prop please speak to your team liaison and receive approval.
8. If a tie occurs, the award will be split amongst the teams ranking at the same position.
9. Finalized team picture, introduction video, roster, prop list, lighting requests, music and travel itinerary (travel and hotel information) must be submitted to your team liaison based on the schedule presented to you.
10. Backdrops will be allowed for this competition, but we do ask that they are fire-proof. The size can be no longer than 25 feet wide and 15 feet high.
11. Large stage props will be allowed, but the FULLY constructed prop MUST fit through a 3 by 8 foot door. Due to limited space to hold these props, we ask all teams to consider this in making their props.
12. Lighting requests:
 - a. South Asian Nation makes no guarantees on lighting requests as that is controlled by union staff.
 - b. We highly recommend keeping your lighting very simple or white light throughout the dance. Ensure that the dance is easily visible, so that everyone can see and enjoy it. It also makes life easier on the judges.
 - c. Lighting options include: 1 spotlight, and colored lighting on stage (white/blue wash, and an option of amber, blue, red and white splashes on the stage).
13. Microphone options include 2 wireless microphones and 3-wired microphones.
14. Stage dimensions for dancing: 30 feet wide, 35 feet deep, and 20 feet high



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15. Walking behind the stage can allow transfer across the stage without being seen.
16. Each team must bring 2 extra copies of music with them to the stage rehearsals.
17. The music of each team must be based on the genre they have been selected to perform in. Hindi-Film teams must perform to at least 80% of Hindi-Film music on stage. Fusion teams must perform to at least 60% of south asian music on stage.
18. The performance CD *must*:
 - a. Have only ONE track on the CD
 - b. Be one continuous track
 - c. Have all breaks and pauses prerecorded
 - d. We **will not** be starting and stopping tracks throughout the performance. Everything must be pre-recorded and/or live.
19. All choreography must be unique and your own. If it is determined that any choreography has been taken from Bollywood film, other teams, or any place other than within your team, your team could be disqualified.
20. South Asian Nation will choose qualified judges, and an appropriate scoring sheet to maintain the proper integrity of the dance styles.
 - a. Scoring will be carefully explained to each of the captains so that every team has a clear understanding of what we are looking for
21. South Asian Nation is not responsible for any lost/stolen items.
22. South Asian Nation has the right to add/remove rules as they deem fit for the integrity of the competition.
23. No illegal/alcoholic substance is allowed within the vicinity of the competitive arena. This action will not be tolerated, and may be grounds for disqualification.
24. No banging of props on the stage will be allowed, and may be terms for disqualification.
25. Obnoxious, rude, impermissible behavior will not be tolerated at the competition. May be grounds for disqualification.
26. Any damage due to the performance, and/or obnoxious/impermissible behavior will be the liability of the team.
27. Obnoxious, rude, impermissible behavior will not be tolerated at the official hotel or after party. This may be grounds for point deduction or disqualification.
28. Any damage to any of the venues, facilities, and/or transportation, and/or obnoxious/impermissible behavior will be the liability of the team.



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Please provide all of the documentation and information listed in the registration requirement section. If all information is not submitted by the given date, we will not be able to consider your team an eligible candidate. All checks should be made out to South Asian Nation, Inc.

Team Captain/Contact Person & Team Info

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Address _____
 Town/City _____ State _____
 Zip Code _____ Country _____
 Phone () _____ Business () _____
 E-Mail address _____

Team Name _____

Number of team members: _____

Type of Team (check one): All Male All Female Co-ed

Team Category (check one): Hindi-Film Fusion

If your team is not initially accepted would you like to be put on a waiting list?
Please circle one: Yes No

Team Logistics

	Individual Names	E-Mail Address	T-shirt Size	Veg/Non-Veg
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Final Checklist for Registration

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Mailing Address

After you have completed the checklist above, please mail all of this material to:

**South Asian Nation
97 Aspinwall Avenue
Brookline, MA 02446**

We look forward to reviewing your registration packet, and thank you for applying.

Online Registration (Preferred Method)

We do encourage registering online (preferred) via our website. Simply visit: www.southasianshowdown.com. We recommend you submit your team tryout video via a youtube link (preferred), but please ensure it is of high quality and the link stays available through December 10th, 2017. If you have any further questions, please call: (617) 448-2508.

As for making payments online, please venmo Rohit @ 6174482508 or @Rohit-Bhambi.

You can literally register your team within 10 minutes if you have all the information!