

IHSA Competitive Dance State Final Time Schedule

Friday, January 31

SESSION 1 1A & 2A Preliminaries
9:15 a.m. Doors open to the State Final venue site
10:00 a.m. Welcome
10:10 a.m. Announcements & National Anthem
10:15 a.m. First Performance (1A & 2A Alternate Performances)
12:15 p.m. Officials Break
2:21 p.m. Last Performance
2:40 p.m. Announcement of 1A Finalists
2:50 p.m. Announcement of 2A Finalists

SESSION 2 3A Preliminaries
4:00 p.m. Welcome
4:10 p.m. Announcements & National Anthem
4:15 p.m. First Performance (3A)
6:15 p.m. Officials Break
7:19 p.m. Last Performance
7:40 p.m. Announcement of 3A Finalists

Saturday, February 1

SESSION 3
1A, 2A & 3A Team Finals
10:00 a.m. Doors open to the State Final venue site
10:55 a.m. Announcements & National Anthem
11:00 a.m. Team Finals (1A & 2A Alternate Performances)
• **Unified Performances**
12:45 p.m. 1A Team Awards
1:00 p.m. 2A Team Awards
1:55 p.m. Announcements & National Anthem
2:00 p.m. Team Finals (3A)
• **Unified Performances**
3:32 p.m. 3A Team Awards

**IHSA Competitive Dance Information <http://www.ihsa.org/SportsActivities/CompetitiveDance.aspx>

**Grossinger Motors Arena, Bloomington
101 S. Madison St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
P: 309-434-2843

www.grossingermotorsarena.com

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2024-25 IHSA STATE COMPETITIVE DANCE

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors, the Competitive Dance Advisory Committee, and our member schools, it is my pleasure to congratulate you and your team for qualifying for the 2024-25 IHSA Dance State Finals. We appreciate all of the work that you have put forth to be at the State tournament and hope this is a memorable weekend.

A special welcome and congratulations are extended to all the participants of this year's competition. You are applauded for your hard work, practice and commitment which have enabled you and your school to accomplish success. I also want to commend the coaches of all of our competing schools who have trained and prepared these dancers to reach this high level of performance.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Regardless of the outcome of this competition we ask that you do your best and display outstanding sportsmanship to represent your school and team. You have spent many long hours preparing and we wish you the very best and hope you enjoy your day at the IHSA state dance tournament. You should be able to find in this packet the helpful information to make your trip to State as smooth as possible. Feel free to call our office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of IHSA and for being a part of the inaugural IHSA state final experience. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracie Henry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracie Henry,
Assistant Executive Director Illinois High School Association

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Qualifying School Information

This material will enable you to make preparations for your trip to the Competitive Dance State Final at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington and I encourage you to share pertinent information with your parents and fans.

Checklist

IHSA State Final Checklist Did you...

- 1) Confirm your housing by Jan. 27, 2025. _____
- 2) Make your request for an athletic trainer pass if you are bringing a school certified trainer. _____
- 3) Contact Matt Troha, 309-663-6377, for a student media pass for school yearbook/photographer _____

Venue

- Venue Inquiries: Anthony Nelson, Business Manager, Bloomington Arena at (309) 434-2832.
- **Patron Information-** Please help us communicate to your fans, parents, and school that they must have a printed or digital ticket at main gates and the venue has a clear bag & metal detector policy. Printed tickets can be purchased on site at the Grossinger Motors Box Office.

Contacts

- Ticketing Information: Anthony Nelson, Bloomington Arena. For ticketing inquiries, please call (309) 434-2842 or email anelson@cityblm.org for all ticketing inquiries.
- Emergency Calls: Bloomington Arena – (309) 434-2843.
- Bloomington Normal Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau – (800) 433-8226. IHSA has a link to the Visitors Bureau. It can be accessed through the IHSA Competitive Dance web page www.ihsa.org.

Press

- Press Credentials/Information – Matt Troha, Assistant Executive Director, IHSA Office (309) 663- 6377 email to: mtroha@ihsa.org.

Housing

- Pre-Tournament Arrangements Hotel Information
- Qualifying teams can use the link below to book housing upon qualification. The link will open at 4PM on Saturday, January 25th. <https://mmxreservations.com/fer/#/visitbn?pageCode=ihsadance25> . Contact Zach Dietmeier at zach@visitbn.org or call 800-433-8226, if you have any questions.

Fan Housing

- Fans can contact the Bloomington Normal Area Visitors Bureau either by phone or by email for hotel information. Contact Zach@visitbn.org

Digital & Printed Tickets-

- The State Final Site will only be accepting **Ticketmaster** digital **or printed** tickets. Please share this link and have fans purchase tickets here or cash tickets are available at the Box Office for \$12. [IHSA Events \(grossingermotorsarena.com\)](https://www.grossingermotorsarena.com)

Credentials

- **Qualifying Schools**

Only 4 coaches and participants listed on the List of Participants will be credentialed. All coaches must meet the IHSA By-law 2.070 and have completed their PES, Concussion exams & Hate Speech. All others must buy a ticket. Only credentialed participants are allowed in the warmup and staging areas. Credentials allow participants access to the venue the entire weekend.

Trainer

- A trainer appointed by tournament management will be on duty during the tournament and will attend to participating competitors provided a coach is present at all times while the dancer is being attended. A First Aid Room will be available during the tournament for other emergencies. A school is responsible for furnishing its own training supplies and for attending to its own dancers during the tournament for preventative injuries such as taping. The trainer appointed by tournament management will be on duty to attend to dancers only in case of an emergency. A team's trainer must be issued and wearing a credentialed pass.

Trainer Pass

- If a school is bringing a school certified athletic trainer, the principal/athletic director may also request an additional pass for one trainer. This pass will be in the registration packets to be picked up in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Rink prior to competition. IHSA event trainers will be on site; however, they will only be addressing injuries occurring during the event. IHSA trainers are not available to tape competing student athletes.

Media

- **Media Passes for School Photographer**

Each school participating in the state tournament may be represented by a student photographer/videographer and student reporter for the school newspaper and/or the school yearbook. Three Press/Photo passes will be issued to a school. These Press/Photo passes are not to be issued to anyone but students/school personnel working for the school newspaper and/or yearbook. The school principal/athletic director must make the request for the passes by e-mailing Matt Troha (mtroha@ihsa.org) at the IHSA. They must provide the names of the individuals attending, whether they are students or adults, and if the attending individuals will serve as reporters, photographer, videographers, etc. The student(s) must present a school ID to be issued credentials in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Center. Media passes do not allow you into the team areas.

Competition Order

- **Competition Information**
- State final information will be updated on [ihsa.org](https://www.ihsa.org). Check this information regularly.

Parking

- **Team Bus Parking-** Team vehicles will unload at the South Circle Drive of the Arena- on Roosevelt St. After unloading, proceed to the designated Oakland Street lot located between (Main Street & East Street). A shuttle will be available for drivers.
- **Fan Busses-** A designed entrance for fan busses is set up at (445 West Front St.). Please direct your bus to utilize this entrance and call Sarah Lange (309-275-5926) at Bloomington Arena when your bus is about 15 minutes away from the arena. All students will need to have a printed ticket. Once final competing teams are announced, coaches should call the City of Bloomington Box Office on Thursday, January 30th, at 309-434-2777 to communicate final attendee counts and receive the group ticket payment total. Payments may be made via phone using Visa, Master Card, or Discover or by bringing a check to the competition made payable to Grossinger Motors Arena. Checks made out to another organization will **NOT** be accepted. The ticket packet for group ticket scanning/mass entry will be ready in exchange for check payments or prepaid phone orders upon team arrival at 445 West Front St. We want to get students in the Arena as efficiently as possible, this will allow your students to avoid any ticket lines.
- **Handicap Parking:** Parking is available on the first floor of the parking deck on the south side of the arena. This parking deck is located at the corner of Olive/Lee streets.

Access in Bloomington Arena

- **Team and Administrator Wristbands**

Passes will be issued to the teams. A school's team packet can be picked up in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Center. All participants must be in team apparel or team warm-ups to be allowed to enter credentialed areas. In addition, if a school requested a trainer pass and/or school press pass it will be included in the team packet area. School Administrators attending the Competitive Dance State Finals can pick up a wristband for entry inside the lobby doors of the Pepsi Ice Center.

Administrators do not need to make a formal request through the IHSA for a pass if they will be attending the State Finals on Friday or Saturday.

- **Team Seating in Arena**

A special seating area for participants will be located in Sections 101 and 102. Seating is also available in designated areas on the floor. Only persons in uniform will be allowed in this area. All credentialed coaches and participants will be allowed entry to the tournament for free during all sessions.

- **Handicap Seating**

Seating areas are located in Sections 107, 108 and 109 – behind the last row of seats.

Team Information

- **Packet Pick-Up**

Coaches/School Administrators can pick up their team packet at the VIP entrance of Bloomington Arena from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, or in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Rink after 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025.

Warm-Up Information

- Teams may only enter the warm-up area (Pepsi Ice Center) at their scheduled report time. Mats will be provided by the IHSA in the warm-up areas for stretching and a full performance floor will also be provided for your scheduled time. The Pepsi Ice Center cannot be used as a general holding area or practice space. There will be no IHSA provided offsite practice space. Stretching and additional warm-up is only allowed on the third floor of the arena.

Designated Areas

- Neither tournament management, Bloomington Arena; nor the IHSA will assume responsibility for any losses while on the premises. For reasons of safety and security, only dancers, coaches, and team personnel with the Participant Passes or Coaches Passes will be allowed in the designated areas.

Locker rooms

- Coaches, please have your teams dressed and ready when arriving at the Arena. General locker rooms and restrooms will be available near the warm-up area that will be shared by all competing teams. We will not be able to provide a locker room or classroom for each team.

Lost and Found A lost and found box will be maintained on the concourse at Guest Services/Security directly next to the main gates entrance on Madison Street. For assistance in locating an item after IHSA Finals are over, please call Marisa Robertson, Patron Services Manager: 309-434-2769.

Teams may only enter the Pepsi Ice Center at their scheduled report time.

Competition Information

- Only the participants and team personnel who have been issued one of the Participant Passes are allowed to enter the designated area. Only participants that are in team apparel and on the List of Participants will be allowed on the floor. Four coaches will be allowed in the warm-up area and in the coaches' box for their team's performance. In addition, one certified athletic trainer will also be allowed in the team area. All others must buy a ticket and remain in arena seating.

Team Photos

- All teams will be photographed prior to warm-up by VIP Photography. Pictures can be viewed for order at www.vipis.com.

Team Introductions

- When the team is announced, they may position themselves on the performance floor. Prior to this time the coach will be directed by event management to proceed to the music area. Following the announcement and recognition of the team, once the team is set on the performance floor, the announcer will then say, "Team ___ the floor is now yours," the coach will then begin the performance music. After competing, the team must exit the competition floor immediately to their right.

Awards Ceremony and Photographs

- On Saturday following the Final Round of Competition, an awards ceremony will take place immediately following the conclusion of each Division. All competing teams in the respective division are asked to safely take the floor for announcement of awards. Participants can enter arena floor from the staging area or any aisle. Please do not allow participants to climb over the dasher boards. Teams will be presented awards in the following order: third place, second place and then first place. Competitors receiving medals will be asked to line up in the List of Participant's order. Fans will not be allowed on the floor for photographs. Schools, parents, and fans will have access to professional photos taken during the tournament. They can be viewed through the IHSA website and VIP link. All competing teams must stay on the floor until the conclusion of awards. Medals will be provided for school administration (superintendent, principal, athletic director) and 4 coaches, 1 trainer, and the credentialed participants who are listed on the List of Participants.

Sportsmanship

- **IHSA Position on Sportsmanship** - A dancer, coach, trainer, or other team alternate(s) must not commit unsporting acts. This includes, but is not limited to, acts, or conduct such as: disrespectfully addressing the crowds or an official; contacting an official or gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment; using profane or inappropriate language, music, or gestures; baiting or taunting during any aspects of competition.

The IHSA expects all school teams to always uphold themselves to the highest level of sportsmanship.

EVENT SECURITY & SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Healthy Competitive Dance Environment**
- The IHSA serves member schools by providing leadership for equitable participation in interscholastic activities that enrich the educational experience. School administrators, coaches, officials, fans, Bloomington Arena, and the IHSA share a very important responsibility to the student-athletes that are participating in the state final competition at the Arena to provide equipment, facilities and an environment that is as free of risk as possible. The concern for the health of our high school athletes participating in the state tournament is primary. Security and IHSA personnel at the coliseum have been instructed to monitor the participants and react quickly and reasonably when conduct becomes negative and drops below the level of expected behavior.
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- Any act dangerous to others, is an unsafe behavior, incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action, exhibits obscene gestures, or yells profanity and/or provocative type language toward an official, student-athlete, coach, spectator, bench and/or score table personnel are unacceptable.

IHSA Event Security Policy

- To help insure the safest and most secure atmosphere for this IHSA State Final, event management at the Arena will diligently maintain the above standards. This will require complete cooperation by all competing teams, contest officials and fans. Security will always have priority over convenience; therefore, if you are requested to cooperate with event personnel in any manner, please do so promptly. Your assistance will enable our staff to fulfill its responsibility efficiently.

Persons and Possessions Subject to Search

- Please note that all persons and their possessions are subject to search upon entering any IHSA State event venue. Items prohibited under this policy, or any item deemed by the IHSA or Bloomington Arena staff to be dangerous or harmful to persons or property will be confiscated. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest who do not cooperate with event staff in their enforcement of this policy will be removed from the premises and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.
- Outside food and beverages including, but not limited to, glass bottles and containers, weapons, baby strollers, and balloons are prohibited inside the Arena. We ask everyone's cooperation in this process.

Clear Bag Policy

- Grossinger Motors Arenas has a bag check and metal detector policy. No outside food or beverages may be brought inside the arena concourse. Weapons of any kind are prohibited, including pocket knives. A complete list of event policies is available at the following web address: [Clear Bag Policy \(grossingermotorsarena.com\)](http://www.grossingermotorsarena.com). Please communicate this to your fans so they plan on additional time to enter the Arena. The clear bag policy and bag checks only apply to fans/patrons. The clear bag policy does not apply to officials/coaches/participants. Clear Bag Policy- is just for spectators. Participating coaches and dancers entering the Pepsi Ice Center Team Entrance will not need to follow the Clear Bag Policy.

Alcohol and Illegal Substances Prohibited

- The possession, distribution, sale, and or consumption of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are prohibited on the property of any IHSA state series contest facility. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites, including the parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol and illegal substance free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Event personnel will enforce this policy rigorously



Phone: 309.663.6377

Request for School Certified Athletic Trainer

To: Tracie Henry, Assistant Executive Director

From: _____ High School

Date: _____, 2025

Our high school team has qualified for the 2025 Competitive Dance State Finals held at Bloomington Arena in Bloomington. Our school is sending 1 certified athletic trainer to cover the medical needs of our team.

Please make available an athletic training pass for the state finals

Name: _____

Athletic Training credentials may be picked up in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Rink with the team packets on Friday or Saturday.

Principals/Athletic Directors signature: _____

This form should be emailed to Brock Hopp at bhopp@ihsa.com by January 28, 2025, to 309-663-7479. Passes can be picked up in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Center with the team packets.