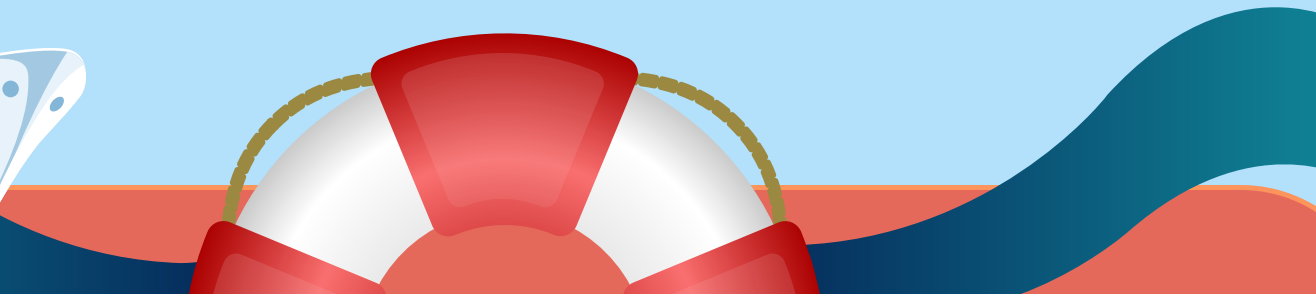
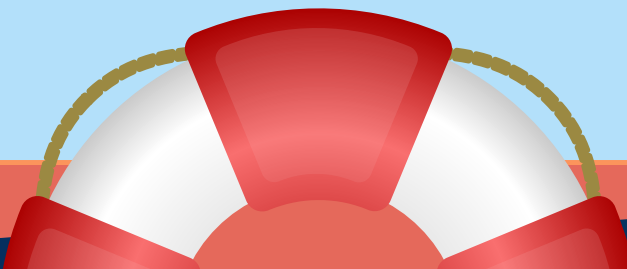


EAST COAST SHOWDOWN



# BHANGRA REGISTRATION PACKET



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>Page 3</b>	Welcome to East Coast Showdown
<b>Page 4</b>	Checklist
<b>Page 5</b>	Competition Format
<b>Page 7</b>	How to Apply
<b>Page 8</b>	Audition Video
<b>Page 9</b>	Team Acceptance
<b>Page 10</b>	Rules and Regulations
<b>Page 11</b>	Contact Information



# WELCOME TO ECS VII

## Dear East Coast Showdown Applicant,

The East Coast Showdown (ECS) Executive Board at the University of Virginia is proud to announce our seventh annual Bhangra and Garba-Raas competition! With the success of the past six years, East Coast Showdown is excited to be even bigger and better this year. The competition will be held on **February 24th at the Paramount Theater** in **Charlottesville, VA**. Our competition aims to increase awareness of South Asian culture while also uniting the community by showcasing these two different dance forms. We are proud to announce our partnership with **Sakhi for South Asian Women**. All the proceeds of ECS 2024, net operating expenses, will be donated to Sakhi in order to support our international community.

Our executive board consists of individuals with dance experience from many different backgrounds who are excited to celebrate the diverse cultures of South Asia. We understand the hard work that goes into cultivating a team, and we would like to honor that by striving to provide one of the best experiences in the circuit while satisfying all teams' needs. We would like to thank you for your interest in ECS and would be honored to have your team participate in our competition. We can't wait to see what your team has to offer and bring you a weekend filled with fun, competition, and Southern hospitality!

In this registration packet, you will find all the information needed regarding the application process:

- Important Timelines
- Audition Video Guidelines
- Registration Information
- Application Fees

Please read all the information carefully and keep in mind that all of the deadlines will be strictly followed. Again, we would like to thank you for your interest in the East Coast Showdown Competition. We are looking forward to working with you and hope that you have an amazing experience with us! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at [ecs.reg@gmail.com](mailto:ecs.reg@gmail.com). We ask that you send all application and registration-related questions/concerns to this email.

Preethi Chidambatam & Nikhil Sharma  
ECS Registration Chairs 2023-2024

Akaash Kamdar, Siona Pathak, Divya Lobo  
ECS Directors 2023-2024



703-980-5729



[eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com](mailto:eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com)



[eastcoastshowdown.org](http://eastcoastshowdown.org)

# CHECKLIST

	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>MATERIALS DUE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>EARLY APPLICATION</b>	Sunday, October 29th, 2023, 11:59 EST	-Application Google Form -Preliminary Roster Form -Audition Video -\$80 Non-Refundable Application Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGULAR APPLICATION</b>	Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, 11:59 EST	-Application Google Form -Preliminary Roster Form -Audition Video -\$90 Non-Refundable Application Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION</b>	By Sunday, November 19th, 2023		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ACCEPTANCE CONFIRMATION</b>	Within 72 hours of notification	-Email Confirmation -Submit Security Deposit of \$200	<input type="checkbox"/>



# COMPETITION FORMAT

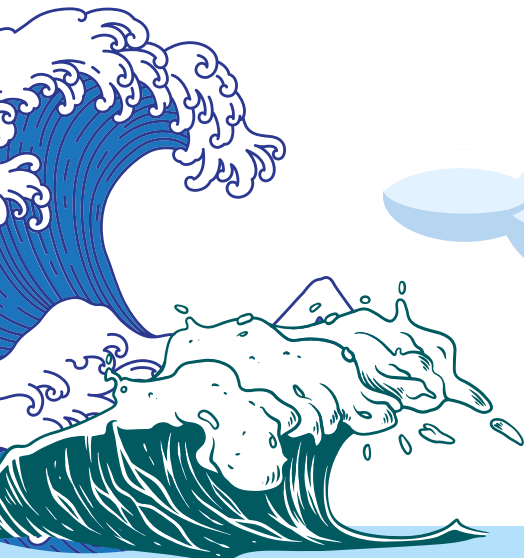
There will be 16 teams selected to compete, 8 Bhangra and 8 Garba-Raas. Bhangra and Garba-Raas teams **WILL NOT** be competing against each other. Each dance style will be judged separately.

## MIXER DAY

- Teams are required to arrive by **4 PM on Friday, February 23rd** to attend prop setup and the mandatory team mixer.
- Teams must stay at the designated East Coast Showdown hotel.
- Team Captains are required to attend a captain's meeting after the mixer.

## COMPETITION DAY

- A mandatory tech rehearsal at the show venue will take place on Saturday. Each team will be assigned **18 minutes** of stage time. Following that, teams will have **10 minutes** to watch their onstage rehearsal video and an additional **15 minutes** of offstage rehearsal.
- The total length of performance must be a minimum of **6.5 minutes** and a maximum of **7.5 minutes**.
- Each team will be given **1.5 minutes** to set up and take down props.
- The Intro Video may not exceed **1.5 minutes**.



703-980-5729



eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com



eastcoastshowdown.org

# COMPETITION FORMAT

## TEAM FORMAT

- A minimum of **12** people must be on the roster not including any instrumentalists such as dholis, chimta players, singers, or alternate dancers.
- **A maximum of 25 members** may be on the roster. No additional roster spots will be offered.
- All roster members must submit a **government-issued ID**
- Government IDs **must** be uploaded in the following format (.jpg or .png)
  - i. **TeamName\_FirstNameLastName\_GovernmentID**

**1ST PLACE**

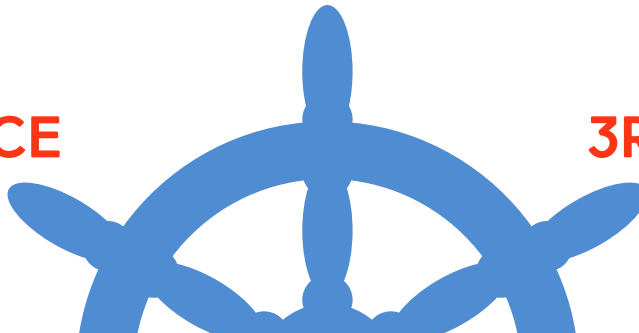
**\$1000**

**2ND PLACE**

**\$600**

**3RD PLACE**

**\$400**



703-980-5729



eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com



eastcoastshowdown.org

# HOW TO APPLY

## APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

**EARLY APPLICATION**

**\$80**

**Sunday, October 29th, 2023**

**LATE APPLICATION**

**\$90**

**Wednesday, November 1st, 2023**

### 1. Fill out the **Team Application Google Form.**

- Form link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECSBhangra2024>
- Preliminary Roster Form: Available on the Application Google Form and must be submitted in .pdf format
  - Please note team captains and managers in parentheses next to their name
  - Please note that this is a preliminary roster and teams will have the option of editing the roster if accepted to perform at ECS 2024.
- Team photos must be at least 1920 by 1080 pixels and team logos must be at least 300 by 300 pixels. All images must be in .jpeg or .png format with the following name format.
  - A. TeamName\_Photo
  - B. TeamName\_Logo

### 2. Submit the **NON-refundable application fee.**

**Venmo:** @eastcoastshowdown

**Paypal:** [eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com](mailto:eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com)

- Please make the payment private!
- Include, in this order: Team Name, "Bhangra," and Regular or Late Application
- Please submit the correct amount based on the date you are submitting all your application materials by.
- The date we receive the payment will be used to determine whether your application will be considered regular or late.
- **If you have opted to use PayPal, make sure to click the "Sending to a Friend" option under the section "What is this payment for?", to prevent PayPal from charging a payment fee.**

### 3. Submit an **audition video.**

- Requirements for the video and submission are on the following pages.

All registration items must be submitted via the Application Google Form by **11:59 PM EST** on the above dates. Once ALL of these materials have been received, you will receive a confirmation email from the registration chairs within 24 hours of submission.



# AUDITION VIDEO

## Video Requirements:

1. The video **MUST** be continuous dancing for 2:30- 3:30 minutes.
2. The routine performed **MUST** have one prop segment.
3. A **minimum of 8 team members** or **75%** of the final dancing roster **MUST** be present in the video at all times, and their full bodies **MUST** be visible.
4. The video **MUST** be taken from front and center with a fixed camera angle.
5. The video **MUST** be entirely original and **MAY NOT** be from a previous season.
6. The video **MAY NOT** be from any previous performances or tech times.

## Video Restrictions:

1. No video editing of any kind, other than audio overlay, is permitted.
2. No intro/outro videos are permitted.
3. No university logos, mascots, or color schemes should be visible in order to prevent bias and maintain anonymity.

## Video Submission Rules:

1. The audio and video **must be of high quality (720p or above)** in MP4 or .MOV format.
2. Each team **MUST submit a Google Drive link** to the audition video with sharing permissions set to "anyone with the link can view".
3. The link **MUST** be submitted through the Google Form with the following filename  
**"TeamName\_ECS2024\_BhangraAuditionVideo"** in MP4 or .MOV format.





# TEAM ACCEPTANCES

## Accepted Teams

Accepted teams will be notified by **Sunday, November 19th, 2023**. Once accepted, your team will have 72 hours from the time notified to accept or deny your spot in the East Coast Showdown lineup.

To confirm your acceptance:

- You must pay a security deposit of **\$200** within 72 hours of receiving the acceptance email.
  - All fees can be paid via Venmo to @eastcoastshowdown or Zelle to eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com
  - Please make the payment private and include the Team Name and "Bhangra Acceptance Fee- Security Deposit".

## Waitlisted Teams

All teams will automatically be placed on the waitlist and notified after the initial round of acceptances. Once notified, your team will have 48 hours to accept or deny your spot on the waitlist for ECS. If an opening occurs, waitlisted teams will be immediately notified and offered a spot on the lineup. Once notified, your team will have 48 hours from the time the email was sent to accept or deny your spot in the lineup. **To accept your position, you MUST pay a security deposit of \$200 within 48 hours of receiving the acceptance email (venmo or zelle only).**

## Security Deposit

The security deposit will be returned to you after the competition weekend is over. Money from the security deposit may be deducted if there is any damage to the hotel rooms, mixer venue, after-party venue, or performance venue. Late fees incurred due to submission of post-registration materials after deadlines and notification of passed deadlines will also result in a deduction from the security deposit.

### Per dancer fees post-acceptance

Teams will have to pay an individual fee of \$45 per roster member, for up to 25 members. No additional roster spots will be offered.

The per dancer fees will need to be paid by the deadline outlined in the post-registration packets.



703-980-5729



eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com



eastcoastshowdown.org

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The East Coast Showdown executive board may practice discretion with their selection process. Teams understand that the committee is not required to divulge any information regarding team selection, unless they see fit.
2. Garba-Raas teams do not need to be affiliated with a particular college/university.
3. Should a registered team choose to withdraw from the competition after accepting their invitation to East Coast Showdown, they will forfeit their security deposit and paid registration fees. This means that all fees that have been paid are NON-refundable. **In addition, withdrawing AFTER the official lineup is released will result in a \$300 penalty.**
4. Violence or rude behavior toward either the judges, other participants, staff at the venues and hotel, or members of the ECS board will result in point deductions or immediate disqualification, all **determined at the discretion of the ECS board.**
5. Payment of the security deposit acknowledges agreement to the outlined rules and regulations.
6. Any rules, outlined presently and in the future, that are violated will lead to an individual's or a team's disqualification, depending on the severity of the violation. The final decision will be determined by the East Coast Showdown Executive board.
7. The East Coast Showdown event coordinators reserve the right to add new rules and subtract or revise existing rules as seen fit. All teams will be notified of any changes made.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

Once again, on behalf of the East Coast Showdown Executive Board, we would like to thank you for your interest in our competition. We are looking forward to your application! For any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the registration chairs or directors.



**Nikhil Sharma**  
Registration Chair



**Preethi Chidambaram**  
Registration Chair



[ecs.reg@gmail.com](mailto:ecs.reg@gmail.com)



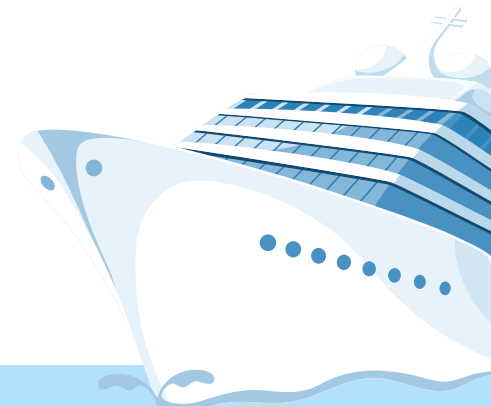
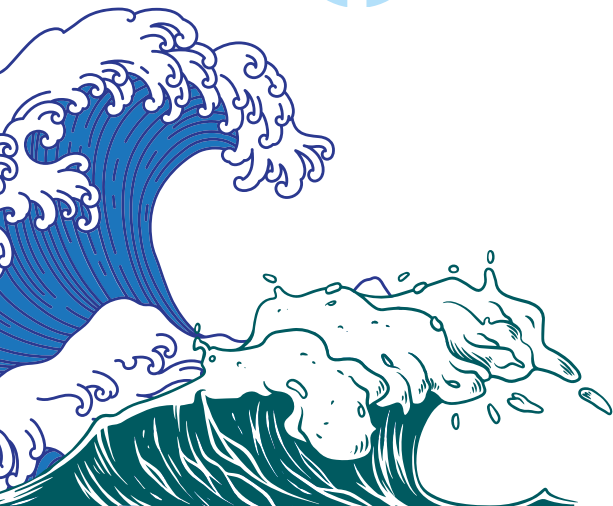
[@eastcoast.showdown](https://www.instagram.com/eastcoast.showdown)



[East Coast Showdown](https://www.facebook.com/EastCoastShowdown)



[eastcoastshowdown.org](http://eastcoastshowdown.org)



703-980-5729



[eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com](mailto:eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com)



[eastcoastshowdown.org](http://eastcoastshowdown.org)