

EAST COAST SHOWDOWN



RAAS REGISTRATION PACKET

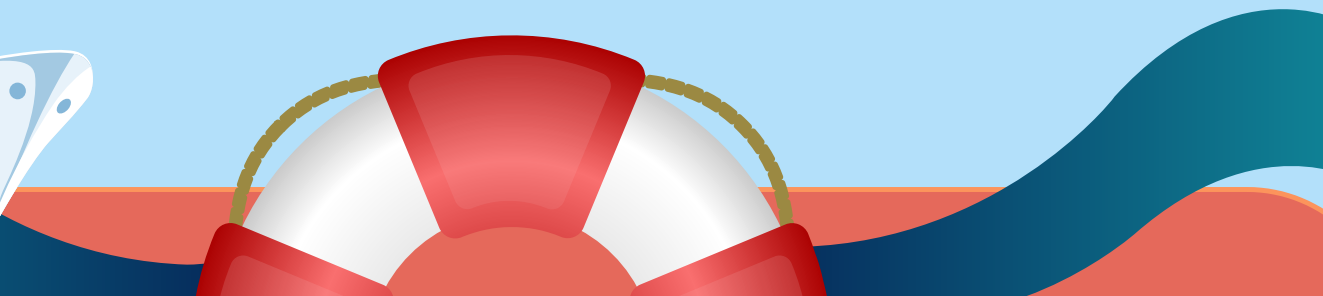
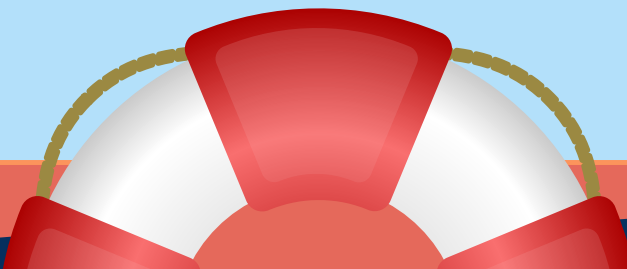


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WELCOME TO ECS VII

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. We ask that you send all application and registration-related questions/concerns to this email.

Preethi Chidambatam & Nikhil Sharma
ECS Registration Chairs 2023-2024

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ECS Directors 2023-2024



CHECKLIST

	DUE DATE	MATERIALS DUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EARLY APPLICATION	Sunday, October 29th, 2023, 11:59 EST	-Application Google Form -Preliminary Roster Form -Audition Video -\$60 Non-Refundable Application Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR APPLICATION	Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, 11:59 EST	-Application Google Form -Preliminary Roster Form -Audition Video -\$70 Non-Refundable Application Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION	By Sunday, November 19th, 2023		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACCEPTANCE CONFIRMATION	Within 72 hours of notification	-Email Confirmation -Submit Security Deposit of \$200	<input type="checkbox"/>



COMPETITION FORMAT

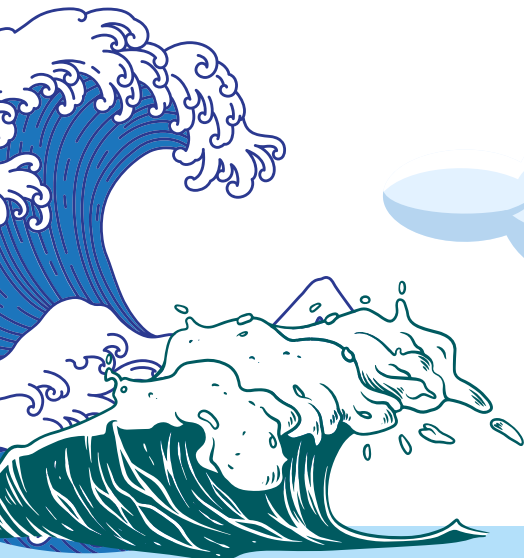
There will be 16 teams selected to compete, 8 Bhangra and 8 Garba-Raas. Bhangra and Garba-Raas teams WILL NOT be competing against each other. Each dance style will be judged separately.

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 **5.5 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**.



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TEAM FORMAT

- A minimum of **12 members** must be on the roster, not including alternate dancers. A maximum of 25 members, including any team managers, alternates, or any other non-performing member, may be on the roster. No additional roster member spots are offered.
- Each competing team must include current college/university students with a **MAXIMUM of 2 non-current students** - if affiliated with a particular university or college.
- If the team is an independent organization, then everyone on the roster except for two people must be currently enrolled at a university.
- All roster members must submit a **government-issued ID** as well as a **student ID** (unless they are one of the two non-university members on the team).
- Student and government IDs **must** be uploaded in the following format (.jpg or .png)
 - i. **TeamName_FirstNameLastName_StudentID**
 - ii. **TeamName_FirstNameLastName_GovernmentID**

1ST PLACE

\$1000

2ND PLACE

\$600

3RD PLACE

\$400



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HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

EARLY APPLICATION

\$60

Sunday, October 29th, 2023

LATE APPLICATION

\$70

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023

1. Fill out the **RAS Common Application on Ekta**

a. **Form link: <https://ekta.app/>**

- Preliminary Roster Form: 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.
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 - A. TeamName_Photo
 - B. TeamName_Logo

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

Venmo: @eastcoastshowdown

Zelle: eastcoastshowdown.uva@gmail.com

- Include, in this order: Team Name, "Raas," 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 cannot zelle or venmo please contact us via email or text so we can work out a different payment method.

3. Submit an **audition video.**

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

All registration items must be submitted via the Ekta Application Portal 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 2:00- 2:30 minutes, with a 30-60 second Garba segment requirement.
2. The routine performed **MUST** reflect the current routine that is intended to be performed at each competition. Previous routines or performances will not be considered.
3. 100% of the audition video dancers must be present in the video at all times, and their full bodies **MUST** be visible.
4. At least 80% of the roster members who were listed on the submitted dancing roster **MUST** be performing in the video.
5. Male and female dancers **MUST** wear different colored shirts to allow for visualization (no more than two standardized colors).
6. Camera **MUST** be fixed. There can only be one camera angle (front and center), and it cannot be zoomed or panned.
7. All formations **MUST** be visible.

Video Restrictions:

1. No costumes or props are allowed in the video, except dandiyas.
2. No stunts, themes, dialogue, or voiceovers are permitted.
3. No intro/outro videos are allowed.
4. The video cannot be edited (**MUST** be continuous).
5. The video cannot have any special lighting or visual effects.
6. The audio and video must be good.
7. College/university or team-affiliated items **MUST** not be worn or seen in the video. This includes, but is not limited to: logo, mascot, symbol, slogan, colors, etc.

Video Submission Rules:

1. Teams may overlay the audio.
2. The audio and video **MUST** be of high quality (720p or above) in MP4 or .MOV format.
3. Each team **MUST** provide a Google Drive link to view and download an audition video.
4. The file name **MUST** be in the following format: "TeamName_ECS2024_RaasAuditionVideo".



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 "Raas 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 \$60 per roster member, for up to 25 members. No additional roster spots are offered.

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



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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.



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Registration Chair



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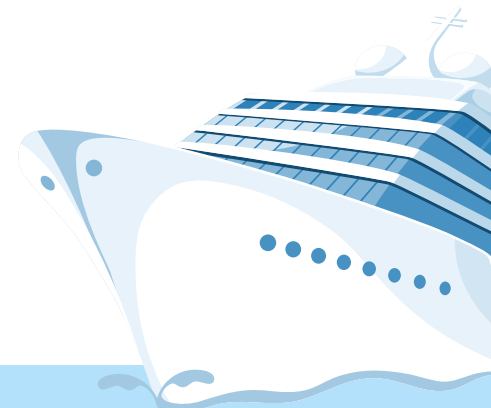
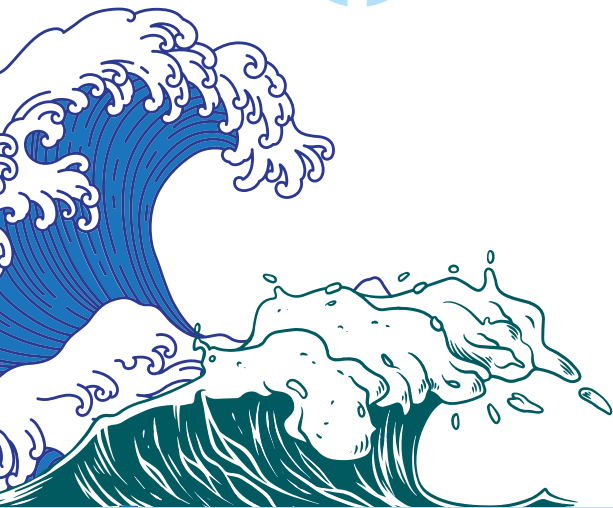
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