NEXTGEN ALLIANCE

2026-27 SEASON BULLETIN

THE OFFICIAL ROAD TO THE FINALE CHAMPIONSHIP

Season Registration Deadline: December 15, 2026. Register by this date to secure current league pricing and your place in the 2027 season.

Membership Payment Deadline: December 31, 2026. All required coach and athlete membership fees must be paid before participation.

REV UP → 2 REGIONAL QUALIFIERS → STATE CHAMPIONSHIP → THE FINALE

Develop. Qualify. Reach the Finals. Conquer The Finale.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN

This Season Bulletin establishes the official 2027 NextGen Alliance competition pathway, registration deadlines, membership requirements, pricing, qualification standards and event calendar for World of Step and Rev Up participants. It supplements the NextGen Alliance Official Rules Book; when a conflict exists, this bulletin controls for the 2027 season unless a later written update is issued.

2. 2027 SEASON STRUCTURE

No Level Separations: The 2027 season will not use Novice, Intermediate, Advanced or comparable performance-level separations. All eligible routines will compete together within the applicable age, size and performance-category divisions.

Stage	Required Participation	Purpose
1	Rev Up Clinic or Development Event	Prepare athletes and coaches through instruction, feedback, exhibition opportunities or developmental competition.
2	Two World of Step Regional Qualifiers	Earn ranking points and satisfy the regional participation requirement. A regional may be completed in person or through an approved virtual submission.
3	The State Championship (If in person is feasible)	Compete for the official state title and qualify for The Finale Championship.
4	The Finale Championship	Compete at the NextGen Alliance national championship and complete the season pathway.

3. SPECIAL STATE-MARKET RULE

States With One Physical Event: When a state has only one approved in-person competition during the season, that competition will serve as The Apex Championship for that state. Teams must satisfy their two-regional requirement through approved World of Step virtual submissions before competing at or qualifying through The Apex.

- A state may operate two physical regionals before The State Championship, one physical regional plus one virtual regional, or two virtual regionals where approved.
- A routine must place at two regional qualifiers to compete at The State Championship. • Virtual submissions must meet all music, roster, time, safety, filming and deadline requirements published by NextGen Alliance.
- The national office retains final authority over regional credit, state assignment, bid eligibility and exceptions.

4. QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINALE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Complete or participate in an approved Rev Up clinic or developmental event during the season.
- Complete two approved World of Step Regional Qualifiers, which may be virtual, physical or a combination of both.
- Compete at The State Championship assigned to the team's primary state or approved market.
- Earn a qualifying placement, score or bid at The State Championship as published for the applicable division.
- Remain in good standing with all membership, payment, roster, eligibility, conduct and reporting requirements.

Direct Qualification: The State Championship is the official state-finals stage. State champions and any additional routines awarded a published qualifying bid advance to The Finale Championship.

5. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINES

Deadline	Requirement
December 15, 2026	League season registration and tier selection deadline. Pricing may increase and space may be limited after this date.
December 31, 2026	All coach and athlete league membership fees due. Membership fees are non-refundable.
75+ days before an event	Early registration window and lowest a-la-carte entry rate.
45-74 days before an event	Standard registration window.
44 days or fewer before an event	Late registration window, subject to availability and higher fees.
Before Regional #2 closes	Final deadline to request a mid-season tier upgrade.
Event-specific deadline	Music, roster, waivers, video submissions and credential documents must be complete by the date shown in the registration portal.

6. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FEES

For the 2027 season, the league membership fee is $30 per registered athlete and $40 per registered coach. Membership provides official league registration, athlete or coach profiles, ranking access and use of the results portal for the season.

Member Type	2027 Fee	Notes
Registered Athlete	$30 per person	Required for every athlete appearing on a competition roster.
Credentialed Coach/Team Staff	$30 per person	Required for every coach or team staff member receiving credentials or participating in clinics.

Membership Rule: Membership is separate from routine-entry pricing and must be paid by December 31, 2026.

7. UNLIMITED REGIONAL ENTRY PRICING

The Unlimited Entry Model covers a studio's registered routines across the two required World of Step Regional Qualifiers, but you are able to use this pass if you elect to compete in more than 2 regionals. The State Championship and The Finale Championship are priced separately. For 2027, tier names describe routine-count pricing only and do not create competitive level separations.

Pricing Tier	Season Routine Count	Season Price	Approx. Cost per Routine	Included Benefit
Development Tier	1-5 routines	$750	About $150	Regional ranking eligibility across both required regionals.
Competitive Tier	6-15 routines	$1,500	About $100	$75 Finale credit and priority early registration.
Premier Tier	16-25 routines	$2,300	About $92	$150 Finale credit, one free Finale routine entry and priority scheduling.
Championship Tier	26+ routines	$3,000	About $90	$300 Finale credit, two free Finale routine entries and VIP experience package.

Important Pricing Clarification: The tier names above are administrative pricing labels only. They do not divide routines by competitive skill level during the 2027 season.

- Studios may upgrade after Regional #1 by paying the difference between tiers.
- The final tier applies to previously competed routines, subject to registration-system verification.
- Finale credits are applied to eligible Finale registration charges and cannot be exchanged for cash.
- Routine count is the total number of registered entries across the two required regional qualifiers.

8. A-LA-CARTE EVENT PRICING

Organizations not purchasing an Unlimited Regional Entry Tier may register per routine, per event. Clinic and audition charges shown below are per-person fees when those components are offered.

Entry Type	75+ Days	45-74 Days	44 Days or Less
Solo	$100	$110	$120
Mini Team	$145	$155	$170
Team	$200	$215	$230
Mega Team	$280	$300	$320

Additional Activity	75+ Days	45-74 Days	44 Days or Less
Clinic	$20 per person	$25 per person	$30 per person
Audition	$10 per person	$15 per person	$20 per person

9. 2027 PUBLISHED EVENT CALENDAR

The following events were published for the 2027 season. Event status, state-final designation, registration links and exact deadlines remain subject to confirmation in the official registration portal.

Date	Location	Event	Format
January 9 - 10	Columbia, South Carolina	Rev Up Clinics and Audition Series	In Person
January 23	Bronx, New York	Rev Up Clinics, Adjudicator Certification and Audition Series	In Person
February 18-21	Los Angeles, California	Rev Up Clinics and Audition Series	In Person
March 6	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	Virtual
March 13-14	Manhattan, New York	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	In Person
March 20	Montreal, Canada	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	Virtual
March 27-28	Bronx, New York	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	In Person
March 27	Houston, Texas	**Who's The Biggest Boss - Texas State Championship**	In Person
April 3	Senegal, West Africa	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	Virtual
April 10	Barcelona, Spain	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	Virtual
April 17-18	Bayonne, New Jersey	**New Jersey State Championship**	In Person
April 24	Morocco, Africa	NextGen Alliance - WOS Regional Qualifier	Virtual
May 1-2	Queens, New York	**New York State Championship**	In Person
May 28-30	New York, New York	**The Finale Championship, Finale Clinics and Annual League Meeting**	In Person
August 1-8	Montreal, Canada	World of Step Cultural Exchange	In Person

Apex Designations: NextGen Alliance will identify which published event serves as The State Championship for each state or market. Where only one physical state event is available, that event will serve as The Apex and the two regional credits will be completed virtually.

10. VIRTUAL REGIONAL SUBMISSIONS

- Virtual submissions must be recorded as one continuous performance unless the national filming rules permit otherwise.
- The full performance area, all athletes and required identifiers must remain visible throughout the routine.
- The routine submitted must match the registered roster, category, age division and team-size division.
- Edited audio, camera cuts, filters, speed changes or other production techniques that alter the competitive performance are prohibited.
- Late, inaccessible or noncompliant videos may be denied regional credit without refund.

11. STATE FINALS: THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The State Championship is the official state-finals event of the NextGen Alliance pathway. It brings together eligible routines from the state or approved market to determine state champions and award qualification to The Finale Championship.

- There will be no skill-level separation at The State Championship during the 2027 season.
- Teams compete within their recognized age, routine-size and performance categories.
- The Apex may be held as a standalone championship or designated within the state's only approved physical event.
- The national office will publish the number of Finale bids available by division or market.

12. GENERAL SEASON POLICIES

- All participants are governed by the NextGen Alliance Official Rules Book, code of conduct, safety rules and event policies.
- All balances, memberships, rosters, waivers and required documents must be complete before credentials or performance privileges are issued.
- Event schedules, capacity limits, formats and locations may be adjusted when necessary.
- Qualification is not complete until verified by the national office and reflected in the official registration or results system.
- NextGen Alliance may issue written interpretations, deadline changes or market-specific addenda during the season.

13. SEASON PATHWAY AT A GLANCE

Step	Competition Stage	Advancement Requirement
1	Rev Up Clinic or Development Event	Participate and prepare for the competitive season.
2	World of Step Regional Qualifier #1	Compete physically or submit virtually.
3	World of Step Regional Qualifier #2	Complete the second distinct regional performance.
4	The State Championship	Compete for the state title and earn a Finale bid.
5	The Finale Championship	Compete for the NextGen Alliance national championship.

ONE LEAGUE. ONE PATHWAY. ONE FINALE.

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14. 2026-27 League Ranking System

The **NextGen Alliance League Ranking System (NGLRS)** establishes the official regular-season standings for athletes and teams competing throughout the 2026–27 season. Rankings are designed to recognize competitive performance and consistency while ensuring that organizations are not rewarded simply for entering a greater number of routines.

Official League Leaderboards

Separate league standings will be maintained for each age division and competitive discipline:

U14

- Solo
- Step
- Dance

U19

- Solo
- Step
- Dance

Pro-Elite

- Solo
- Step
- Dance

Scores earned in different age divisions or disciplines will not be combined.

Earning League Points

Each eligible routine may earn a maximum of **10.00 League Points per ranking competition** based on its final competition score.

For **Step and Dance**, when an organization enters more than one eligible routine within the same age division and discipline at the same competition, the scores of those routines will be **averaged** to determine the organization's official Competition Score.

Competition Score = Total Scores of Eligible Routines ÷ Number of Eligible Routines

Example

If an organization competes with three U19 Step routines and receives scores of:

- 9.40
- 9.10
- 8.90

The organization's U19 Step Competition Score would be:

9.40 + 9.10 + 8.90 = 27.40

27.40 ÷ 3 = 9.13 League Points

Regardless of the number of routines entered, an organization may earn a maximum of **10.00 League Points within each ranking classification at a single competition**.

Solo Rankings

Solo athletes are ranked **individually**.

Each athlete's eligible competition score will be applied directly to that athlete's individual league standing. Scores from multiple solo athletes representing the same organization will not be averaged together.

Season Ranking Score

For the 2026–27 season, League Points earned at the designated ranking competitions will be combined to establish each competitor's **Regular-Season League Ranking Score**.

The highest cumulative eligible point total within each classification will determine the #1 ranked athlete or team, followed by competitors in descending point order.

League Ranking vs. Championship Title

League Ranking and Championship Placement are separate distinctions.

The League Ranking System recognizes an athlete's or team's **performance and consistency throughout the season**. Holding the #1 league ranking does not automatically make an athlete or team a National Champion.

National Championship titles are determined through competitive performance at **The Finale Championship**.

Complete ranking eligibility, tie-breaking procedures, disqualification rules, score corrections, and other governing provisions are contained in the **NextGen Alliance Official Rule Book**.