



2009 Boston Bhangra Competition

Registration Packet

Dear Boston Bhangra Registrant

Thank you for your interest in the Boston Bhangra Competition. After the phenomenal success of our past competitions, we look forward to bringing an even better competition to you this year! Teams from the last five competitions have deemed us one of the “best competitions” in the country, and we look forward to living up to that title again this year.

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

This year’s competition will be taking place on **Saturday, November 14th, 2009** @ the world renowned Orpheum Theatre in downtown Boston. The registration packet will be due by September 19th, 2009. We will also have early registration, which ends on August 1st, 2009. By applying early, your team will get additional benefits not highlighted in the registration packet.

We will be placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. However, more importantly than the ranking, we promise to bring the best competition and proper organization to bhangra. Our goal is to promote our South Asian culture and our love of bhangra in the US, and through proper organization, creativity, and planning we believe this event will help us reach that goal.

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

Sincerely,

The Boston Bhangra Board of Directors



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Boston Bhangra 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:

- Opportunity to meet special guests
- 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 August 1st, 2009, your team will get additional benefits not highlighted in the registration packet¹.
- An individual (liaison) from the Boston Bhangra committee assigned to your team for questions/inquiries/guidance
- Judges comments on your performance
- Your team aired on international television through our television media sponsor! The show has traditionally aired in the USA, Canada, UK and Europe!
- If all of these do not occur, we will gladly refund your registration fee

Special for 2009:

- All teams that placed at our competition in 2008, automatically are accepted into the competition for 2009 (assuming they fulfill the registration requirements – early vs. regular registration do apply) and do not need to submit a video. We want our champions to come back to our competition, and this is one way to give you an added incentive to come back!
- All teams driving into Boston (at least 200 miles away from Boston) will get a \$35 reimbursement for each room they need to stay in the official hotel. There is a maximum of 8 rooms per team.
- All teams flying into Boston (more than 400 miles away from Boston) will get a \$70 reimbursement for each room they need to stay in the official hotel. There is a maximum of 8 rooms per team.
- If your team comes on Thursday, we will apply the same incentives as above for an additional 4 rooms!

Registration Requirements

In order for your team to be eligible for this competition all of the following information must be provided and received by **September 19, 2009**. After the completed registration packet has been received, your team will be informed of their status no later than September 26th, 2009. Please provide the following:

- Completed Registration Form
- Registration Fee: \$300 for the first 16. \$50 additional for each additional member.
- Signed Affidavit Form
- Tentative Team Roster
- Historical/Present video representing the team within the last year. Must be at least 2 minutes long.

¹ These benefits will be based on Boston Bhangra's financial situation and sponsor donations.



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
- Video of Team Introduction (no longer than 1 minute long) (.mpeg or .avi only)
- Lighting Request
- Props List (including use of microphones)
- Team Picture
- Finalized Team Roster
- Hotel Security Form & Deposit
- Itinerary of Team (flight information, hotel reservations, etc)

Rules & Regulations

Each team member is required to sign the affidavit form to ensure that they understand the rules and regulations of The Boston Bhangra Competition.

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

1. All registration information must be received by September 19th, 2009.
2. All teams will be notified of their status by September 26th, 2009.
3. The minimum number of performers required to participate in Boston Bhangra is 8.
4. The maximum number of dancers on a team is 16.
5. An additional 2 performers (dholi's/singers/managers/gophers) can be added to your roster for an additional \$50 per person.
6. 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.)
7. The event coordinators have the right to decline the registration of any team.
8. If a team wishes to drop out of the competition after being accepted, they will not be refunded their registration fee.
9. All teams that are not accepted into the competition will receive a full refund of their registration money.
10. All team members must provide the appropriate identification when they check-in (photo ID).



Performance Rules

1. Teams may be comprised of males, females or a combination of both.
2. All teams must inform their Boston Bhangra liaison of their travel itinerary and *all team members must be present* the morning of the competition by 10 AM.
3. We would highly recommend that the whole team come to the mixer on Friday, November 13th, 2009. However, at a minimum, *at least* the team captain must come to the team mixer. If there is no representation, that could jeopardize the placement of your team in the competition.
4. 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.
5. The minimum performance time allotted is 6 minutes and the maximum is 7 minutes. The judges will penalize any team that does not follow this time frame.
6. No individual will be allowed to perform for more than one team.
7. Fire, glitter 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. No Kirpans or weapons may be used on stage.
9. If a tie occurs, the award will be split among the teams ranking at the same position.
10. Finalized team picture, introduction video, roster, and travel itinerary (travel and hotel information) must be submitted to your team liaison based on the schedule presented to you.
11. A list of props that will be used must be submitted to your team liaison prior to the performance, based on the schedule presented to you.
12. Music must be submitted to your team liaison prior to the performance, based on the schedule presented to you.
13. Lighting requests must be submitted to your team liaison prior to the performance, based on the schedule presented to you.
 - a. Boston Bhangra makes no guarantees on lighting requests
 - b. We highly recommend keeping your lighting very simple or white light throughout the dance. Bhangra is a dance that everyone should be able to see and enjoy. It also makes life easier on the judges.
 - c. Lighting options include: strobe lighting, 2 white spotlights, and/or white, red, blue, green, and/or yellow lighting on stage.
14. Microphone options include 3 wireless microphones and 6-wired microphones.
15. Stage dimensions for dancing: 40 feet wide, 35 feet deep, and 20 feet high
16. Walking behind the backstage curtain can allow transfer across the stage without being seen.
17. Each team must bring 2 extra copies of music with them to the stage rehearsals.
18. Up to 5% of music may be non-bhangra, any team that exceeds this percentage will get points deducted.
19. The performance CD *must*:



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- a. Have only ONE track on the CD
 - b. Be one continuous track
 - c. Have all breaks and pauses prerecorded
 - d. Boston Bhangra **will not** be starting and stopping tracks throughout the performance. Everything must be pre-recorded and/or live.
20. Boston Bhangra will choose qualified judges, and an appropriate scoring sheet to maintain the proper integrity of bhangra.
- 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. Boston Bhangra is not responsible for any lost/stolen items.
22. Boston Bhangra 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 afterparty. 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, Boston Bhangra will not be able to consider your team an eligible candidate. All checks should be made out to Boston Bhangra.

Team Captain/Contact Person

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

Number of team members: _____ Type of Dance (check one): Live Non-Live Both
Type of Team (check one): All Male All Female Co-ed

Team Name _____

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

Team information

	Individual Names	E-Mail Address	T-shirt Size	Veg/Non-Veg
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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12.	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____
16.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Below, please list any singers, dholis, managers/gophers that will accompany your team. Please indicate the individual's role in parenthesis after the individual's name.

17. _____
18. _____



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Final Checklist for Registration

- ___ Completed Registration Form
- ___ Registration Fee of \$300 for the first 16, plus \$50 for each additional member up to 18.
(Payable to: Boston Bhangra)
- ___ Signed Affidavit Form
- ___ Tentative Team Roster
- ___ Historical/Present video representing the team within the last year.
Video must be longer than 2 minutes.

Mailing Address

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

**Boston Bhangra
97 Aspinwall Avenue
Brookline, MA 02446**

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

Online Registration

We do encourage registering online if possible. This includes filling out the packet, and either faxing us the information, or submitting it to us via e-mail. Our e-mail address is info@bostonbhangra.com, and our fax number is (617) 687-9181. We highly recommend sending us large files via yousendit.com or sendspace.com. If you have any further questions, please call: (617) 448-2508.

As for making payments online, that can be done via google checkout on our website for no additional cost! Go to the following URL:

<http://www.bostonbhangra.com/BBInc/index.php?p=sponsorus>

Simply enter the dollar amount of your registration amount and click donate. On the next screen, simply enter your credit card information and click Agree! It's that simple!