

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read the following carefully, failure to do so may result in disqualification.

### 1. ENTRY RULES

**1.1** Entries are to be submitted via our website at [www.tasmaniandanceexpo.com](http://www.tasmaniandanceexpo.com)

All entries are to be completed and paid for in full including any administration fees by the closing date.

**1.2** Entries close when the competition is FULL.

**1.3** Late group entries will be accepted up until 1/2/2021 but will incur a surcharge of \$5 on top of the normal fee and charges. TDE has the right to full discretion whether or not to accept late entries.

**1.3b** Late solo entries will be accepted up until 1/3/2021 but will incur a surcharge of \$5 on top of the normal fee and charges. TDE has the right to full discretion whether or not to accept late entries.

**1.4** For any queries please email [admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com](mailto:admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com)

**1.5** The entering competitor is responsible for all details entered and that they are correct. No refunds will be made or edits to the entry once lodged. This also applies to clashes with other competitions or change of mind. Any questions or requests for refunds not mentioned above can be emailed to [admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com](mailto:admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com) (Please note if the event doesn't go ahead due to COVID19 refunds will be given for this situation or payment can be transferred to our online event)

**1.6** Age of all entrants is 1st January. Please be aware that a certificate of birth may need to be provided to verify the competitors age if required by the committee.

**1.7** Age Requirements for Solos are:

Junior: 6 - 9 years, Teen: 10-14 years, Senior: 15 +.

Age Requirements for Groups are:

9 years & Under, 11 years & Under, 13 years & Under, 15 years & Under, Open Age.

**1.8** SOLO DIVISION: Will only commence when a minimum of 10 entries are received. The solo section is full once 30 entries are received. These numbers may vary at committee discretion.

**1.9** SOLO DIVISION: Ticketing information- We will release 30 tickets only per age group. Junior/ Teen/ Senior. If tickets don't sell by 30th Dec 2020, Tasmanian Dance Expo will then release the existing amount of tickets on a first in best dressed basis.

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**1.10 SOLO DIVISION:** You can only enter one solo but may enter any style of dance.

**1.11 GROUP DIVISION:** A group section will only commence when a minimum of 5 entries are received. The section is full once 20 entries are received. These numbers may vary at committee discretion.

**1.12 GROUP DIVISION:** Only four groups can be entered per dance school, per age group.

**1.13 GROUP DIVISION:** A minimum number of 5 people are required to make up a group.

**1.14 GROUP DIVISION :** Open to all dance styles.

**1.15** For further clarification on which section to enter contact the committee.

**1.16** Tasmanian Dance Expo along with its directors and committee have the ability to amend the program at any time.

**1.17** Changes to entries, errors and admissions by the directors or committee are permitted.

**1.18** If dance schools are entering more than 1 group in the same age group they will need to have different names (i.e Dance School A, Dance School B).

## **2. COMPETITION RULES**

**2.1** Competitors enter and compete at their own risk. Tasmanian Dance Expo, all directors and committee accept no responsibility for any injury or accidents that may occur to any competitor, audience member or anyone else that may be present.

**2.2** All routines inc music, lyrics, costume and overall performance must be age appropriate.

### **2.3 TIME LIMITS**

Solo Sections Junior ( Age 6-9) 2 minutes max.

Teen (Age 10-14) 2 minutes and 30 seconds max.

Senior ( Age 15+) 2 minutes and 30 seconds max.

Group Sections 9 years & Under -3 minutes max.

11years & Under- 3 minutes max.

13 years & Under - 4 minutes max.

15 years & Under -4 minutes max.

Open - 4 Minutes max.

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**2.4** Any competitor going over the time limit will be disqualified from awards but can still perform.

**2.5 PROPS:** Handheld items only to be used (i.e, hats, canes, umbrella etc) there is to be no passing of props to the competitor/teacher during the performance. The competitor must be able to take on and take off the prop themselves. This rule applies for solo and group sections.

**2.6** No jumping off stage and no throwing any items into the audience.

**2.7** All solo entrants must be in the correct age group, however in the group sections they can be younger than the age advised but not older.

**2.8** Competitors must report to stage manager/marshall 30 minutes prior to the age group commencing.

**2.9** Restarting of routines for anyone who starts and then stops will be at the adjudicators discretion. It will also be at their discretion if the routine will then be adjudicated or not.

**2.10** Assisting/ prompting is prohibited unless by the adjudicator/s.

**2.11** No responsibility will be taken by the Tasmanian Dance Expo for any music, props or any other items left behind.

**2.12** Strictly no rehearsing on stage before or during the event.

**2.13** Basic lighting will be provided.

**2.14** No microphones will be used unless Tasmanian Dance expo its directors or committee decides they are required for a particular event/section.

## **2.15 SOLO DIVISION**

Each solo division Junior/Teen/Senior will be battling it out to be crowned the Tassie Solo Star of their age division. The top 10 from each solo age group will be announced on stage at the awards ceremony. From the top 10, ONLY the top 5 will then be announced to be invited back to compete at the 'Galaxy Gala' evening event. Our top 5 dancers from each division will then have the chance to be crowned The Tassie Solo Star in their age division. Cash prizes/trophies will be gifted to Runner Up/2nd Runner Up/Winner of each age division.

## **GROUP DIVISIONS**

Each group division 9yrs/11yrs/13yrs/15 yrs and open will be battling it out to be crowned the "Tassie Cosmos" of their age division. The Top 4 will be announced to be invited back to compete at the 'Galaxy Gala' evening event. The Top 4 groups will then be battling it out to be crowned The "Tassie Cosmos" Winners. Cash prizes/trophies will be gifted to 2nd Runner Up/ Winner of each age division.

### **3. ADJUDICATOR RULES**

**3.1** The adjudicator/s decision is final.

**3.2** All decisions made by adjudicators are final and no discussions about this can be had, unless approved by the director/s.

**3.3** Please don't approach adjudicators during the competition. For any queries /issues please see the committee members.

**3.4** - For details on award system and reports please see [www.tasmaniandanceexpo.com](http://www.tasmaniandanceexpo.com) for further details.

### **4. Administration Rules**

**4.1** Tasmanian Dance Expo directors and committee have the right to disqualify any competitor if deemed unsuitable or breaches any of the rules.

**4.2** Competitors, audience members and anyone else that may be present can be removed and banned from the venue and event based on behavior.

**4.3** Copyright- Must be adhered to at all times. Tasmanian Dance Expo is in no way responsible for any breaches of copyright. For more information please contact APRA & AMCOS.

**4.4** Photography/Video and Recording are prohibited during the competition but can be used during the awards ceremonies.

### **5. Music Rules**

**5.1** Music must be played side stage by the teacher/chaperone/ teacher assistant accompanying the student backstage.

**5.2** Music must not include any vulgar or offensive language. It must also be age appropriate. Disqualification can occur if the above is breached.

**5.3** Time limits are strictly enforced and can be found under entry rules.

**5.4** Music must be checked prior to the competition there will be no chance to check this prior to the event.

**5.5** Please see admin section for rules on Copyright.

### **6. Backstage Rules**

**6.1** All people required backstage will need a Working with Vulnerable People card this includes all teachers/teachers assistants and chaperones. No one will be allowed backstage without showing this card to the committee.

**6.2** You must report to stage manager/ marshall 30 minutes prior to your section commencing, failure to do so may result in missed performance or disqualification.

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**6.3** Aside from the competitor, only 1 teacher/chaperone or teacher assistant will be allowed backstage. An extra person may be allowed but you will need to contact the committee prior to the event to discuss this.

**6.4** Changing is to be done in the dressing rooms only unless a quick change is required backstage ( please contact the committee prior to the event if this is you).

**6.5** Rehearsing of items can only be done in dressing room areas, please refrain from rehearsing in hallways.

**7.** Parent/ Guardian responsibilities for the whole event.

**7.1** Children aged 16 and under are required to have a parent/ guardian with them at all times who accepts full responsibility of the child.

**7.2** Security will be notified if any children 16 and under are unaccompanied.

**8.** Dressing Rooms

**8.1** All schools are responsible for the areas allocated to them.

**8.2** Please be respectful of other dance schools, the space and any other items you are utilising.

**8.3** Any damage to dressing room areas will result in fines to the relevant dance school. Tasmanian Dance Expo holds no responsibility for any damage caused at the venue. If damage is noted prior to the start of the event please notify committee.

**8.3** Dance schools will need to provide their own speakers if they wish to practice with music.

**8.4** Music volumes must be kept to a minimum in dressing rooms and surrounding areas.

**8.5** Groups must be supervised at all times. No wondering around the venue is allowed. Areas will be allocated and signs will be stated clearly advising the areas to remain in.

**8.6** No alcohol to be brought backstage or in dressing rooms.

**9.** General Rules

**9.1** All complete entries maybe subject to email information (i.e. newsletters etc) until you unsubscribe.

**9.2** BULLYING in any way, shape or form will NOT be tolerated at any stage throughout the event. Any evidence of bullying will result in instant disqualification.

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**9.3** Proper etiquette is expected at all times during the event this includes attempting to recruit students to attend your school.

**9.4** STRICTLY no competitors/ children aged under 18 are to be on any of the gaming floors.

**9.5** No smoking indoors please find designated smoking areas at the venue.

**9.6** VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY – No video or photography to be taken during performance however video/ photography can be taken at awards.

**9.7** Alcohol is prohibited in dressing rooms, backstage and audience with the exception of the gala night where this can be consumed in the Tasman Room only.

**9.8** Choreography/ownership: Please make sure choreography is all original work. If you have been taught a routine from a previous dance school, and now are performing that routine under a different studio name, please make sure to have full permission from the original dance studio before performing that routine.

**9.9** FIRST AID: Each Studio/school entered must have a first aid officer, heat/ ice packs and a first aid kit. Tasmanian Dance Expo will not be responsible for providing the above. Wrest Point Casino security staff and some committee members are first aid certified.