

# TASMANIAN DANCE EXPO

## **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 by closing date.

1.2 Entries close when competition is FULL.

1.3 Late entries will be accepted up until 14/02/2021 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)

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: 7 & U, 9 & U, 11 & U, 13 & U, 15 & U, 17 & U and Open. 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 40 entries are received. These numbers may vary at committee discretion.

1.9 SOLO DIVISION: Ticketing information- We will release 40 tickets only per age group. If tickets don't sell by 31st Jan 2021, Tasmanian Dance Expo will then release the existing amount of tickets on a first in best dressed basis.

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 15 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 directors.

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).

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## 2. COMPETITION RULES

2.1 Competitors enter and compete at their own risk. Tasmanian Dance Expo, all directors 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 music, lyrics, costume and overall performance must be age appropriate.

2.3 TIME LIMITS: Solo Sections: Junior (Age 11yrs & U) 2 minutes and 30 seconds max. Teen (15 & U) 2 minutes and 30 seconds max. Senior (Age 15+) 3 minutes max.

Group Sections: 9 years & Under -3 minutes and 30 seconds max. 11years & Under- 3 minutes and 30 seconds max. 13 years & Under - 4 minutes max. 15 years & Under - 4 minutes max. Open - 4 Minutes max.

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 decide they are required for a particular event/section.

2.15 SOLO DIVISION Each solo section will be battling it out to be crowned the "Perth Solo Star" of their age division. The top 10 from each solo age group will be announced on stage at the awards ceremony. Shortly after the top 10 have been announced the second runner up, runner up and winner will be announced at the awards ceremony.

2.16 GROUP DIVISIONS Each group division 9yrs/11yrs/13yrs/15 yrs and open will be battling it out to be crowned the "Perth Cosmos" of their age division. The Top 5 will be announced and followed by the announcement of second runner up, runner up and winners of each age group section.

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## 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 the award system and reports please email [admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com](mailto:admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com) for further details.

## 4. Administration Rules

4.1 Tasmanian Dance Expo directors 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

5.1a Music must be uploaded on the Tasmanian Dance Expo Perth Regionals website page by the 28th Feb 2021. Fail to upload by this date you must contact directors immediately [admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com](mailto:admin@tasmaniandanceexpo.com) or we will assume that the competitor will not be commencing at the event and be removed from the program.

5.1b Label Music: Soloist. Full name and dance routine name. Groups. Dance studio name. Dance routine name.

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 uploaded on a USB and brought to the competition event day with a guardian or dance teacher as a backup if music is faulty on the day.

5.5 Please see the 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 the 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 directors 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 directors 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 for the child.

7.2 Directors 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 the directors.

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 wandering 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 may be 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.

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

9.4 No smoking indoors please find designated smoking areas at the venue.

9.5 VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY - No video or photography to be taken during performance however video/ photography can be taken at awards.

9.6 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.

9.7 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.