# 41st ANNUAL DANCE COMPETITION

INNISFAIL & DISTRICT BALLET & DANCE SOCIETY INC

Innisfail Shire Hall - Rankin Street INNISFAIL



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 10th May 2024

ENTRIES OPEN 10.00am 23rd January 2024 & CLOSE FRIDAY 10.00pm 8TH March 2024

ENTRIES FOR 2024 WILL BE DONE ONLINE www.comps-online.com.au

# NO MANUAL OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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# PLEASE NOTE 2024:

- All entries for 2024 will be done Online. Log into www.comps-online.com.au and register the competitor.
- You will receive an email upon completion of your entry so please check your inbox or junk mail folder.
   Parents are asked to check receipts immediately after you receive them in case there are wrong sections or information recorded with the entry.
- No changes to your entries will be accepted after the close off date 08/03/2024. The entry process is your responsibility so please check with your teachers so that you know what sections to enter. for your child/children.
- ONCE ENTRIES ARE CLOSED, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGING OR ADDING TO COMPETITORS ENTRIES. THIS DELAYS THE PROGRAMING SCHEDULE AND PRINTING.
- Music uploads will open in April & close on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024. If you miss the cut off date you will need to
  provide a USB with items listed correctly (Name, item e.g: lyrical, tap etc) & email president/secretary so
  that information is added to the music files and so that you are not withdrawn. We need to know if
  starting on stage or off stage when you download your music files.
- Everyone must bring a backup of music.

ADJUDICATOR FOR 2024
TO BE ADVISED

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

# **PROGRAM DETAILS**

A hard copy of the program can be ordered with the entry forms for a cost of \$25.00. This will be your only way of knowing when you are dancing and against whom. We encourage you to order with your entry.

# **ADMISSION CHARGES**

Season tickets can be pre-purchased with the online entry forms or available at the door for a cost of adult \$90.00, Members \$60.00, Child/Pensioner \$45.00. Teachers \$35.00. Tickets allow the holder entry to all sessions throughout this competition. Season tickets are not transferable to another person and must always be presented for admission.

We advise that presold tickets with entries are the preferred option due to COVID regulations.

## SESSION TICKETS

Adults \$15 each session (morning, afternoon & evening)

Pensioners & all school students \$10 per session (morning, afternoon & evening)

Children 3 - 4 years \$5.00 per session (morning, afternoon & evening) if utilising a seat

Family Pass (for whole week) - 2 Adults & 2 Children - \$220.00.

Teacher Pass - \$35.00. One (1) complimentary pass to be provided to each school prior to competition.

Day Pass (3 sessions in 1 day) - Adults \$40.00, Seniors/School age children \$25.00, Children 2-4 years \$10.00

# **COMPULSORY PERFORMER TICKET**

All competitors must purchase a competitor's ticket for \$20.00. This is purchased with their online entries and will allow them entry into the hall at any time to watch any sessions of the competition. They must present this when requiring admission. These tickets will be available for collection from their studio prior to the commencement of the Competition. They will not be mailed. Education Group Students \$10 each.

# **ENTRY FEES**

Solos \$15.00 per entry Duo/Trios \$25.00 per entry

Championships \$30.00 per section (not per routine)

Groups \$20.00 per item

Competitors Ticket \$20.00 (COMPULSORY)

Programmes \$25.00 (COMPULSORY) (collected from studios)

Online booking fee \$4.00 per invoice
Licence Fee \$1.60 per item
Processing Fee \$6.00 per competitor

# PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

The use of photographic devices of any kind are a breach of the privacy laws in accordance with the child protection act, and the committee regrets that the use of video recorders, mobile phones, iPad, cameras or any other recording device in the auditorium and side stage area is prohibited.

We will have professional Photographers (Studio & Action Shots) & Videographer available to capture all items should you wish to utilise their services.

This year BWP Studios will be returning and offering Action shots & Video of routines on USB. Great packages available.

# **CANTEEN**

There will be no canteen operating for 2024. We are however looking into a coffee station for parents & the banana supply for all competitors. We are encouraging families to vacate the hall and eat out in the local venues and utilise the riverfront for fresh air during Sessions.

# RULES AND CONDITIONS

# NOTE: Please read all rules and conditions carefully as they will be strictly adhered to.

Failure to comply with the following rules and conditions will involve disqualification and withholding of prizes. The decision of the management committee of the IDBDS in all questions or disputes arising out of, or not provided for, by these rules and regulations will be final. All entries are received according to this condition and in the spirit of friendly competition upon which the eisteddfod is based; no dispute shall become the subject of any appeal at law. ALL COMPETITORS COMPETE AT THEIR OWN RISK

#### 1. AMATEUR STATUS: Our competition is open to amateurs.

Definition of "Amateur" for those competing in the Innisfail & District Ballet & Dance Society Inc Dance competition are: Any person who does not derive nor has ever derived his or her main income or a substantial income as a teacher and/or performer in the professional theatre.

COPYRIGHT: The IDBDS Committee holds an APRA licence for performing recorded music.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to abide by the Music Copyright Guide for Eisteddfods (2012). The IDBDS is in no way responsible for personal breach of copyright of music. If in doubt APRA & AMCOS may be contacted directly.

The IDBDS committee will not be held accountable for any breech of copyright rules in relation to performing routines & using music if a competitor has left a studio. This is to be dealt with between the studio principal and parent of child. Dance schools must be aware of their students and what routines they are performing.

#### 2. ENTRIES:

All entries are through <a href="www.comps-online.com.au">www.comps-online.com.au</a> Payment of entry fees, programmes, competitors' tickets, trophy donations etc are to be done through Comps-online with the entries. Payment must be made at the time of entry. Entries will not be processed until payment has been made. Comps-online will be accessible through their webpage. It is advised to enter early and avoid the last-minute congestion! Once you register with Comps-online with a username and password, you will be able to go back in and add to your entry, however, each time you add items you will incur a processing fee. A confirmation email will be automatically returned to you on receipt of payment. If you do not receive an Automated Receipt, you have not completed the entry or confirmed payment. If this is the case, you won't be entered in the competition.

Your comps-online invoice is confirmation of your entry to the Dance Competition. You will not receive any confirmation of entries or payment from our committee. Please create files in competitors names not parents' names as it creates some difficulty when trying to track down competitors as some have different surnames. It makes it so much easier when files & reports are created by competitors as we do not have to contact dance schools to ask who the children belong too etc.

Entries close: Friday 08/03/24 @ 10.00pm. NO late entries will be accepted once they close. To know session times and dates you will need to order a program with your online entry.

# 3. NO REFUNDS OF FEES:

Entry fees are not refundable unless the section is cancelled by the committee. Once entries have been received and receipted, absolutely NO refunds will be given out. Please do not ask for a refund. The committee have the right to address one on one situations and grant a refund if deemed necessary.

#### 4. COMPETITORS:

Competitors can only compete once in any section and must not perform the same routine more than once during this dance competition. \$20.00 competitor tickets are compulsory.

#### 5. TIME LIMITS:

Time limits must be observed. These are the maximum time limits. Items may be shorter than the limit but must not exceed it. Teachers are strongly urged to keep all routines within the time limit to avoid the embarrassment of competitors being penalised and losing marks.

# 6. PROGRAMMING:

The Committee reserves the right to cancel or combine any section where there are insufficient entries. The Committee also reserves the right to divide sections that have large numbers of competitors by random selection. The 2 groups will be adjudicated separately. If sections are divided, competitors must perform in the division allocated. Programming of order is worked out on youngest to oldest for split sections. This is done by the computer program. For all other sections, order of programming will be done randomly.

Some changes may be made to the order if children are in other sections beforehand. We will change to allow them time for costume changes.

**Entrants MUST** appear in order of the programme on the day specified, unless so altered by a member of the Management Committee (President, Secretary, or Vice President).

Whilst desiring to adhere to the programme as printed, the Committee reserves the right to alter the programme should it be considered necessary. The Committee is unable to make special arrangements for out-of-town

competitors to compete at a time other than that shown in the official programme. Please DO NOT request to be changed from designated sections under any circumstances. Order of competitors will be sorted randomly this year.

#### 7. ADJUDICATOR:

#### > THE ADJUDICATORS DECISION WILL BE FINAL:

The Adjudicator has the power to share or withhold placings on merit, however we do encourage that all placings are given. No prompting will be permitted except by the Adjudicator in all age groups over 8 years. Younger age groups can have quick prompting by their teacher in the wings should the competitor forget their routine, but they must remain on stage, or they may be disqualified.

\*At the discretion of the Adjudicator, competitors may be given a second opportunity to complete their routine. (The Adjudicator will make the announcement if she wishes to see the item again.)

\*A written adjudication on all performances, including non-place getters, will be available from the Music/Results Table near the entrance door at the completion of the section. **No adjudication slips will be held by the Committee after the close of the Eisteddfod.** 

This association will not be held responsible for the Adjudicators remarks and/or actions. The Adjudicator is entitled to have their opinion and are given a copy of the Preliminary Program to read the RULES. The Committee reserves the right to appoint a new adjudicator, if at any time an incident occurs during the running of the Dance Competition that causes the committee to be unsatisfied with the present adjudicator's behaviour OR if the Adjudicator is unable to continue performing her duties for unforeseen circumstances.

#### > CONTACT WITH THE ADJUDICATOR:

Any approach to the Adjudicator by an entrant, parent, teacher, friend of an entrant, or spectator during the Eisteddfod is prohibited. Disqualification of the competitor may be enforced. This rule does not apply to the Committee Members. Under the Adjudicators discretion they may at any time approach or speak to anyone they choose.

#### > TUITION from ADJUDICATOR:

Competitors MUST NOT have any tuition whatever from the Adjudicator or the Adjudicator's School four (4) months prior from the time of announcement of the Adjudicator.

#### 8. ELECTRONIC RECORDING OR PHOTO DEVICES:

The taking of photographs or videos of any performance on stage during the competition is always strictly prohibited in the Auditorium. The Committee has engaged professionals who have sole rights and comply with the Information Privacy Act. Videos and photographs taken in dressing rooms must comply with the guidelines of the Information Privacy Act. Cameras, mobile phones, video cameras and flashlights or any other recording devices are **NOT** permitted in the theatre and must be turned off and not in use whilst in the auditorium. Failure to follow this ruling will result in confiscation of the device being used. We have a private business BWP Studios offering photography and video services.

#### **10.COMPETITORS WITHDRAWING:**

Any solo/group etc having to withdraw after entering are asked to notify the president/secretary as soon as possible to ensure smooth programming. **Once entry is received and receipted, entry fees cannot be refunded**, so please don't ask or request this to happen.

#### 11.CHECK IN FOR COMPETITORS:

Competitors must check in with the Backstage Marshall (right hand side of hall) once your section has been called to check in. You will then be escorted backstage to an area where you will wait until escorted again to the stage area. Once a section has commenced all competitors who have not officially checked in their music will be regarded as withdrawn and will not be able to compete in that section.

As soon as you have finished your item, you will walk off the left-hand side of the stage (town side), wash your hands in the dressing room then proceed to go down to the corridor where another backstage marshal will get you ready for adjudications. Sections will be called out during the sessions of when we require them to check in. *Please do not proceed to go backstage like in the past running's of this competition. You must wait. You will need to hand in your Demi Character resumes when you arrive to check in.* 

#### 12.AGE LIMITS:

When an age limit is stated in any section, it will be their age as at the 1st January 2024. Proof of age may be required at the competitor's expense and any prize withheld until such proof is provided. Competitors must enter in their respective age groups and will not be allowed to dance up or down an age group under any circumstances. The only time this may take place is if age groups are combined or changed after entries have been received.

# 13.DUOS/TRIOS:

Competitors may perform in different age sections with different partners, so long as they are not over the age stated for that section. They can only perform once in any one section. The eldest performer must enter the relevant age section. If any competitors in Duos, Trios or Groups are prevented from performing due to a withdrawal of one partner, a substitute may be used but you must notify the president/secretary prior to the commencement of the section. Trios may be reduced to Duos if necessary. These changes will be accepted provided all other conditions are

met. Name and date of birth of substitute/s must be handed to the Secretary at least 1 hour before commencement of the section.

#### 14.DISCREPANCIES/PROTESTS:

Any protest or objection must be referred to the president/secretary of IDBDS in writing within 30 minutes of the adjudicator's decision or after an issue arises. A protest will only be accepted from a dance teacher/principal and attract a \$25.00 fee. If the complaint is found to be valid, this fee will be refunded. Any protest will be referred to the Executive Committee, (not members), for settlement and the resulting decision will be final and accepted without further question. In the case of a dispute arising in respect of the age of any competitor or his/her eligibility to appear in any age grouping, the committee reserves the right to request a copy of the birth certificate of that competitor.

Anonymous letters will NOT be considered or addressed. Please note: competitions are not compulsory and don't always suit the individual.

#### 15.SAFETY RULES:

Every care will be taken for the competitor's safety, but the committee will not be responsible for any injury to any competitor, sustained during the competition.

The IDBDS committee is not responsible for any injury to any other persons 'authorized or unauthorized', sustained during the competition.

The IDBDS will not be responsible for any loss of property (props, music).

Entrants should be of good health and fitness and physically able to participate in an event.

All performers and patrons attending & competing at our competition are responsible for their own actions and safety & do so at their own risk.

The committee reserves the right to take any/all actions to facilitate the satisfactory conduct of the Competition. The Competition is conducted under the relevant Queensland Government Workplace Health & Safety Regulations. The committee expects all competitors, volunteers, patrons, teachers, and visitors to respect these guidelines and they will not be held liable for any such person who does not conform to these requests. Props must be removed from the hall straight after they have been used due to lack of storage room for them.

#### 16.MEDIA

Competitors and/or winner's names and photographs may be used in the media during and after the competition. Should this not be appropriate the committee must be advised prior to commencement of the dance competition. We will have a representative from the local paper at the hall during performances to take photos on our behalf for publicity. Please read the permission clause on the online entries.

#### **17.MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

The Management Committee has the power to decide on any question not contained in these rules and conditions. The answer or outcome to any question or dispute, will be made solely by the IDBDS Management Committee. (President/Secretary/Treasurer/Vice President). Please remember that committee members and our volunteers may be parents of children who dance and are not paid for their services.

#### 18. **PROPS**:

Props must be free standing and able to be quickly placed on the stage by the competitor & dance teacher. We are limited to space and props cannot be stored backstage prior to your item. 1 prop or 2 small props. (No setting of scenes on stage.) Props can be kept in the top left-hand side (town side) 1 section prior to your section. As soon as you finish with your item, you are to take the props with you back downstairs and then into your vehicle. No props that cause debris i.e. Talc powder, confetti, straw, glitter or popping of balloons is allowed. Props must be removed after each section as the theatre has no storage area to keep them there.

Props must leave the backstage area & hall straight away after use as we are using the dressing rooms for competitors to change in this year. At the end of the SESSION, they must be removed from the theatre. We ask that you take them back to your vehicles and do not store in dressing rooms. Curtains will be used for Championship Sections if required. For groups we offer Blackout of Lights for start & finish and curtains should props need to be set on stage.

# 19. MUSIC - Music Uploads Management Service.

All music will be required to be uploaded to a music upload system by Saturday the 20th of April 2024. Further details with the link will be sent to all competitors once the programming of events is done.

If you have tags, they are to be recorded and included in the music file.

There will be no allowance for the pausing and restarting of music during a performance. The music must be prerecorded with the required pauses. Any special instructions must be given to the Back Manager e.g., start on
stage and put this on the file when you are downloading the music. Where there are no special instructions,
the music will start immediately the competitor number is announced. MUSIC PERSONS WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY ERRORS. Our music player receives feed back from backstage managers & teachers through our intercom
system and music will be adjusted as per their discretion. Please make sure all music is recorded in digital and high

volume level as we can turn the speakers down but if too low we are limited to the level of loudness. If it is recorded softly, we can only adjust the volume capacity. Recording of music is the responsibility of the teacher.

#### 20.SONG & DANCE:

Singing or vocals will not be permitted on backing track during the song part in the Song & Dance sections, however we do allow for some backing vocals and full vocals on the dance section only. The competitor's voice must be heard over all music. (The adjudicator will know if a child is using the backing to assist with their voice strength and volume and it will be at her discretion to penalise if need be)

#### 21.COMPETITORS LEAVING THE STAGE DURING THEIR PERFORMANCE:

Should a competitor leave the stage because of having forgotten their routine, they will be permitted to reappear DURING the section; however, they may not receive a mark. If they reappear, they will be slotted in as soon as possible. (*They will not automatically go again at the end of the section.*) We advise competitors not to run off the stage if they forget their routine to avoid disappointment. We ask that they do a curtsey, and you will then be able to receive a mark up until that point. Children can still place if they forget and curtsey as they will be marked on their performance up until they finished. (This will be at the discretion of the adjudicator not the committee). If the Adjudicator decides their performance is so outstanding that even after a penalty for forgetting their routine, their marks are still high enough to beat the other competitors, then they may still be awarded a placing.

#### 21. DANCING ON STAGE

NO competitor is to perform anywhere other than on the stage area. This includes entry, exits, and includes NO jumping off the stage. No practicing on the stage in between sessions. The stage floor will be cleaned after each Day, but may be done between Sessions, and no one will be allowed on it until the Session opens. Exemption may be granted if permission is received from the President prior.

#### 22.AGE-APPROPRIATE COSTUMING & ROUTINES:

Inappropriate and suggestive movement and/or obscene language along with inappropriate costuming will not be permitted during performances. The adjudicator may penalise and STOP the performance.

Routines should be age appropriate for each competitor/group, and costuming should also be age appropriate. Please be aware that the child will be performing on a stage that is higher than the main seating in the theatre so bare this in mind when designing costumes. We are a Junior Dance Competition, and our audience attracts all age groups so please be mindful of the routine you are performing on stage. The IDBDS will not be liable for any official complaints. They are to be directed to the school involved.

<u>COMPULSORY RULINGS:</u> Do not use the over-extended (turned-in/inverted), Leg Mount/Kick with the crotch facing the audience. All entrants must wear stockings/tights for all routines. (No bare legs).

Maximum of 3 Acro tricks allowed in all Modern genre` routines. These Compulsory Rules have now been in place for 5 years. Please abide by them to avoid disappointment. Committee will not be held responsible for any comments made by the adjudicator for these sections.

#### 23.BEHAVIOUR/VENUE ETIQUETTE

A high standard of decorum, behaviour and professionalism is always expected from competitors, parents, teachers, and audience. Any issues of this nature will be dealt with by the Committee on the day as it deems appropriate. Unpleasant or offensive behaviour may result in those responsible being asked to leave and offending entrants may be disqualified, and this could also result in AWARDS being taken away from their children. These rules also apply to misuse of the Venue and Competition facilities. Competitors must wait quietly backstage for their turn to perform. The IDBDS as hirer of this venue reserves the right to refuse admission to any persons and can ask them to leave the premises and not return for a 24-hour period. Screaming, yelling & whistling out whilst a performance is on stage will not be accepted and could cause a disqualification of item being performed. We encourage acclamation only after performances.

#### 24.AWARDS

Award placings for each section are done at the discretion of the Adjudicator. We encourage only 1 first place but are not restricted to this. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, Medals for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, small medals on a ribbon for VHC and Ribbons for H.C awards. Competitors MUST attain a sufficiently high standard before becoming eligible for first place. We encourage the placing of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for all sections, however the Adjudicator has the final decision. VHC & HC are not compulsory for all sections and will be awarded as per the discretion of the adjudicator.

Section awards are carried out straight after the completion of each section. Major awards will be carried out at the completion of the competition.

# 25.MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS ALLOWED:

Teachers must obey the time ruling or children may be penalised.

Championships 3.30 Minutes each item Solos 12 Years & under 2.30 Minutes each item

Solos Over 13 Years	3.00	Minuteseach item
Duos/Trios	3.15	Minutes each item
Song & Dance Solos	3.30	Minutes each item
Song of Choice Solo	3.00	Minutes each item
Demi Under 12 Year	3.00	Minutes each item
Demi Over 13 Years	3.30	Minutes each item
Tiny Tots (6 Years & under)	2.30	Minutes each item
Speed Tap	2.30	Minutes each item
Musical Theatre	4.00	Minutes each item

#### 26. CHAMPIONSHIPS:

To be eligible to compete in championships, competitors must perform the 2 required items in their appropriate age sections to be eligible to compete in the championship. <u>This is for all age groups</u>. Championship sections will be dealt with accordingly by the Management Committee once entries close. The committee have the right to change age groups or combine championship sections if numbers are insufficient. A minimum of 5 competitors is required. Their decision will be final.

(1) slow routine, and (1) quick routine for Tap & Modern. <u>Distinct contrast in tempo and style must be shown.</u> Song & Dance Championships will perform a Song & Soft shoe routine first, then their Song & Tap routine. Song & Dance Championship is based on the 2 different styles, not Slow & Fast. The Junior Song & Dance Championship (12 years & under) may repeat 1 routine as their 2<sup>nd</sup> item..

1 Lyrical Expressive OR Contemporary and 1 Jazz

1 Age Tap and 1 Waltz Tap

1 Classical Solo and 1 Demi-Character

1 Song & Soft Shoe and 1 Song & Tap

= Modern Championship

= Tap Championship

= Ballet Championship

= Song & Dance Championship

#### 27.PERSONS PERMITTED BACK STAGE -

No parents/teachers are to go backstage and wait around. If you volunteer for a session, then you will be allowed to move around the backstage area to assist the competitors. Teachers, if you are volunteering then you may place the props on stage for the children.

Dressing rooms are only for competitors to wait in. Once children are dressed, we require parents to leave the backstage areas, or you will be asked to leave by the backstage crews. We are only **allowing 1 Dance Teacher** per school backstage as we do not have the waiting area capacity to cater for competitors, multiple dance teachers, backstage managers, and chairpersons.

**Backstage Passes** must be obtained from the Official Table in the Theatre. You will need to sign this pass in and out at the end of each Day. We have noticed other competitions have this ruling and is abided by, so we expect the same respect.

No Pass No Entry backstage.

#### 29.SONG & SOFT SHOE & SONG & TAP SECTIONS:

Vocal backing is not permitted in the vocal portion of any song and dance routine. Also, NO Lip Sync (i.e., no miming or singing along with vocal backing) will be allowed in Song & Dance Solos, Duos or Groups. Should the backing track contain a vocal melody line that assists the competitor with their voice strength or volume, then the competitor may be penalised or even disqualified. This will be at the discretion of the Adjudicator who is trained to know if music is providing an assistance to the child.

Music for tap routines should not contain sections of music where there is physical tapping recorded in the music that overpowers the individual competitor's ability. This could cause the competitor to be penalised or disqualified if the adjudicator thinks the competitor is not physically tapping and just using the music to assist them. Note: - Honkey Tonk Piano tunes often contain a special effect that isn't physical tapping, and this is accepted.

Song of Choice is only vocals – no dancing. This is not a championship qualifier section or item.

#### 30.LIGHTING RULES:

- 1. Lights will remain as set for the duration of the Dance Competition
- 2. Use of battery-operated candles, torches, illuminated props etc, are all permissible, as they are not considered as lighting effects. No burning or combusting items allowed.
- 3. Blackouts will be used for Groups. Please request if requiring Blackout Start / Blackout Finish prior to the competition.
- 4. Groups are allowed coloured lights and teachers need to let IDBDS know what colours you would like

#### 31.PRACTICAL DETAILS CURTAINS AND STAGE:

- 1. The front curtain at the Innisfail Shire Hall is approximately 2 metres from front of the stage. The curtain is blue and is operated by an electronic system. (Very slow). CURTAIN USE WILL BE LIMITED FOR ROUTINES AND
- 2. The curtain cannot be used as a Prop. The curtain must remain fully open during the whole performance.
- 3. Curtain requests should be made to Committee prior to start of competition. They will be used for Championships if required & groups

- 4. The backdrop is black with our own design logo printed on it.
- 5. A box of rosin shall be provided behind the back curtain. Please do not spill this all over the floor area.
- 6. No rehearsing on stage at all this year

STAGE (Size of Stage): The maximum performing area of the Innisfail Shire Hall stage is as follows:

LENGTH - 10.5 Metres x WIDTH/DEPTH - 8.5 Metres - (Dancing area)

It is also suggested that competitors do not dance up in the front stage corners due to lighting and the different stage sounds for tapping and song & dance items.

The stage will not be available for rehearsal during the Dance Competition, unless the Management Committee is satisfied that special circumstances justify such a rehearsal.

#### The stage will be off limits before sections and during breaks etc as it will be mopped cleaned & ready

- No foreign substances including liquid or hay/tacks/timber materials are to be used on stage.
- No item or person is to be suspended from above stage.
- No naked flame allowed on stage or backstage.
- All items must start and finish from the stage. No entry or exit to the stage may be made at any time through the Auditorium.

#### 32.DEMI CHARACTER RESUME/TITLE & NATIONAL TITLE.

- a. A short resume or Title will be read out prior to the item being performed. Competitors are to have this with them when they are checked in. This will then be given to the backstage manager prior to the section commencing so that it can be read out.
- b. A typed copy must be handed to the Backstage Manager prior to the commencement of the Section. (Arial size 14) Large clear font 1.5 line spacing. *Do not handwrite this on a scrap of paper or handtowel*.
- c. Titles only for National dances must also be given when checking in labelled in the music file when downloading

# 33. **DEFINITIONS**:

HIP HOP - Routine that utilises Hip Hop, Breakdance or Rap movements.

TAP – any style or tempo of Tap

**SPEED TAP** – tap routine must be performed to a piece of fast music and the tapping must also be at a continuous fast tempo. This routine should show fast tapping from start to finish and be deemed as a Speed not just Fast music.

WALTZ TAP – Must be choreographed to a piece of 3/4 - 6/8 waltz music and must show continuity of flow.

JAZZ – a routine using jazz technique and performed to a piece of music with appropriate costuming, steps and music choice. In Championships, this must be a fast-danced routine not just fast music. The whole routine should be performed to a fast tempo. Only 3 Acro Tricks permitted in all modern routines.

BROADWAY JAZZ – Combines jazz dance technique, acting, facial expressions and stage presence. To be performed to a Broadway Musical piece of music. Non vocal singing section – dance only. ACRO ruling applies LYRICAL – previously known as Slow modern. Slow controlled balletic movements set to a slow music routine. Must demonstrate balance, flexibility and control utilising the lyrics or mood to express this. Only 3 Acro Tricks permitted. CONTEMPORARY – interpretive dance using balance and control – contemporary style not lyrical. Only 3 Acro Tricks permitted.

**SONG & DANCE** – Routine must contain both singing and dancing. Singing or vocals not permitted on backing track, however we do allow for some backing vocals and full vocals on the dance section only.

SONG OF CHOICE - Singing only and minimal actions/movements - no dancing - not a championship qualifier.

CLASSICAL BALLET - Must include classical steps and classical technique.

**DEMI-CHARACTER** – Classical ballet includes mime, acting, storytelling, and is set to music.

**NATIONAL** – a traditional dance that reflects the life of a country or region using traditional costumes and choreography.

**MUSICALTHEATRE/CABARET** – a floorshow of dancing, acting & must contain singing. Must be age and costume appropriate. A dance item choreographed to music from a stage musical. Please note this is not a Song Choice section – it must resemble an item in a musical production or cabaret show but remain age appropriate.

**ACRO** – Routine must contain acrobatic/gymnastic passes. Definite dance choreography should be used to blend the acro tricks into the dance. Acro tricks are defined as movements that pass through or stop at fully inverted (upside down) positions with both feet off the floor and torso passing or stopping directly over the top of one's head/shoulders. Examples may include front and back walkover, aerials, front and back handsprings, handstands etc. (This is the section to enter if you have more than 3 ACRO tricks in your routine.)

**SCHOOL GROUPS** – must be from an educational school not a dancing school.

**ALL ABILITIES SECTION** - any dance style performed by a disabled person as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act\*. (A trophy will be awarded to all competitors as this is a non-competitive section.)

#### **34.ADJUDICATORS REPORT SHEETS**

Reports will be available at a table down the back after the completion of each section. No duplicate copies of reports will be available. Reports not collected by the end of the eisteddfod will be destroyed. It is the competitor's

responsibility to collect these reports at the end of each section with their music. (Only the child or parent can collect these. (You cannot collect for others)

#### 35.DRESSING ROOMS -

Backstage dressing rooms are available. Parents/sibblings, are not allowed to wait around in the dressing rooms. Once they dress their child, they are to vacate the dressing rooms and go back into the theatre. 1 dance teacher per school will be allowed in these areas. No props to be stored in the dressing rooms after they are used.

The dressing rooms must always be kept clean and tidy. If you make a mess, please clean it up and wipe the benches down after you have used your area. Dance Schools will be responsible for the cleaning of these areas. Cleaning fines of \$150 will be issued this year if these areas are left untidy.

NO FOOD OR DRINK ITEMS ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS – PLEASE USE FRONT BALCONY FOR EATING/DRINKING. ALL PROPS MUST BE REMOVED FROM BACKSTAGE AREA & DRESSING ROOMS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN USED & FINISHED WITH.

TAP SHOE COVERS OR SOCKS MUST BE WORN WHILST INSIDE THE THEATRE. YOU CAN REMOVE THEM ONCE YOU ARE BACKSTAGE. YOU CANNOT WALK AROUND THE THEATRE OR IN THE OPEN DRESSING ROOM/AISLES WITHOUT THEM. THIS INCLUDES GOING DOWN FOR PHOTOS IN FOYER

#### 36. HAIR AND MAKEUP

As part of the hygiene rulings, we need to make sure that children arrive at the hall with their hair & make up already done.

#### 37. GROUPS

- A group must consist of no less than 4 competitors
- The names/ages & payment of Group competitors must be in the hands of the President/Secretary by Friday 19/04/2024 so tickets can be done and ready. These lists can be emailed to: <a href="mailto:idbds123@gmail.com">idbds123@gmail.com</a> or secretary@idbds.com.au. Payment for group competitors who are not entering solo's/duo sections will also need to be finalised by this date. Compulsory competitors' tickets are \$20
- Lighting for Group items will also need to be finalised and emailed by the 19/04/2024
- A maximum of 4 students may dance down an age group for troupes only if the majority of students in that age
  group are within the correct age group. This only applies for the Junior & Intermediate groups. Students
  dancing down can only be 12 months older. IDBDS committee must be made aware of the older students for
  programming of following sections after groups.
- Studio's can enter more than 1 item per group.
- Please also note that due to the age of competitors that Teachers dance up for Group items, there may be sections that follow groups where students will need to change quickly if they are entered in them.

# 39. CHILD PROTECTION

The IDBDS committee is committed to upholding the highest standards of safety and wellbeing for its competitors. As such the following recommendations are in place during our IDBDS Dance Competition:

- 1. A competitor's costuming is not to place them at risk of exposing themselves (i.e. breasts, buttock, genital area) to the audience.
- Tights are to be worn under all costumes that do not have a defined leg sewn in. If there is any risk of buttock/genitalia being exposed, lycra leg tights are recommended to be worn.
- 3. Choreography is to be age-appropriate, and not contain movements that could be widely interpreted as sexually promiscuous, explicit, or offensive. Our audience is open to all ages.
- 4. Music choice is to be age-appropriate, and not contain explicit or subliminal sexual references, drug and alcohol references, or references to violence. Edit music to remove any swear words.
- 5. Props such as sand, water, powder, glitter, glass, mirror, porcelain, electrical props, or open flames, are not permitted to be used on stage or inside the Shire Hall.
- 6. Choreography based around themes of a highly sensitive nature such as abuse, suicide, locally and globally traumatic events, etc, are to be avoided or handled with extreme care and due diligence, as
- 7. the IDBDS committee are not able to provide appropriate and timely content warnings to its audiences.
- The Adjudicator will be made aware of these recommendations, and they may be used to determine outcomes for competitors in terms of scores and placings. Studio Owners will be communicated via email in the instance that a Child Protection concern has been raised, for them to then disseminate the IDBDS concerns. by following up the teacher, choreographer, or parent as to why certain decisions surrounding costuming, content or movement were made. Recurring concerns will be addressed accordingly.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Rules and Regulations pertaining to each section are outlined in this preliminary programme. Changes to some rules may occur from year to year, therefore it is imperative that all instructions are read carefully. Disqualification may

follow if rules are not observed. Sections will be split if necessary, after entries have closed. Tap shoe covers must be worn

Time limits stated are the maximum allowed. This does not mean the items have to be this length in time.

Cameras/Video cameras/IPADs and other recording devices are not permitted. Mobile phones must always be switched off whilst in the theatre.

No electronic devices of any kind will be allowed in the theatre/dressing rooms/rest rooms/backstage. If anyone is caught with an active device on and recording whilst an item is being performed will be asked to leave the premises and the child/school may be disqualified from the competition.

Competitor's tickets are compulsory for all entrants and must be visible always. These are purchased with online entries. These tickets are to be collected at the hall when you first arrive. There will be a separate area. Please do not misplace these as you will be charged \$5.00 for replacements cards. You will need a lanyard to attach so that they are worn always except whilst competing.

Good quality back up of music must be provided if requested. (CD or USB)

#### **SAFETY**

Because of Safety regulations and storage area we must insist you limit the amount and size of props and remove them from the stage area and dressing rooms immediately after the item has been performed or straight after the section has finished.

No smoking permitted anywhere inside the theatre or on the front patio. This theatre is a **NO SMOKING ZONE**. No food or drink items will be allowed in the theatre/auditorium/dressing rooms as this is now classed as a **NO FOOD ZONE**. You can utilise the tables and chairs that are available in the canteen area and balcony. Water bottles are allowed.

Our competition is based on the national eisteddfod ruling and therefore <u>we do not encourage yelling</u>, <u>screaming or other loud noises whilst competitors are competing on stage</u>. Clapping is to be done at the end of each performance.

Please remember that any section can be combined or split once all entries have been entered onto the system. You will need to check our webpage & facebook page early April to see what sections have been combined etc. Dance Schools are always notified of changes and should pass the information onto their students etc. We require a minimum of 3 competitors where possible in sections, however for Championships we require at least 5 competitors otherwise they will be combined.

Remember all our volunteers are just that: 'VOLUNTEERS', so please treat them all with RESPECT

CHECK RESULTS ON WEBPAGE: www.idbds.com.au

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# **DANCE SECTIONS 2024 – Section descriptions & time limits**

# NATIONAL DANCE SOLO (excluding Scottish and Irish)

D1. 18 years & under Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs

#### **TAP DANCE SOLO**

D2. 5 years & under (Tiny Tots) Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D3 6 years (Tiny Tots) Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D4. 7 years Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D5 8 years Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D6. 9 years Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D7 10 years Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D8. 11-12 years Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs D9. 13-14 years Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs D10. 15-18 years inclusive Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

# WALTZ TAP DANCE SOLO (compulsory if you wish to compete in Tap Championship)

D11. 12 years Inclusive & under
D12. 13 - 18 years Inclusive
Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

# TAP CHAMPIONSHIPS - (1st routine is slow & 2<sup>nd</sup> routine is fast) - Time limit - 3.30 mins each solo

D13. Junior 12 years Inclusive & under
D14. Senior 13-18 years Inclusive

Time limit – 3 mins 30 secs
Time limit – 3 mins 30 secs

The committee have the right to change age groups or combine championship sections if numbers are insufficient. A minimum of 5 competitors is required. The fast routine must have fast tapping rhythms with fast music. Please make sure you have entered the relevant solos in your age group.

# **SONG & SOFT SHOE DANCE SOLO**

D15. 8 years Inclusive & under

D16. 9-12 years Inclusive

D17. 13-18 years Inclusive

Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs

Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs

Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs

# **SONG & TAP DANCE SOLO**

D18. 8 years Inclusive & under
D19. 9-12 years Inclusive
D20. 13-18 years Inclusive
Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs
Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs
Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs

# SONG OF CHOICE (no dancing) – not a championship qualifier section

D21. 12 years & under

D22. 13-18 years Inclusive

Time limit – 2 mins 30 secs

Time limit – 3 mins 00 secs

# SONG & DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (1st routine song & soft shoe AND $2^{nd}$ routine song & tap) – Time limit – 3.30 mins <u>each solo)</u>

D23. Junior 12 years Inclusive & under (may repeat 1 item already performed)

D24. Seniors 13 - 18 years Inclusive

The committee have the right to change age groups or combine championship sections, if numbers are insufficient. A minimum of 5 competitors is required. (SONG & SOFT SHOE FIRST, THEN SONG & TAP ROUTINE). This is not based on Slow & Fast. It is based on Song & Soft Shoe and Song & Tap. Please make sure you have entered the relevant solos in your age group.

# **CLASSICAL DANCE SOLO**

D25. 5 years & under (Tiny Tots)

D26. 6 years (Tiny Tots)

D27. 7 years

D28. 8 years

Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs

D29.	9 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D30.	10 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D31.	11 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D32.	12 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D33.	13 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D34.	14 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D35.	15 -18 years Inclusive	Time limit – 3 mins 00 secs

# DEMI CHARACTER DANCE SOLO (see ruling about PROPS)

D36. 5 years & under (Tiny Tots)	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D37. 6 years (Tiny Tots)	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D38. 7 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D39. 8 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D40. 9 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D41. 10 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D42. 11 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D43. 12 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D44. 13 years	Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs
D45. 14 -18 years	Time limit - 3 mins 30 secs

# CLASSICAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - (1st classical & 2<sup>nd</sup> demi character) - 3.30 mins each

If we receive sufficient numbers, we will split this championship and make 2.

D46. 18 years & under

The committee have the right to change age groups or combine championship sections if numbers are insufficient. A minimum of 5 competitors is required. Please make sure you have entered the relevant solos in your age group. If there are enough entrants, we will make a Junior & Senior Championship

# IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL MODERN SECTIONS: JAZZ/LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY

For all modern sections, we allow ONLY 3 TRICKS per routine. If you choose to do more, it will be at the discretion of the adjudicator if it should have been entered into the ACRO section. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year we have had this ruling in place & notice others have similar ruling. The adjudicator is made aware of this ruling.

## **MODERN DANCE SOLO – Jazz**

D47. 5 years & under any style (Tiny Tots)	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D48. 6 years (Tiny Tots)	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D49. 7 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D50. 8 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D51. 9 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D52. 10 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D53. 11 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D54. 12 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D55. 13 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D56. 14 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D57. 15 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D58. 16-18 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

# **MODERN DANCE SOLO - Slow lyrical**

MODERN DANCE 30E0 - Slow lyrical	
D59. 7-8 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D60. 9 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D61. 10 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D62 11 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D63. 12 years	Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
D64. 13 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D65. 14 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D66. 15 years	Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs
D67. 16-18 years	Time Limit- 3 mins 00 secs

## **MODERN DANCE SOLO - Contemporary**

 D68. 8-10 years
 Time limit - 2 mins 00 secs

 D69. 11-12 years
 Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs

 D70. 13 years
 Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

 D71. 14 years
 Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

 D72. 15 years
 Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

 D73. 16-18 years
 Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

# MODERN CHAMPIONSHIPS (1 slow & 1 fast danced routine - 3.30 mins each)

D74. Junior 12 years Inclusive & under D75. Senior 13-18 years Inclusive

The committee have the right to change age groups or combine championship sections if numbers are insufficient. A minimum of 5 competitors is required. The Jazz routine must be danced fast & to fast paced music. ACRO trick rules apply to Championships as well. Please make sure you have entered the relevant solos in your age group.

#### MUSICAL THEATRE/CABARET SOLO

D76. 18 years & under Time limit - 4 mins 00 secs

A floorshow of dancing, acting & must include singing. A dance item choreographed to music from a stage or Broadway musical. Must be age and costume appropriate

Please note: Speed Tap, Broadway Jazz, Acro, Hip Hop & Song of Choice solos are just extra sections. (These are not compulsory and will not be included for Championship qualifiers or Aggregate Awards.)

# SPEED TAP SOLO (must be fast continuous tapping to fast rhythm music) – this is not a normal tap section

D77 18 years & under Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs

**BROADWAY JAZZ SOLO** 

D78. 18 years & under Time limit – 3 mins 00 secs

Combines jazz dance technique, acting, facial expressions and stage presence. To be performed to a Broadway Musical piece of music. – Non vocal singing section – dance only. **ACRO ruling applies** 

**ACRO SOLO** – A routine using controlled movements and flexibility, walkovers, aerials, back handsprings, etc. Must incorporate dance techniques. This is where you can do your tricks.

D79. 12 years & under

D80. 13-18 years

Time limit – 2 mins 30 secs

Time limit – 3 mins 00 secs

**HIP HOP SOLO** 

D81. 12 years Inclusive & under
D82. 13-18 years Inclusive
Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs
Time limit - 3 mins 00 secs

# ALL ABILITIES SOLO/DUO - OPEN AGE - (Teacher may assist on stage)

Any dance style performed by a disabled person as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act.\* (A prize will be given to all competitors as this is a non-competitive section.)

D83. Any age (any style) Time limit - 2 mins 30 secs

# DUO SECTIONS - (Once entries have been received; we will split sections into appropriate age groups.

**TAP DUO** 

D84. 18 years & under Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs

**SONG & DANCE / NOVELTY DUO** 

D85. 18 years & under Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs

**CLASSICAL / DEMI CHARACTER / NATIONAL DUO** 

D86. 18 years & under Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs

MODERN DUO (any style)

D87. 12 years & under

D88. 18 years & under

Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs

Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs

TRIO - Any Style

D89. 12 years & under Any style TRIO Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs
D90. 18 years & under Any style TRIO Time limit - 3 mins 15 secs

# <u>GROUPS</u> –Dance schools can perform 2 items in these sections. The competitors can perform in both items per section. (*just be mindful of age sections before & after group sections*).

#### **TAP GROUPS**

G91	8 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G92.	10 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G93.	13 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G94.	Open age	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

# **SONG & DANCE GROUPS**

G95. 8 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G96. 10 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G97. 13 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G98. Open age	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

# **CLASSICAL GROUP**

G99.	8 years & under <b>OR</b> Classical or Demi	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G100.	10 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G101.	13 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G102.	Open age	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

# **DEMI CHARACTER**

G103. 10 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G104. 13 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G105. Open age	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

#### **MODERN GROUP (JAZZ)**

G106. 8 years & under (Jazz or Lyrical)	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G107. 10 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G108. 13 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G109. Open age	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

# **MODERN GROUP (LYRICAL)**

G110. 10 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G111. 13 years & under	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs
G112. Open age	Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

# **MODERN GROUP (CONTEMPORARY)**

G113. 10 years & under

G114. 13 years & under

G115. Open age

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

#### **NATIONAL GROUP**

G116. Open age (any age)

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

#### **NOVELTY / MUSICAL THEATRE**

G117. 10 years & under

G118. 13 years & under

G119. Open age

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

#### **ACRO GROUP**

G120. 13 years & under

G121. Open age

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

#### **HIP HOP GROUP**

G122. 10 years & under

G123. 13 years & under

G124. Open age

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

#### **CABARET**

G125. 13 years & under Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs G126. Open Age Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

# **EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL DANCE GROUP (ANY STYLE)**

Students must be bona fide members of the Education school entered. This section is not for Dance Schools

G127. Primary grades 1-6 Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs G128. Secondary grades 7-12 Time limit - 5 mins 00 secs

Competitors will appear in order by the computer program system which will be random selection. This may be altered to allow competitors time to change if in other sections following.

# Age is at the 1st January 2024.

Please remember that the IDBDS Committee reserves the right to combine age groups and categories together, once all entries have been closed, to create an event that will work for all involved. You will need to check our Facebook page and with your teachers at the end of April to see what sections have been combined etc. Championship Age Groups could also change once entries have been closed. The suggested age groups against all championship sections are only an indication of Junior, and Senior. There must be a minimum of 5 competitors for all championships and if there isn't, they will be combined with an appropriate age group decided by committee. If any age groups have been modified/changed after entries close, all dance schools will be notified.

#### **ENTRY FEES:**

Solos \$15.00 per entry Duo/Trio \$25.00 per entry

Championships \$30.00 per section (not per routine)

Groups \$22.00 per item

Competitors Ticket \$20.00 (COMPULSORY)

Programmes \$25.00 (COMPULSORY) (delivered to studios)

Online booking fee \$4.00 per invoice (Comps on line)

Licence Fees \$1.60 per item

Processing fee \$6.00 per competitor