



Welcome to **ACE Dance Events**.....

We provide children of all ages and talent levels a place to perform and enjoy their passion. As well as offering the encouragement, tools, knowledge, and experience necessary to succeed in the professional world of dance. With our code of ethics, we dream of making every young dancer's world seem brighter!

## **2019 ACE Dance Events - Rules and Regulations**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Failure to comply with these rules could result in disqualification.

### **AGE DEVISIONS**

6/u, 8/u, 10/u, 12/u, 14/u 16/u, Open Age

The age category for all routines is determined by using the average age of the performers as of January 1st.

The average age of all performers in a Group, determines the appropriate age division. To figure the average, add the ages of all the performers in a routine and then divide by the number of performers. **DROP THE DECIMAL POINT.** For example, if the average age is 13.9, this routine would compete in the 14 year old age division. If you have a group with performers 12 months older than the required age group, you must limit those competitors to 2 in each group if you are entering Small Groups, 4 in each group if entering Large Groups.

### **TIME LIMITS**

Small Groups 4mins

Large Groups 5mins

Musical Theatre 6mins

### **CATEGORIES**

Hip Hop - Routine consisting primarily of Hip Hop Technique. The music must not contain inappropriate lyrics or it will be scored lower by the judges.

Musical Theatre - Routine featuring any style of dance interpreting a song from a Broadway show or movie musical.

Jazz - Routine must consist of primarily jazz technique. Three gymnastic/acrobatic tricks allowed.

Tap - Routine must contain tap technique and primarily tap work. No prerecorded tap sounds are allowed. Three gymnastic/acrobatic tricks allowed.



## CATEGORIES - continued

**Ballet** - Routine must consist of ballet technique. Must include classical steps and movements. No gymnastic/acrobatic tricks allowed. Teachers discretion as to whether pointe shoes are worn.

**Lyrical** - Routine should demonstrate balance, extension, isolations and control utilising the lyrics or mood of the music. Three gymnastic/acrobatic tricks allowed

**Acrobatic** - A routine using controlled moves such as walkovers, limbers, handstands, chest rolls, etc. Can contain gymnastic passes. Majority of routine must be acrobatic skills, or it will be scored lower by the judges. Can contain flexibility or contortion. Must contain dance moves, steps, and choreography.

**National Character Dance** - A routine that is the stylized representation of a traditional folk or national dance, mostly from European countries, and uses movements and music which have been adapted for the theatre.

**Song & Dance** - A routine using theatrical performance combining singing and dancing. Backing vocals may be used.

**Open** - Any of our listed categories or combinations of listed category styles.

**Contemporary** - Routine should utilise contemporary style to show extension and balance, can combine lyrical, modern and concert style techniques. ACROBATIC TRICKS ARE ALLOWED in this category.

## PAYMENT

ACE Dance Events accepts entries through Comps Online.

All payments of entry fees must be received with entries. No payments will be accepted at events.

All entries received after the deadline will be charged an addition \$10.00 per entry.

There will be a \$10.00 administration fee charged for each change made less than 14 days prior to the event.

**NO CHANGE WILL BE PERMITTED AT THE EVENT WITHOUT THE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL.**

No refunds will be issued after the closing date unless the competition is cancelled. ACE Dance Events reserves the right to reschedule the event due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event that a dancer is injured prior to scheduled competition date, a credit may be issued. A copy of a doctor's note must be sent along with the request. Credits are subject to approval and are at the sole discretion of ACE Dance Events.

In order for programs to be finalised, closing date must be strictly adhered to. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and will be limited to the amount of performance time available



## MUSIC

ACE Dance Events will send an email with a label attachment for all participants music. We ask that all devices be labelled with the following information.

Studio Name  
Event Number  
Entry Number  
Routine Name

It is recommended that you bring backup music in the event of a malfunction of the original media. ACE Dance Events is not responsible for music left at the event.

## PROPS

ACE Dance Events staff is not responsible for any props. The putting on and taking off props is the sole responsibility of the studio. Fire, swords and knives are strictly prohibited. Props must be free standing. No form of liquid, gel, aerosol, glitter, etc. may be used that would affect the dancing surface. If the stage is "littered" during a routine, please be prepared to clean it up immediately after the routine is finished. In addition, any damage to the hosting facility due to props will be the responsibility of the studio in which the prop belongs.

Any entry using a prop brought onto stage without prior approval is subject to disqualification.

## JUDGING

Performers will be judged by a panel of 2 competent judges, and all entrants agree that the time, manner, and method of judging the performers shall be solely within the discretion of the directors and producers of ACE Dance Events. All decisions of the judges are final.

Judges Score Sheets must be picked up at the event. They will not be mailed afterward.

## MEDIA RELEASE

Performers and teachers by virtue of entering an ACE Dance Event give their permission and consent to the directors of ACE Dance Events to use their images, photographs, appear in videos, or any other electronic media for advertising, or other commercial use of our events.

## INAPPROPRIATE LYRICS, COSTUMINGS AND MOVEMENT

Choreography, costuming, and/or the use of dance themes such as rape, suicide, murder, sex, domestic violence, anorexia and dark undertones chosen and/or presented to competition audiences with lack of "artistic discretion" will be considered inappropriate. ACE Dance Events appreciates the art form, creativity and desire to heighten world awareness of the themes through dance but deem it inappropriate to present them to audiences that include children of every age. We realise that this is extremely subjective and sensitive. Any entry that is ultimately deemed inappropriate by ACE Dance Events Judges may have points deducted or may be judged for a report only. We urge studio owner, teacher and especially parents to keep performances thematically and choreography appropriate. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



## BACKSTAGE

Teachers and performers are allowed backstage only during their routine or when directed by ACE Dance Events Stage Manager. Only same gender parents and teachers will be allowed in the dressing rooms. One studio representative is required to check in with ACE Dance Events at least 5 routines prior to their scheduled performance. Failure to do so may result in the routine being skipped or penalised. Please notify the ACE Dance Event Stage Manger at the time of check in if the routine has any props. Please no food or drinks backstage or in the dressing rooms. All performers must clean up after themselves on stage and in the dressing rooms.

## INHERENT RISKS

Any performers competing in dance competitions takes certain inherent risks. These include, but are not limited to sprains, bruises, pulled muscle and broken bones. Participation in this competition indicates the acceptance of such risks by performers. Therefore by virtue of entering this event, it is agreed that participants will not hold ACE Dance Events or its officers, directors, officials, stage or employees responsible for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them while in attendance and/or participating in any activity related to an ACE Dance Event. ACE Dance Events and the hosting facility are not responsible for personal injury to either contestant or spectators. ACE Dance Events is not responsible for lost or stolen property. Do not leave your property and valuables unattended in the theatre or dressing rooms.

## ADDITIONAL RULES AND DISCLAIMERS

ACE Dance Events reserves the right to cancel any event due to unforeseen circumstances, number of entries, or any other circumstance deemed necessary. ACE Dance Event reserves the right to add additional competition days or more the competition location due to unforeseen circumstances. Any change is competition days and/or times is at the sole discretion of ACE Dance Events and will be determined by the amount of time available at each event. Sportsmanlike behaviour is expected at all times. Failure to display proper decorum could result in immediate disqualification. ACE Dance Events does not discriminate, however, we do reserve the right to refuse entry into the event to both competitors and spectators of any group or individual who has been deemed unsportsmanlike by our staff. Anyone displaying unsportsmanlike behaviour during the event will immediately be asked to leave the facility resulting in the loss of entry fees, awards, and possible disqualification.



