

## DANCERS CONNECT RULES 2026

1. All competitors and other persons attending sessions at the **Dancers Connect** competition do so at their own risk.
2. The adjudicator's decision is final, and no discussion will be entered into regarding any decisions. Carers and competitors are not to approach or speak with the adjudicator during the event.
3. Entries will only be accepted via the [comps-online.com.au](http://comps-online.com.au) website.
4. AGE DETERMINATION DATE: **1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**
5. We will be using Music Uploads service for our Eisteddfod. It's contactless, all online and will help take out the stress of music issues that arise from time to time.
6. By entering our competition, you are agreeing to all aspects of social media promotion. Please contact us privately if you have any concerns regarding this BEFORE the competition has taken place. Any social media posts will not be removed if you contact us after the fact.
7. All routines have a time limit, which should be adhered to: Solos 3 mins (except song and dance solos 4 mins), Duos & Trios 3 mins and Student Own Choreography 3 mins. This is the MAXIMUM. Routines do not have a minimum time limit. Improvisation Solo music is chosen by the adjudicator and will be between 30-60 seconds.
8. SMALL GROUPS and SMALL GROUPS OWN CHOREOGRAPHY – The group can be from 4 to 15 performers.
9. If insufficient entries are received in a section, the organisers have the right to cancel or combine sections. They may also separate sections where there are an excessive number of entries. Any cancelled sections will be fully refunded.
10. **Dancers Connect** reserves the right to run up to 1 hour early and therefore it is a good idea to arrive early. **Dancers Connect** holds NO responsibility if you miss your event.
11. Unisex dressing spaces are available for all participants and competitors accompanied by supervising males. Anyone requiring special consideration for the use of the unisex dressing rooms must notify the organisers prior to the event. Photography and/or videoing is prohibited in dressing rooms.

12. Only officials and stagehands are allowed side stage during performances.
13. No prompting from side stage or audience, of competitors while performing on stage.
14. Children and adults must remain still and quiet during the performances. Entry and exit will only be allowed between routines.
15. Entry fees are NON REFUNDABLE under any circumstances (except due to government restrictions). Submitting an entry for the **Dancers Connect** competition, confirms your acceptance that Solo's, Duo's, Trios and small groups can be scheduled at any time, during the advertised start and finish dates.
16. All persons entering the audience must secure an entry ticket before admittance is allowed.
17. The taking of Photographs by cameras, video cameras or mobile phone cameras of any performance is strictly forbidden in the audience. All routines will be recorded and available for sale.
18. The competition will not be responsible for any infringement of copyright or royalty by individual performers or persons associated with the performance.
19. Improvisations – ***No costumes allowed. Plain dancewear only.***
20. Own Choreography sections may wear a costume.
21. To be eligible to compete in a Championship section, a competitor must have performed in at least any two Solo sections.
  - All Championship sections require 2 dances to be performed, one may be repeated from the age section the other must be a new dance. The style can be the same or different to the sections competed in.

Dances must be performed in this order!

- Dance 1 - NEW dance
- Dance 2 – either NEW dance or a repeat dance that can be decided on the day of the Championship

PREVENTION OF BULLYING POLICY STATEMENT – **Dancers Connect** expects that EVERYONE at our competition shall treat each other with respect and dignity, to provide a healthy environment that is cohesive and comfortable for ALL. The competition will NOT tolerate any bullying or harassment.

## **PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

### **Solo, Duo, Trio sections** (including student own choreography and improvisations)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Medals for each competitor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Medal for each competitor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Medal for each competitor

### **Small group sections**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Ribbon for each competitor & 1 shared Trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Ribbon for each competitor & 1 shared Trophy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Ribbon for each competitor & 1 shared Trophy

### **Championship sections**

#### **All 12 & Under**

- Winner      Trophy + \$50 cash & \$50 Backstage Dance Shop Voucher
- Runner Up    \$25 cash & \$25 Backstage Dance Shop Voucher

#### **All 13 & Over**

- Winner      Trophy + \$100 cash & \$50 Backstage Dance Shop Voucher
- Runner Up    \$50 cash & \$25 Backstage Dance Shop Voucher