

Hong Kong Dance And Arts Association

Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition 2026

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1. Aim

The Hong Kong Dance And Arts Association Limited (HKDAA) is dedicated to promoting the development of dance arts and education, with a people-centered philosophy. We strive to create a stage for dancers to showcase their talents, bringing together those who are passionate about dance to interact, exchange, and learn from each other. We also hope that this competition will serve as a stepping stone for dancers to reach greater stages, injecting new energy into the dance community, nurturing the next generation of dance arts and education professionals, and spreading seeds of hope for the future.

2. Date & Venue

Date	Venue
10 th -12 th , 16 th -27 th April, 2026	Y Theatre, Youth Square (238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan)

3. Dance Category

Category	Age Group	Time Limit (Solo/Duo/Trio)	Time Limit (Group)
Ballet	<u>Mini</u> (3 to 5 years old) <u>Children A</u> (6 to 7 years old) <u>Children B</u> (8 to 9 years old) <u>Youth A</u> (10 to 11 years old) <u>Youth B</u> (12 to 13 years old) <u>Youth C</u> (14 to 15 years old) <u>Youth D</u> (16 to 17 years old) <u>Open A</u> (18 to 34 years old) <u>Open B</u> (35 years old or above)	<u>Mini</u> 3 minutes <u>Children/Youth/Open</u> 4 minutes	<u>Mini</u> 4 minutes <u>Children/Youth</u> 5 minutes <u>Open</u> 6 minutes
Jazz	<u>Mini</u> (3 to 5 years old / K1-K3)	<u>Mini</u> 3 minutes	<u>Mini</u> 4 minutes
K-pop	<u>Children</u> (6 to 8 years old / P1-P3)	<u>Children/Youth/</u> <u>Teenage/Open</u> 4 minutes	<u>Children/Youth</u> 5 minutes
Street	<u>Youth</u> (9 to 11 years old / P4-P6)		<u>Teenage/Open</u> 6 minutes
Modern	<u>Teenage</u> (12 to 15 years old)		
Chinese	<u>Open</u> (16 years old or above)		
Children Dance	<u>Mini</u> (3 to 5 years old / K1-K3)	/	<u>Mini</u> 4 minutes
The age of participant will be counted on 10 th April, 2026.		Exceeding the time limit will result in a deduction of 1–2 points.	

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3.1 Category Classification

- Jazz Funk, Lyrical Jazz, Show Dance, Acro Dance, Musical will be classified as Jazz Dance;
- Hip-Hop, Breaking, Popping, Locking, Waacking, House will be classified as Street Dance.
- Oriental dance is classified as Chinese dance.

3.2 After registration, the **Dance Category** and **Age Group** cannot be changed.

3.3 The same participant can participate in different Dance Category, and the number of participations is not limited.

3.4 The age group of the team will be based on the eldest participant that can participate.

3.5 Solo/ Duo & Trio can be enrolled in the name of an individual or a team (e.g “Art Dance - Cheung Sum Yi” or “Cheung Sum Yi”); Group dance has to be enrolled in the name of the team.

4. Registration

Date of Registration	Registration method (Institutions that registered for the Hummingbird 2025 do not need to register again)
28 th January, 2026 (Wednesday) 11am to 12 th February, 2026 (Thursday) 11:59pm	Register an account at www.hkdaa.hk , and complete the registration. First-come-first-served with limited quota.

5. Participation Fee

5.1 Registration Fee

Solo/Duo/Trio	Group
Solo: \$650/ team	Ensemble (4 to 12 ppl): \$950/ team
Duo: \$750/ team	Group (13 to 40 ppl): \$1,050/ team
Trio: \$850/ team	
Discount Item	
<p>◆ <u>Early Bird Discount</u> Registration in 28th to 30th January, 2026, each team can earn HK \$30 discount and an 【Exquisite gift】 will be given for each team.</p> <p>◆ <u>Academy Discount</u> The same dance academy can enroll 5 or above teams, each team can earn HK \$30 discount.</p> <p>◆ The above discount can be used all together, each team can earn <u>up to HK \$60 discount.</u></p>	

- The registration fee will be calculated as each competition.
- The registration fee includes the participation fee, comment sheet, photo, certificate, medal and trophy (refer to the point 9 in this rule).
- Group dance teams please ensure that the number of participants on the competition day is not less than the minimum number of participants for a group dance (i.e., no less than 4 people, otherwise the result may be affected).
- Teams have to ensure the transfer fee is correct, if necessary, HKDAA will refund the exceed amounts, and the team will be charged HK \$70 for administrative fee.

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5.2 Additional Ordering Item

Item	Ordering Fee (Order between 28 th January to 12 th March)	Ordering Fee (Order between 13 th March to 5 th May)
Continuous video recording with single camera (4K Ultra HD Video Recording)	\$90/team	
Trophy + Medal	\$400/set (Package offer)	
Trophy / Grand Trophy (<i>Rank 1</i>)	\$360/pc	
Medal	\$120/pc	
Certificate	\$85/pc (Early discount price)	\$115/pc

6. Bank Account

Bank: Bank of China (Hong Kong)

Account Name: Hong Kong Dance And Arts Association

Account No.: 012-352-2-076621-0

FPS(Tel.): 96189800

7. Registration

- 7.1 After registering an account at www.hkdaa.hk and completing the application form, please make payment offline via ebanking or ATM transfer. The system supports registering multiple teams at once, with a consolidated payment. Please follow the amount shown in the system when making the transfer. If you encounter any difficulties during registration, kindly contact our staff for assistance.
- 7.2 The registration is valid only if all the information is collected and successfully transferred.
- 7.3 Each group have limited quota, and first-come-first-served basis. HKDAA will reserve the right to accept or reject the participation.
- 7.4 Due to limited quota, teams that are not successfully enrolled will receive a refund.
- 7.5 Teams may remark **“Unavailable Dates”** in the registration system. HKDAA will make every effort to accommodate these requests. Teams are advised to **review the preliminary schedule before registration.**
- 7.6 HKDAA will **arrange the competition schedule after the deadline of registration, once the schedule is released, no changes for the competition time will be accepted.**
- 7.7 Teams might have the possibility of being arranged to compete on the whole weekday or weekend time slot.
- 7.8 The competition schedule will be announced on the official website on 5th March, 2026. Starting from that date, **teams may log in to the registration system to view competition details, download Entry Notification and Notice of the Competition.**
- 7.9 Teams may log in to the registration system to amend their registration details on or before 12th March, 2026. Amendments do not apply to **Dance Categories** and **Age Groups**. If adjusting the number of participants, teams need to ensure that the revised number does not exceed the maximum allowed for the original group category (for example, a group category of 4-12 ppl may not be increased beyond 12 ppl).
- 7.10 Teams are responsible to provide accurate information, if the information is found to be false,

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HKDAA will have the right to disqualify them.

7.11 Please read the details of this rule carefully before registration. Once registered, teams apply to quit or disqualified, the registration fee will not be refunded.

8. Judge & Scoring Criteria

- 8.1 A panel of no fewer than 3 experienced judges will be invited and the teams need to obey the decisions of judges.
- 8.2 Scoring based on style of dance, dance structure, theme, creativities, movements, techniques, expressions, musicality, collaboration and overall performance.
- 8.3 The competition does not have an appeal mechanism.

9. Award

Score	Award	Certificate	Medal	Trophy	Grand Trophy
85 marks or above	Gold Award & Rank 1 Rank 2 Rank 3	1 Certificate (Each team) (Duo/Trio/Group winners can order Certificates with <u>Individual Name</u>)	1 Medal (Each team) (Duo/Trio/Group winners can order additional Medals)	1 Trophy (Each <u>Gold Award</u> team) (Duo/Trio/Group winners can order Trophies with <u>Individual Name</u>)	<i>Rank 1: 1 Trophy (Each team)</i> <i>(Duo/Trio/Group winners can order additional Medals)</i>
80 to 84.9 marks	Silver Award			/	
75 to 79.9 marks	Bronze Award			(Winners of all awards can order Trophies with <u>Individual Name</u>)	
65 to 74.9 marks	Merit Award				
Selected by Judges	The Best Choreography Award	1 Certificate (Choreographer)	/	/	/
Selected by Judges	The Best Performance Award <u>(\$500 cash coupon)</u>	/	/	/	/
Based on the best 5 teams' results (see 9.3 for more details)	Outstanding Team Award <i>(Calculated separately for each dance category)</i>	/	/	/	1 Trophy (The champion/1 st runner-up/2 nd runner-up Academy/school)

9.1 There are "The Best Performance Award" and "The Best Choreography Award" to appreciate the

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participants with the outstanding performance in each session. Judges will reserve the right to adjust the awards based on the actual situation of the competition.

- 9.2 In each session, one team per dance category will be awarded “The Best Performance Award”. Within each dance category, **all age groups will be considered together**, and the winning team will receive a prize of **\$500 cash coupon**.
- 9.3 The competition features “Outstanding Team Award”, *which is calculated separately for each dance category*, as long as the Dance Academy / Schools have enrolled for 5 teams or above, then they can compete “Outstanding Team Award” to compete the champion, the 1st runner up and the 2nd runner up. HKDAA will oversee the whole competition process and the total marks will be calculated based on the best 5 teams’ results achieved, details are shown below:

Award	Score
Gold Award	10 marks
Rank 1	3 marks
Rank 2	2 marks
Rank 3	1 mark
The Best Performance Award	2 marks
The Best Choreography Award	2 marks
Silver Award	6 marks

10. Certificate, Medal & Trophy

- 10.1 From the time of registration, the responsible instructors may log into the registration system to order Certificates, Medals and Trophies for the participants. Certificates ordered on or before 12th March, 2026 will be available at a discounted price and can be collected on the competition day.
- 10.2 Awards have to be ordered by the responsible instructors, and only for participants confirmed to compete in the “Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition 2026”.
- 10.3 **Individual Names** can be printed on Certificates, Trophies, and Grand Trophies. Medals are not eligible for name printing.
- 10.4 Free Certificates require the name to be filled in during registration. Extra Certificates/Trophies will be printed using the participant’s registered name.

11. Music & Stage Detail

- 11.1 Music uploads open with registration and close on 24th March, 2026. Music may be reviewed and replaced in the system until the deadline, with the last submission regarded as final.
- 11.2 Please record the music separately in MP3 format.
- 11.3 2 marks will be deducted if music is submitted or music change is made after 24th March, 2026.
- 11.4 Please ensure that the music content does not contain any offensive language or inappropriate material, and be responsible for any copyright issues that may arise.
- 11.5 Music and stage details can be submitted from registration until 24th March, 2026. Appearance, backdrop colors, and props may be updated in the system anytime before the deadline.
- 11.6 Teams may choose a color or static projection image. Black is not provided. If not specified, the default option will be white backdrop .
- 11.7 The stage is equipped with standard general lighting only. No lighting effects are provided.

12. Set & Prop

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- 12.1 All large backdrops or props need to be declared in the registration system.
- 12.2 Teams need to ensure the safety of the sets and props. Anything that may affect the competition or safety of those in present (For example: flammable objects, glass or fragile objects, soap bubbles and floating balloons), these kinds of objects are all not allowed to use.
- 12.3 If any sets and props used cause damage to the venue flooring, the team is liable to compensate for all losses.
- 12.4 HKDAA and the venue reserve the final decision-making authority regarding the use of sets and props.

13. Venue & Stage

- 13.1 There are marley floor in Y Theatre, Youth Square. The size of the stage is approximately 11.5m (width) x 9.8m (depth).
- 13.2 HKDAA will set up a moderate amount of dressing rooms for teams to take turns to use after reporting. Team that participated in group dance will be arranged to wait/makeup in Y Studio.
- 13.3 Ballet participants can apply moderate amount of rosin power on their point shoes to act as anti-slippery usage.
- 13.4 There will be no stage rehearsals or curtain calls for the competition.

14. Recording & Photography

- 14.1 HKDAA photographer will carry out live photo shoot, each team will be able to have free photos taken during the competition.
- 14.2 HKDAA will arrange for videographer to record the competition, the detail of recording please find the point 5.2 in this rule.
- 14.3 In respect to the copyright of creation of all choreographers, beside the videographers and photographers of HKDAA, anyone without authorization have no right to record and photograph (except Children Dance), if so will be invited to leave and delete videos/photos that are not authorized.
- 14.4 For Children Dance sessions, instructors/parents are allowed to take photos or record using their **phone**, under the circumstance of not affecting others. But **no flash light and tripod** are accepted.
- 14.5 HKDAA have the right to reserve all the photos/videos for records or related purposes.

15. Ticket

- 15.1 All seats are marked. Tickets for the competition will go on sale at Art-Mate on 26th March, 2026, each ticket is \$98. Ticket availability is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.
- 15.2 Audience members aged 2 or above are welcome to enter the venue. Each audience members need to hold a ticket for that session to be seated.

16. Result & Award Ceremony

- 16.1 After each competition session, the results will be announced, and the award ceremony will be presented on site. For more details, please refer to the **Notice of the competition**.
- 16.2 After all awards have been presented, all participants will be invited to take group photos.
- 16.3 During the award ceremony, all participants, team pass holders and ticket holders are allowed to

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enter the venue to hear the results.

16.4 The competition results will be announced on the website www.hkdaa.hk one working day later.

17. Social Media

17.1 Any latest news about the competition will be announced via social media, the participants and instructors are advised to follow HKDAA social media (Facebook/Instagram: hkdaa.dance) to avoid missing related information.

17.2 During competition, HKDAA will post competition videos/photos from time to time, welcome to follow HKDAA social media to browse the latest trends.

18. Receive Item

Item	Pick-up Method	Pick-up Date
Comment Sheets	Pick up at reception	Collection is available 30 to 40 minutes after each dance
Free Certificate (1 pc for each team)		
Free Medal (1 pc for each team)	To be awarded during the award ceremony	During the award ceremony
Free Grand Trophy (Rank 1) (1 pc for each team)		
Free Trophy (Gold Award) (1 pc for each team)	By express delivery (Freight collect) / Pick up at HKDAA office (Lai Chi Kok)	Between 15 th and 17 th June, 2026 (Express Delivery) Between 18 th June and 7 th July, 2026 (Pick up)
Remark		
For teams that do not receive the comment sheets, free medal and certificates on site, HKDAA will deliver them via SF express within 1-2 weeks after the competition completed, freight collect.		
Additional Ordering Item		
Certificate (Order between 28 th January to 12 th March)	Pick up at reception	Collection is available 30 to 40 minutes after each dance
Certificate (Order between 28 th January to 12 th March)	By express delivery (Freight collect) / Pick up at HKDAA office (Lai Chi Kok)	Between 15 th and 17 th June, 2026 (Express Delivery) Between 18 th June and 7 th July, 2026 (Pick up)
Medal/Trophy/Grand Trophy (Order between 28 th January to 5 th May)		
Photo & Video Recording Item		
Photo	Log in to the registration system to download	From 5 th June to 4 th July, 2026
Video (Order is required)		

19. Special Arrangement

19.1 Inelement/Extreme weather: If the Hong Kong Observatory issues Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a Black Rainstorm Warning within 4 hours before the competition begins, and the on-site event cannot proceed, the competition will be conducted via pre-recorded video submissions. Registration fees will not be refunded.

19.2 If the Hong Kong Observatory issues a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a Black Rainstorm

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Warning during the competition, HKDAA will decide whether to continue or terminate the event depending on the situation. Please stay tuned to the HKDAA social media for the latest updates.

19.3 In the event of epidemic and other uncontrollable events that prevent the on-site competition from taking place, the event will proceed via video submissions. Registration fees will not be refunded.

20. Disclaimer & Others

- 20.1 If the teams cause damage to the performance venue or facilitate, HKDAA will reserve the right to pursue compensation.
- 20.2 HKDAA will not be responsibility or compensation for any losses or personal injuries or death of the teams during the competition.
- 20.3 Teams can purchase personal insurance and other related insurance for “Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition” by oneself.
- 20.4 Photo, video and related information of the events might be published on the website of HKDAA or any other publicity publication for promotional use.
- 20.5 HKDAA will reserve the right to make any changes or edit the terms and conditions without prior notice, and reserve the right to make the final decision on any edit.
- 20.6 If there is any conflict or inconsistency between the Chinese version and the English version of this rule, the Chinese version shall prevail.

21. Important Date

Date	Content
28-30/1/2026	Registration (Early Bird Discount)
12/2/2026	Deadline of registration
5/3/2026	Publish competition schedule
12/3/2026	Deadline of revision
24/3/2026	Deadline for uploading Music and submitting Stage Details
26/3/2026	Tickets on sale (Artrate)
10-12, 16-27/4/2026	Competition
5/5/2026	Deadline for Trophy/Medal/Certificate order
5/6/2026-4/7/2026	Competition photo & video download
15-17/6/2026	Express Delivery for Trophy/Medal/Certificate
18/6/2026-7/7/2026	Pick up of Trophy/Medal/Certificate

22. Inquiry

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