

1. Aim

The Hong Kong Dance And Arts Association (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
3 rd -13 th , 26 th -27 th April, 2025	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</u> ◆ 6 to 8 years old <u>Youth</u> ◆ 9-to 11 years old <u>Teenage</u> ◆ 12 to 15 years old <u>Open</u> ◆ 16 years old or above	<u>Mini</u> ◆ 3 minutes <u>Children/Youth/Teenage</u> <u>/Open</u> ◆ 4 minutes	<u>Mini</u> ◆ 4 minutes <u>Children/Youth/Teenage</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
Modern	<u>Primary (Junior)</u> ◆ 6 to 8 years old / P1-P3	<u>Primary/Open</u> ◆ 4 minutes	<u>Primary</u> ◆ 5 minutes <u>Open</u> ◆ 6 minutes
Street Dance	<u>Primary (Senior)</u> ◆ 9 to 11 years old / P4-P6		
Chinese / Oriental	<u>Open</u> ◆ 12 years old or above		
Song & Dance (Kid dance) (No restriction on Category)	<u>Mini</u> ◆ 3 to 5 years old / K1-K3	/	<u>Mini</u> ◆ 4 minutes
The age of participant will be counted on 3 rd April, 2025.		1 point will be deducted for overrun.	

3.1 Category Classification

- a. K-pop, Jazz Funk, Lyrical Jazz, Show Dance, Acro Dance, Musical will be classified as Jazz Dance;
- b. Hip-Hop, Breaking, Popping, Locking, Waacking will be classified as Street Dance.

3.2 After enrollment, 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. Enrollment

Date of Enrollment	Enrollment method
7 th January, 2025 (Tuesday) 11am to 24 th January, 2025 (Friday) 11:59pm	Enrolling online via www.hkdaa.hk First-come-first-served with limited quota.

5. Participation Fee

5.1 Enrollment Fee

Solo/Duo/Trio	Group
Solo: HK \$620/ team	4 to 12 people: HK \$920/ team
Duo: HK \$720/ team	13 to 35 people: HK \$1,020/ team
Trio: HK \$820/ team	

Discount Item

◆ **Early Bird Discoun**

Enrollment in 7th to 9th January, 2025, each team can earn HK \$20 discount and limited gift of a **【Leather Holder】** will be given for each team.

◆ **Dance Academy team Discount**

The same dance academy can enroll 5 or above teams, each team can earn HK \$20 discount.

◆ **Special Discount**

If you had participated 《Hong Kong Professional Dance Competition 2024》, each team can earn HK \$20 discount.

◆ The above discount can be used all together, each team can earn **up to HK \$60 discount.**



- a. The enrollment fee will be calculated as each competition.
- b. The enrollment fee includes the participation fee, comment sheet, photo, certificate, medal and trophy (only applicable to Gold Award team).
- c. 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).
- d. Participating 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.

5.2 Additional Ordering Item at Enrollment

Item	Ordering Fee
Continuous video recording with single camera (4K Ultra HD Video Recording)	HK \$80/ team
Please order during enrollment and transfer together with the enrollment fee.	

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. Enrollment

- 7.1 Online enrollment: Through ATM or e-banking after transferred, please visit www.hkdaa.hk to fill in the enrollment details and upload the bank-in slip as proof. If enrolling for more than 1 team, the enrollment fee can be transferred all at once.
- 7.2 The enrollment 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 Participating team can specify "**Unavailable Competition Date**" in the registration system, and HKDAA will make every effort to accommodate.
- 7.6 HKDAA will arrange the competition schedule after the deadline of enrollment, **once the schedule is released, no changes for the competition time will be accepted.**
- 7.7 Participating 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 published on the website www.hkdaa.hk on 13th February, 2025 (Thursday), and **Entry Notification Letter** and **Notice of the Competition** will be sent by email from 13th to 17th February, 2025.
- 7.9 HKDAA will accept participating team to make simple revision online on or before 28th February, 2025, but NOT including **Dance Category** and **Age Group**.
- 7.10 If participating team would like to modify the number of participants, it can submit an application on or before 28th February, 2025 (Friday), but it cannot exceed the upper limit of the number of participants in the original group (e.g. for a group dance category of 4 to 12 people, it cannot be modified to more than 12 people).
- 7.11 Participating teams are responsible to provide accurate information, if the information is found to be false, HKDAA will have the right to disqualify them.
- 7.12 Please read the details of this rule carefully before enrollment. Once enrolled, participating teams apply to quit or disqualified, the enrollment 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 participating 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
85 marks or above	Gold Award	Winner team: 1 Certificate for each team. (Duo/Trio & Group winners can order Certificates printed with <u>Individual Name</u>)	Winner team: 1 Medal for each team. (Duo/Trio & Group winners can order additional Medals)	<u>Gold Award</u> winner team: 1 trophy for each team. (Winners of all awards can order Trophies printed with <u>Individual Name</u>)
80 to 84.9 marks	Silver Award			
75 to 79.9 marks	Bronze Award			
65 to 74.9 marks	Merit Award			
Selected by Judges	The Best Performance Award <u>(\$500 cash coupon achieved*)</u>			
Selected by Judges	The Best Choreography Award	Choreographer: 1 Certificate	N/A	N/A
Calculated based on the awards of the best 5 teams achieved (see 9.3 for more details)	The Outstanding Team Award	N/A	N/A	The champion, 1st runner up & 2nd runner up: 1 Trophy for each School / Dance School.

Remark

When registering, participating team please fill in the names to be printed on the free Trophy/Certificate. After the competition, HKDAA will print the free trophy/certificates according to the provided names.

- 9.1 There are “The Best Performance Award” and “The Best Choreography Award” to appreciate the 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 *The winning team of the “The Best Performance Award” will receive a **\$500 cash coupon.**

- 9.3 The competition features “The Outstanding Team Award”, as long as the schools / dance schools have enrolled for 5 teams or above, then they can compete “the 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 awards of the best 5 teams achieved by the same schools / dance schools, details are shown below:

Award	Score
Gold Award	5 marks
Silver Award	3 marks
Bronze Award	1 mark
The Best Performance Award	3 marks
The Best Choreography Award	2 marks

10. Trophy, Medal & Certificate

- 10.1 The winning teams will receive the following prizes **for free** based on the awards:

Award	Prizes (calculated for each participating team)
Gold Award	1 Trophy; 1 Medal; 1 Certificate
Silver Award	1 Medal; 1 Certificate
Bronze Award	1 Medal; 1 Certificate
Merit Award	1 Medal; 1 Certificate
The Best Performance Award	Cash coupon HK \$500
The Best Choreography Award	1 Certificate for Choreographer

- 10.2 All winners can order additional Trophy, Medal and Certificate online between 3rd April to 2nd May, 2025.
- 10.3 Additional items have to be ordered by the instructors, and ensure that the relevant participants have won awards in the 《Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition 2025》.
- 10.4 Trophy and Certificate can be printed with **Individual Name**.
- 10.5 For **additional order**, the price of Trophy and Certificate are as follows:

Ordering Item	Amount
Trophy + Medal	HK \$400/set
Trophy	HK \$360/pc
Medal	HK \$120/pc
Certificate	HK \$95/pc

11. Music

- 11.1 Competition music have to be emailed to music@hkdaa.hk on or before 20th March, 2025(Thursday). For details, please refer to **Notice of the Competition**.
- 11.2 Please record the music separately in MP3 format, and music file have to be named with the **Entry Number** and **Dance Name**.
- 11.3 2 marks will be deducted if music is submitted or music change is made after 20th March, 2025 (Thursday).

- 11.4 Participating team 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.

12. Stage Form

- 12.1 Stage Form have to be emailed to stageform@hkdaa.hk on or before 20th March, 2025(Thursday). For details, please refer to **Notice of the Competition**.
- 12.2 Participating team need to complete the stage form independently, which includes details such as entrance method, cyclorama color, lighting effects, and props.
- 12.3 Cyclorama: participating team can choose colors or project images, but a black cyclorama is not available.
- 12.4 Lighting: participating team can select the brightness of the front lights during different dance segments, as well as the color and brightness variations of the top and side lights. Strobe effects are available, and one spotlight is provided.
- 12.5 Smoke machine: 1 unit, and located at the back row on the right side of the stage.
- 12.6 If the stage form is not submitted on time, the default lighting for the entire stage will be provided, with no cyclorama color (a white cyclorama will be used).
- 12.7 No changes of stage effect during competition are accepted.
- 12.8 Stage manager might make minor adjustments to the stage effects based on actual circumstances without prior notice and reserves the final decision-making authority.

13. Set & Prop

- 13.1 If participating team need to use any large sets or props, please specify this in the stage form.
- 13.2 The participating team 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.
- 13.3 If any sets or props used cause damage to the venue flooring, the participating team is liable to compensate for all losses.
- 13.4 HKDAA and the venue reserve the final decision-making authority regarding the use of sets and props.

14. Venue & Stage

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

15. Recording & Photography

- 15.1 HKDAA photographer will carry out live photo shoot, each participating team will be able to have free photos taken during the competition.
- 15.2 HKDAA will arrange for videographer to record the competition, the detail of recording please find the point 5.2 in this rule.
- 15.3 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 Song and Dance (Kid Dance)), if so will be invited to leave and delete videos/photos that are not authorized.
- 15.4 For the Song and Dance (Kid Dance) sessions, the 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.
- 15.5 HKDAA have the right to reserve all the videos/photos for records or related purposes.

16. Ticket

- 16.1 All seats are marked. Tickets for the competition will go on sale at Art-Mate on 13th March, 2025(Thursday), each ticket is \$95. Ticket availability is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 16.2 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.

17. Result & Award Ceremony

- 17.1 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.**
- 17.2 After all awards have been presented, all participants will be invited to come on stage for a group photo.
- 17.3 During the award ceremony, all participants, team pass holders and ticket holders are allowed to enter the venue to hear the results.
- 17.4 The competition results will be announced on the website www.hkdaa.hk one working day later.

18. Social Media

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 During competition, HKDAA will post competition videos/photos from time to time, welcome to follow HKDAA social media to browse the latest trends.

19. Receive Item

Item	Pick-up Method	Pick-up Date
Comment Sheet	Pick up at reception	After the award ceremony is completed
Free Medal (1 pc for each team)	Pick up at reception	After the award ceremony is completed
Free Certificate (1 pc for each team)	To be awarded during the award ceremony	During the award ceremony
Free Trophy (1 pc for each Gold Award team)	By express delivery (Freight collect) / Pick up at HKDAA office (Lai Chi Kok)	On 12 th June, 2025 or before
Remark		
For participating teams that do not receive the comment sheets, free medals and certificates on site, HKDAA will deliver them via SF express within 1-2 weeks after the competition completed, freight collect.		
Additional Item (applicable to teams that place additional orders)		
Additional Trophy Order	By express delivery (Freight collect) / Pick up at HKDAA office (Lai Chi Kok)	On 12 th June, 2025 or before
Additional Medal Order		
Additional Certificate Order		
Photo & Video Recording Item		
Photo	Google drive link will be sent via email	On 29 th May, 2025 or before
Video (applicable to teams that place additional orders)		

20. Special Arrangement

- 20.1 Inclement/Extreme weather: If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or higher or Black Rainstorm Signal is issued, HKDAA will have the right to reschedule the competition or change the format of competition (e.g. submit the video recording of the work) or cancel the competition. When the Hong Kong Observatory changes the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or higher or Black Rainstorm Signal during the competition, the competition will be continued or terminated depending on the situation. Please pay attention to the latest news via HKDAA social media.
- 20.2 If the participating teams cannot attend the rescheduled competition due to the inclement/extreme weather, it will be deemed to have withdrawn and the enrollment fees are non-refundable.
- 20.3 Epidemic and other accident: During the preparation of the competition, if the competition is affected by the epidemic or uncontrollable events (e.g. government's implementation of activity control, venue problems, natural disasters, epidemics or health risks), leading to the competition cannot take place normally, HKDAA will have the right to change the format of the competition, and the enrollment fees are non-refundable.

21. Disclaimer & Others

- 21.1 If the participating team causes damage to the performance venue or facilitate, HKDAA will reserve the right to pursue compensation.
- 21.2 HKDAA will not be responsibility or compensation for any losses or personal injuries or death of the participating teams during the competition.
- 21.3 Participating teams can purchase personal insurance and other related insurance for 《Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition》 by oneself.
- 21.4 Photo, video and related information of the events might be published on the website of HKDAA or any other publicity publication for promotional use.
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 If there is any conflict or inconsistency between the Chinese version and the English version of this rule, the Chinese version shall prevail.

22. Important Date

Date	Content
7-9/1/2025	Enrollment for Early Bird Discount
24/1/2025	Deadline of enrollment
13/2/2025	Publish competition schedule
28/2/2025	Deadline of revision
13/3/2025	Tickets on sale
20/3/2025	Deadline of submission of music & stage form
3-13, 26, 27/4/2025	Competition
3/4/2025-2/5/2025	Order for Trophy, Medal & Certificate (if applicable)
29/5/2025 or before	Email competition photo & video (if applicable)
12/6/2025 or before	Pick up of Trophy, Medal & Certificate (if applicable)

23. Inquiry

Tel / WhatsApp: 9618 9800 (Austin)	Email: elite@hkdaa.hk
Facebook / Instagram: hkdaa.dance	Website: www.hkdaa.hk
Address: Room 603, 6/F., Park Fook Industrial Building, 615-617 Tai Nan West Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kln	
Office hour: 11am-1pm & 2pm-7pm (Saturday, Sunday and public holiday closed)	