

Organiser:  Hong Kong Dance and Arts Association
Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition 2026

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1 [Information Revision]

- 1.1 Any revisions to entry information may be made in the online system on or before 12 March 2026 (Thursday).
- 1.2 Revisions are allowed for the following:
Change of Academy/Instructor, Dance Information, Participant Information and **Stage arrangement**.
- 1.3 Teams may revise the number of participants before the deadline, but cannot exceed the maximum number allowed for the original group category (e.g. a group dance category with 4-12 people cannot later be revised to more than 12).
- 1.4 Competition details that cannot be revised include **Dance Category** and **Age Group**.
- 1.5 The team information in the system of 12 March 2026 at 11:59 PM will be regarded as the final version. No revision will be accepted after the deadline. We appreciate your understanding.
- 1.6 Hong Kong Dance And Arts Association (HKDAA) reserves the final right to approve any revision requests.

2 [Music]

- 2.1 Competition music should be submitted in MP3 format as a single track and uploaded to the online system on or before 24 March 2026 (Tuesday).
- 2.2 The system provides a music playback function. Teams are advised to listen to the uploaded file in the system to confirm it is correct. Teams may still replace the music before the deadline. The final uploaded version before the deadline will be used.
- 2.3 Teams should ensure the music content contains no profanity or inappropriate material, and teams bear full responsibility for any copyright issues that may arise.
- 2.4 Teams are advised to keep a backup copy of the competition music on a mobile phone for use in case of any on-site emergencies.
- 2.5 Late submission or change of music by teams will result in a deduction of marks. We appreciate your understanding.

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2.6 Performances that exceed the time limit will result in a deduction of 1 mark. Time limits for each category are as follows:

Category	Time Limit (Solo/Duo/Trio)	Time Limit (Group)
Ballet	<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 minutes <u>Children/Youth/Teenage/Open</u> • 4 minutes	<u>Mini</u> • 4 minutes <u>Children/Youth</u> • 5 minutes
K-pop		
Street		<u>Teenage/Open</u> • 6 minutes
Modern		
Chinese		
Children Dance	/	<u>Mini</u> • 4 minutes

3 [Stage Effect]

- 3.1 Teams need to log in to the system and complete stage arrangement details, including **Cyclorama**, **Appearance**, **Appearance direction**, **Ending** and **Large Props** on or before 12 March 2026 (Thursday).
- 3.2 Teams may select a Cyclorama color or a projected image according to the dance theme.
- 3.3 Teams choosing to use a projected image need to upload a JPG-format file to the online system on or before 24 March 2026 (Tuesday). Late submissions will not be accepted. We appreciate your understanding.
- 3.4 Image resolution requirement: 1920 × 1080 px (16:9).
- 3.5 Teams are required to ensure the safety of stage effects. Effects that may interfere with the competition or pose risks to participants and the audience, such as lasers, water, fire, artificial snow, confetti cannons or paper scattering, will not be permitted.
- 3.6 The Stage Manager reserves the final right to decide on all stage effects.

4 [Prop]

- 4.1 Teams are responsible for preparing and transporting all required props. HKDAA and venue will not lend any materials for competition use.
- 4.2 Teams need to specify prop dimensions in the system and ensure props do not obstruct entry/exit of other persons.
- 4.3 The following items are strictly prohibited for safety reasons, e.g. flammable materials, glass or fragile items, soap bubbles, floating balloons, etc.
- 4.4 All parts of props that come into contact with the stage floor are required to be wrapped with sufficient tape to protect the dance flooring. Teams will be held responsible and required to compensate for any damage or staining caused.
- 4.5 To avoid delaying the next team, all props should be cleared from the stage as quickly as possible after performance, and teams need to exit from the right side of the stage.
- 4.6 The Stage Manager reserves the final right to decide on prop usage.

5 [Ticket]

- 5.1 All tickets have assigned seating. Tickets will be available for public sale on the Art-mate website starting 26 March 2026 (Thursday) at HK\$98 per ticket. Maximum 8 tickets per person per transaction. Tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 5.2 Children aged 2 or above are welcome. Every person entering the venue must hold a valid ticket for that session.

6 [Check-in] & [Competition]

- 6.1 Teams should send a representative to check in at the reception (Y Theatre) at the time stated in the participation notice.
- 6.2 Any team that fails to check in or appear on time without prior approval from HKDAA will be considered to have withdrawn. The registration fee will not be refunded.
- 6.3 Maximum number of staff allowed to accompany participants to the dressing room and backstage for preparation:
Solo/Duo/trio: 1 person, Group Dance: 3 persons, Group Dance (Mini Group): 5 persons
Accompanying staff are required to wear the official leader pass provided by HKDAA for identification.
- 6.4 Due to limited space, dressing rooms are provided on a shared and rotational basis. Teams are advised to complete make-up, hair and costume preparation before arriving at the venue.
- 6.5 Teams are responsible for guarding personal belongings. HKDAA and venue will bear no liability for loss or damage.
- 6.6 Competition schedule may be subject to on-site adjustment.

7 [Stage]

- 7.1 There are marley floor in Y Theatre, Youth Square. The size of the stage is approximately 11.5m (width) x 9.8m (depth).
- 7.2 In order to prevent the falling off of the powders leading to difficulty in cleaning the stage Marley floor, competitors are not allowed to apply powder, e.g. rosin (**Excluded Ballet Group**), baby powder, gold dust, talcum powder, glitter and etc., on their hair, body or sole of their dance shoes.
- 7.3 HKDAA only allow Ballet group participants to apply moderate amount of Rosin as anti-slip use on their point shoes. Not applicable for dance category.
- 7.4 Teams have to check whether the dance shoes of the competitor meet the requirement of the venue, to ensure the dance shoes will not do any damage to the stage Marley floor due to hard objects or decolorization. If there are any scratches and damages, team is liable for all losses and hold responsibility. HKDAA and the venue will not be liable for it.
- 7.5 Teams are required to follow the instructions of the staff, wait at the side of the stage for their turn, and exit from the right side of the stage.
- 7.6 No stage rehearsal or curtain call is provided.

8 [Judge] & [Scoring]

- 8.1 Judges are experienced professionals invited by HKDAA. All teams need to accept the judges' decisions.
- 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]

- 9.1 There are "The Best Performance Award" and "The Best Choreography Award" to appreciate the participants with the outstanding performance in each session. For each session, one team will be awarded "the Best Performance Award" and "the Best Choreography Award" in each dance category. All Age groups will be considered together in the evaluation. Judges will reserve the right to adjust the awards based on the actual situation.
- 9.2 Awards are as follows:

Award	Score
Gold Award	85 marks or above
Silver Award	80 to 84.9 marks
Bronze Award	75 to 79.9 marks
Merit Award	65 to 74.9 marks
The Best Performance Award (\$500 Coupon)	Selected by Judges
The Best Choreography Award	Selected by Judges
The Outstanding Team Award (see point 9.3) (The champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up)	Based on top 5 team scores

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9.3 The Outstanding Team Award are calculated *separately for each dance category, based on the following criteria:*

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

10 [Result] & [Prize Ceremony]

10.1 On-site results announcement:

After each session, award representatives should proceed to the designated location at the entrance at the **Specified Time** (see **Entry Notice**) to be escorted onto the stage by staff.

10.2 Award representatives:

- Solo/Duo/Trio: **All members may receive awards:**
- Group Dance: **Maximum 2 representatives**

10.3 During the prize presentation, all participants, leader pass holders, and ticket holders may enter to hear the results.

10.4 After awards are presented, a group photo will be taken. All award recipients and participants in the audience should follow the emcee's instructions to come on stage for the photo. It is recommended that participants sit in the front rows for easy access to the stage.

10.5 Full results will be uploaded to the official website within 1 working day after the competition.

11 [Additional Order]

11.1 Winners may order additional trophies, medals and certificates via the online system on or before 5 May 2026 (Tuesday).

11.2 Early discount price for certificates (HK\$85 each) is available for orders placed on or before 12 March 2026 (Thursday), and will be available for collection on site.

11.3 Additional items can be personalised with **Individual Name**.

11.4 For **additional order**, the price of Trophy/Medal/Certificate are as follows:

Item	Ordering Fee (Order between 28 January to 12 March)	Ordering Fee (Order between 13 March to 5 May)
Trophy + Medal	\$400/set (Package offer)	
Trophy / Grand Trophy (Rank 1)	\$360/pc	
Medal	\$120/pc	
Certificate	\$85/pc	\$115/pc

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12 [Collection of Items]

Free Item	Pick-up Method	Pick-up Period
Comment Sheets	Pick up at reception	Collection is available 30 to 40 minutes after each dance
Certificate (1 pc for each team)		
\$500 Cash Coupon (Best Performance)		After the award ceremony
Medal (1 pc for each team)	To be awarded during the award ceremony	During the award ceremony
Grand Trophy (Rank 1) (1 pc for each team)	By express delivery (Freight collect) / Pick up at HKDAA office (Lai Chi Kok)	Between 15-17 June 2026
Trophy (Gold Award) (1 pc for each team)		(Express Delivery)
Trophy (Outstand Team Award) (1 pc for each team)		Between 18 June and 7 July 2026
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 January to 12 March 2026)	Pick up at reception	Collection is available 30 to 40 minutes after each dance
Certificate (Order between 13 March to 5 May 2026)	By express delivery (Freight collect) / Pick up at HKDAA office (Lai Chi Kok)	Between 15-17 June 2026
Medal/Trophy/Grand Trophy (Order between 28 January to 5 May 2026)		(Express Delivery)
		Between 18 June and 7 July 2026
		(Pick up)
Photo & Video Recording Item		
Photo	Log in to the online system to download	From 5 June to 4 July 2026
Video (Order is required)		

13 [Recording] & [Photography]

- 13.1 HKDAA will provide free photography. Teams can download photos from the online system starting 5 June 2026 (Friday).
- 13.2 Teams can order **single camera video recordings (4K Ultra HD)** at \$90 per team on or before 5 May 2026(Tuesday). Starting from 5 June 2026(Friday), the recordings can be downloaded directly from the online system.
- 13.3 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. Teams are requested to inform attending parents/relatives in advance. Thank you for your understanding.
- 13.4 For Children Dance sessions, the instructors/parents are allowed to take photos with **phones**, under the circumstances of not disturbing the others. **No flash light and tripod** are allowed. Recording is not acceptable.
- 13.5 HKDAA and official photographers may publish photos/clips on the website and social media for promotion and archival purposes.

14 [Transport]

- 14.1 There is no public car parking in the competition venue. Drivers can pick up and drop off passengers on Chai Wan Road. If it is necessary to park, drivers are recommended to park in the nearest car park in Wan Tsui Estate or Hing Wah Estate at their own fee.
- 14.2 Any matters related to transportation of the venue, please visit the website of Youth Square.

15 [Insurance]

- 15.1 If a participant causes any damage to the venue or injuries or fatalities to people present during the competition or while waiting, they must compensate for all losses and assume responsibility. HKDAA and the venue will not be held liable.
- 15.2 HKDAA and the venue will not be responsible for any loss or injury that occurs during the competition or while waiting.
- 15.3 Participating teams can purchase personal insurance and other related insurance for **【Hong Kong Elite Dance Competition】** by oneself.

16 [Extreme Weather] & [Special Circumstance]

- 16.1 If the Hong Kong Observatory issues a No. 1 or No. 3 typhoon signal, or a yellow or red rainstorm warning signal, all competitions will proceed as scheduled.
- 16.2 If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or higher, Black Rainstorm Signal or extreme weather is issued within 4 hours before the competition starts, the competitions will be conducted through pre-recorded video submissions.
- 16.3 HKDAA will decide whether to continue or terminate the event depending on the circumstances.
- 16.4 In case of other force majeure events preventing on-site competition, HKDAA will conduct the competition through pre-recorded video submissions. Registration fees will not be refunded.
- 16.5 Please follow the latest announcements on social media for any schedule changes.

17 [Latest New]

- 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 [Other]

- 18.1 HKDAA reserves the right to make any change/modify of the above provisions without notice at any time and the authority for final interpretation. Participants shall not raise any objection to this.
- 18.2 If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the Chinese version and the English version, the Chinese version shall prevail.