

This year the Hong Kong Smart Dance Extravaganza (HKSDE) will hold The Hong Kong Challenge Cup Dance Competition (HKCCDC) and The Dream Cup Dance Competition (DCDC) in July and August 2023 at Y-Theatre, Youth Square respectively. Besides, we will hold the via-video competition versions of these two competitions in September and October 2023.

Last year, we were very delighted to hold the Malaysia Challenge Cup Dance Competition (MCCDC) in June, the Singapore Challenge Cup Dance Competition (SCCDC) in September and Thailand Challenge Cup Dance Competition (THCCDC) in December. We will then hold the Challenge Cup Championship this year to let the contestants experience challenging difficulties and techniques. This will provide a high standard platform for them to present themselves further with confidence and joy. All the contestants of the Championship are the grand prizes winners of HKCCDC, MCCDC, SCCDC and THCCDC in 2022. The Championship will be held on the last section on 16 July 2023 (Sunday) at Y-Theatre, Youth Square, Hong Kong.

To facilitate a better understanding of the major difference between these two competitions and provide a quick guide for the schedule of each event, the respective information is tabulated below as follows:

## Major difference between Hong Kong Challenge Cup Dance Competition and Dream Cup Dance Competition

	Hong Kong Challenge Cup Dance Competition (HKCCDC)	<b>Dream Cup Dance Competition</b> (DCDC)
Object	To promote dance culture and to provide a platform for practice and experience sharing for young dancers and professionals.	To encourage all dance lovers to make their first step to materialize their dance fantasy.
Geographic division	Two separate Divisions: International Division and Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong Division	Nil
Category	Ballet – Classical ballet, neoclassical ballet and modern ballet Various Dance Styles – Modern jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Technical Ethics Dance Toddler – Any style of dance	No restriction of dance styles

Requirement on competition pieces	Ballet soloists must perform variation from classical ballet repertoires	Nil
Requirement on competition shoes	Female ballet soloist competing in age groups of 13 or above must wear pointe shoes and dance en pointe; otherwise, marks will be deducted.	Nil
Dance format	Solo/duo/trio and ensemble/troupe	Solo/ duo/trio
Age groups	4-6 years old (for Toddler in on-stage and via-video competition) 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29 (for all other dance categories in on-stage competition) 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30 or above (for all other dance categories in via-video competition)	Toddler – 4-6 years old 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30 or above
Limit on number of enrolments per contestant in the same age group	One piece of dance in either solo/duo/trio and another piece of dance in ensemble/troupe (on-stage) Multiple entries (via-video)	Nil
Length of dance pieces limit in solo/duo/trio	Bailet — 2 minutes for age 7-12 and 3 minutes for age 13 or above Various dance styles — 2.5 minutes for age 7-12 and 3 minutes for age 13 or above Toddler — 2 minutes	2 minutes
Marking scheme	The marking standard for International Division is higher than that for Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong Division	Standard
Prize for solo/duo/trio	Gold Prize, Silver Prize, Bronze Prize, Encouragement Award (medals and certificates will be awarded) and Certificate of Challenger  Grand Prize (For International Division and MCMHK Division)  The Talent Challenge Cup (for International Division only)  The Best Performer in Toddler, The Best Performer in Ballet and Various Dance Styles in Junior Division (7-12 years groups) and Senior Division (13 years or above)	Gold Prize, Silver Prize, Bronze Prize and Performance Award (medals and certificates will be awarded)  Major Prize  Dream Chase Awards for Junior (4-12 years group) and Senior Groups (13 years or above). The three contestants with the highest marks in each group will be award the Dream Chaser Award Rank 1, 2 & 3.
Championship	The grand prizes winners of HKCCDC, MCCDC, SCCDC and THCCDC in the last year may be invited to participate the Challenge Cup Championship this year. Contestants are to compete for the Premier Champion, the Premier First Runner-up and the Premier Second Runner-up prizes.	Nil
Entry fee for solo contestants	HK\$850 per item	HK\$700 per item
Date of enrolment for on-stage competition	Present to 3 April 2023	15 March to 2 May 2023
Date of enrolment for via-video competition	20 April to 31 May 2023	19 May to 26 June 2023

## Quick guide for schedule of events - Competing on stage:

Items	Challenge Cup (HKCCDC)	Dream Cup (DCDC)
Apply School code	Present	Present
Commencement of Enrolment	Present	15 March 2023
Deadline of Enrolment	3 April 2023	2 May 2023
Receive Day Schedule with Entry Code and Cue Sheet through emails	2-5 May 2023	1-5 June 2023
Deadline of submitting Cue Sheet to the Organizer	15 May 2023	12 June 2023
The Organizer announces the date of sale of tickets	Early June (tentative)	Early July (tentative)
Deadline of submitting competition music to the Organizer	12 June 2023	19 July 2023
The Organizer issues the Reporting Time Schedule by email	13-16 June 2023	24-26 July 2023
Competition	10-16 July 2023	14-16 August 2023

## Quick guide for schedule of events - Competing via video:

Items	Challenge Cup (HKCCDC)	Dream Cup (DCDC)
Apply School Code	Present	Present
Commencement of Enrolment	20 April 2023	19 May 2023
Deadline of Enrolment	31 May 2023	26 June 2023
The Organizer issues Entry Code and Competition logo by email	26-30 June 2023	1-4 August 2023
Deadline of submit competition video(s) and photo(s) to the Organizer	1 August 2023	1 September 2023
The Organizer announces competition result	28 September 2023	25 October 2023

Before enrolling to the competitions, please kindly read through their respective rules and regulations enclosed to decide which competitions are suitable for your students. Enclosed please also find the posters for your perusal. As a friendly reminder, the entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to receiving your enrolment soon.

Yours faithfully,

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