



Rules and Regulations

Via-video Competition

To encourage all dance lovers to make their first step to materialize their dance fantasy, a new competition - **The Dream Cup Dance Competition** was introduced last year for them to experience the excitement of dancing on-stage thus arousing them to challenge themselves to the very best in front of the audience.

This Competition is open to all contestants from all around the world and there will not be any restriction on the dance style so contestants may choose the dance styles that are suitable for them to challenge their very best for a dream in the event. The adjudicators look at how good the performance, expression, confidence and projection with secured techniques of the dancers to grant the various prizes. The on-stage competition will be held from 14 to 16 August 2023 inclusive at the Youth Square while the via-video competition will be held in October 2023.

Deadline of Enrolment: 26 June 2023 (Monday)

Acquisition of Entry Forms:

Click the on-line form URL at www.inspireddance.com
or scan the enrolment form QR code below

Enrolment in 3 Steps:

1. **Obtain School Codes** – Before the enrolment, all schools/organizations/freelance dance teachers/individuals should pre-register the basic information in order to obtain their School Codes through the links or apply-school-code QR codes below.

To apply for the School Code, please click the link to pre-register the basic information as follows:
[Apply-School-Code 2023](#)

2. **Settle the payment of entry fee** – Pay the entry fee and bank charges (if necessary) before the enrolment and prepare the copy of bank deposit slip/telegraphic transfer slip in JPEG or PDF format. For overseas contestants including those living in Mainland China and Macau, please contact the banks in your home regions to check if it is necessary to settle the bank charges. **Remember to input the School Code, Name of Contestant or Total number of entries at 'Remarks' or 'Payment details' or 'Message to recipient' during the transaction of Remittance/Telegraph Transfer/Inward interbank fund transfer or when the transaction is made via online banking.** Scan the enrolment form QR code or click the links of the enrolment form, complete the form and upload the image of the payment slip before pressing the submit button. Please mark the school code, name of contact person, telephone number and the total number of entries at the side of the slip. e.g. sc888, Leung Man Yee, telephone no. (852) 1234 5678, 10 solo + 1 trio.
3. **Registration** – Please click the link or scan the enrolment form QR code for registration. The online registration system will automatically reply the contact person acknowledging the receipt of the enrolment form and issue a "Reference Number" for each enrolment for subsequent enquiries or follow-ups.

Enrolment form: [Dream Cup 2023 via-video competition](#)

Apply School Code



Enrolment Form





1. Categories and Specifications

- 1.1 The contestants will not be grouped according to the dance categories of their pieces of dance but please indicate the dance style, e.g. ballet, jazz, etc. when registering for the competition.
- 1.2 This competition accepts solo, duo and trio only.
- 1.3 The maximum length of the piece of dance of this competition is 2 minutes.
- 1.4 If the number of contestants / competing teams in a particular age group is below four, different age groups will be combined.
- 1.5 Division of age groups is as follows:

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| 4-6 years | 7-9 years | 10-12 years | 13-15 years | 16-19 years | 20-29 years | 30 years or above |
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2. Eligibility

- 2.1 There is no limit on the number of competition piece enrolled for each contestant.
- 2.2 If the members of a competing team are of different ages, the team will compete in the age group according to the age of the eldest member. The age of contestants will be calculated as the year of competition, i.e. 2023, minus the year of birth regardless of the month and day.
- 2.3 Every contestant must enroll to the appropriate age group otherwise he will be disqualified.
- 2.4 Professional dancers, i.e. dancers employed by professional dance companies or television stations or theme parks, will not be admitted to this Competition.

3. Props

- 3.1 Use of any liquid or flammables or explosives or fragile items is not allowed.
- 3.2 To ensure the safety of all participants, use of any dangerous items is not allowed. Please ensure that all props used during the events are not risky to anyone's health or life and the choreography does not include any killing or suicide action.
- 3.3 Please ensure to fill in the information of the props in the registration form. Only props approved by the Organizer may be used.
- 3.4 Contestant(s) using props violating the above rules may be disqualified.
- 3.5 Marks may be deducted due to the inappropriateness of the props in regard to the dance so please use them suitably.

4. Costume

Make-up and wearing suitable/appropriate costumes which match the content of the dance are required.

5. Music

- 5.1 The lyric of the music must not contain foul language or express any vulgar or violent content. Otherwise, 5 marks will be deducted from the offender's grand total marks.
- 5.2 The commencement of the presented piece will be timed as the moment at which the music starts or the contestant starts performing in the shooting area whichever the earlier. The completion of the presented piece will be timed as the moment at which the music ends or the contestant stops moving in the shooting area (not including the curtsey) whichever the later.



- 5.3 The length of the piece of music/dance should not exceed the maximum limit, i.e. 2 minutes. **0.5 mark will be deducted from the grand total marks for the first excessive 10 seconds (or a fraction of the 10 seconds) and another 0.5 mark for the subsequent 10 seconds** or a fraction and so on.
- 5.4 Contestants are responsible for the all the copyright issues related to the use of the music.

6. Specifications and Submission of Competing Video

- 6.1 The dance area should be well lit when the video is recorded. When the contestants are likely to be lit by direct sunlight or backlight, they should be covered by, say, curtains or blinds. All reflective objects such as mirrors or glass, should be covered except the accessories worn by the contestants (e.g. amphibole, sequins).
- 6.2 The centre of the dance area should be clearly marked by a cross of about 15 cm x 15 cm.
- 6.3 The camera should be set at the eye-level of an audit, at a landscape orientation and on a tripod. The whole dance area and the entire contestant (from head to feet) should be filmed and the contestant should be filmed from his front. If pan shot is to be taken, the camera should follow the contestant at all times. Make sure that the video image is sharp and clear. Do not use ultra-wide-angle lens or fisheye lens because they will cause severe distortion to the image. Special camera effect or editing such as fade in/fade out, insertion of logos, graphics and words are strictly prohibited.
- 6.4 The video must be taken in one shot and must not pause in-between.
- 6.5 Make sure that the video image is sharp and clear, the dance music is clear, smooth and its volume appropriate to be listened through the recorded video. If the video image is too dark or over-exposed, or the music volume is too low or even cannot be heard, which have great adverse effect on the assessment, **marks will be deducted from the contestants' grand total marks or the contestants will be disqualified, depending on how bad the conditions are.**
- 6.6 Only the contestant(s) should be present in the video. No other persons or pets, even their shadows, should be visible in the video. No other sound, say, talking, indicating the direction of placement, counting of beats, etc. should be recorded in the video.
- 6.7 The background should be clear and simple, and other objects must be removed or covered. Please print the DCDC logo in at least A4-size (210 mm x 297 mm) [A3-size (297 mm x 420 mm) is better] and mount it at the centre of the background.
- 6.8 If the submitted video does not meet the above condition, **marks will be deducted from the contestants' grand total marks or the contestants will be disqualified.**
- 6.9 It is necessary to **provide two full-length photos** taken in portrait orientation and contain all the contestants for each entry (entry code). In one of the photos, **the contestant(s) should hold the entry code card**. In another photo, **the contestant(s) may present dance movements or poses**, and must wear the same costume and bear the same make-up which they have in the recorded video. The files of the photos should be in JPEG format and their size should be between 1.5 to 3 MB each. The name of the file should contain the entry code, name of contestant and school code. For entries in duo or trio, the file name should show the name of one of the contestants only.
- 6.9.1 Photo with entry code card – Please print the entry code on a piece of A5-size (148 mm x 210 mm) paper and have the contestant(s) held the piece of paper. The piece of paper should not cover the contestant's face and the major part of the upper part of his body. The entry code must be clearly shown. This photo is for the judge and the Organizer's staff to identify the contestant(s). The name of the photo file should contain the entry code, name of contestant/name of team and school code; 'EC' should be added in for differentiating the two photo files, e.g. DCV 07018_EC_Ann Chan_sc987.
- 6.9.2 The other photo – The winners' photos may be posted on the Organizer's official Facebook



fan-page and website, printed matters and the house programmes of the next year. The name of the file should contain the entry code, name of contestant/name of team and school code; 'poses' should be added in for differentiating the two photo files, e.g. DCV 07018_poses_Ann Chan_sc987.

- 6.10 **The competing video should be recorded in mp4 format** and one video file should be recorded for one entry (entry code) only. **The name of video file should contain the entry code, name of the contestant** (same as that appeared on the identity credentials and enrolment form, and only the name of one of the contestants is to be shown for duo or trio), **name of dance, length of dance and school code**, e.g. DCV 07018_Ann Chen_Paquita variation_1 min 50 sec_sc987.
- 6.11 The video and photos for each entry (entry code) should be submitted once only. If the video is submitted for more than once, the Organizer will use the first submitted one.
- 6.12 The video and photos should be submitted via WeTransfer (www.wetransfer.com) and you may choose one-time submission. The maximum size of the files to be uploaded is 2 GB per transfer. Alternatively, you may provide the respective Google drive link for the Organizer to download the files. For not more than 3 files with a total file size not exceeding 23 MB (i.e. 1 video + 2 photo files), they may be e-mailed directly to hksde.dcdc@gmail.com on or before **1 September 2023**. Please do not compress the files before submission and all the video and photo files can be uploaded in one go. Please input the school code and total number of files, e.g. sc999_5 videos + 10 photos, at the message box. If all the submitted files are for the same entry, please input school code, entry code and number of files, e.g. sc567_DCV 04019_ 1 video + 2 photos at the message box.
- 6.13 To maintain fairness of the competition, the competing video must be filmed at the time of the competition. Video which filmed in the past is not qualified for the competition.
- 6.14 Late submission of video and photos will not be accepted. Those who fail to submit on or before the relevant deadlines will be considered as withdrawal from the competition and the Organizer will delete the contestants' files. Their entry fee and bank charges will not be refunded.
- 6.15 Announcement of the **Competing via video** competition result will be made at the official Facebook fan-page and website in October 2023.

7. Registrations and Matter of Attentions

- 7.1 Enrolment must be made by submitting the enrolment form, and settling the entry fee and the bank service charges of both sides (if necessary). For overseas contestants (including those living in Mainland China and Macau), please contact the banks in your home regions to check if it is necessary to pay the bank charges. The enrolment will be accepted and the Entry Code issued only when the payment slip in JPEG or PDF format is uploaded and the deposition of the fees into the bank account is confirmed.
- 7.2 If there is any doubt, the Organizer will clarify with the contact person by emails.
- 7.3 Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. The organizer will not reserve any competition place for potential contestants.
- 7.4 The Organizer will accept **late entries** when the quota of contestant(s) is not yet exhausted. A surcharge of HK\$100 per piece per request will be levied. The Organizer reserves the right to make the final decision.
- 7.5 The name of dance should be input in English. For names in other languages, please state the language and provide an explanation in English except for classical ballet repertoires.
- 7.6 The name of contestant printed on the certificate is based on the name in the enrolment form. Please ensure that the contestant's name is input correctly. For requests for amending the contestant's name, such as the spelling, made after the printing of the certificate or reissuance of the certificate, a surcharge of HK\$100 per piece per request will be levied plus postage fee (if necessary).



- 7.7 The Entry Codes of the contestants and DCDC logo will be sent to the contact persons by emails on 1-4 August 2023.
- 7.8 Quick guide for schedule of events

| | Date | Items |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Present | Apply School Code |
| 2 | 26 June 2023 | Deadline of Enrolment |
| 3 | 16 July 2023 | The Organizer ceases to receive any change request |
| 4 | 1-4 August 2023 | The Organizer issues Entry Code and DCDC logo by email |
| 5 | 1 September 2023 | Deadline of submitting competition video(s) and photos to hksde.dcdc@gmail.com |
| 6 | 26 October 2023 | The Organizer announces competition result |

8. Fee

- 8.1 **Entry Fee:** Solo HK\$700, Duo/Trio HK\$1,200
 The entry fee is calculated on entry basis.

8.2 **Payment Method:**

Bank Transaction

It is suggested to consolidate all entry fee in one transaction in order to minimize the bank charges. Write the school code, name of contestant(s)/organization, name of contact person, telephone number and name of payer at the side of the deposit slip/remittance receipt/telegraphic transfer slip.

Account Name: Inspired Dance Education Abecedarian (IDEA)

Account Number: 110-654399-001.

Bank: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)

Bank Code: 004

Swift Code: HSBCHKHKKH

Address: Head Office 1 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong

Telephone: (852) 2748 8288

Account Address: 8A Southern Commercial Building, 11 Luard Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Account Telephone: (852) 2528 3217

Faster Payment System (FPS)

FPS Account Name: Inspired Dance Education Abecedarian (IDEA)

FPS ID Number: 169140118

Please be reminded to input the School Code, Name of Contestant, Name of Payer/Remitter and Total number of Entries at 'Remarks' or 'Payment details' or 'Message to recipient' during the transaction of Remittance/Telegraph Transfer/Inward interbank fund transfer or via online banking or Faster Payment System

Prepare the copy of bank deposit slip or remittance receipt or telegraphic transfer slip in JPEG or PDF format and submit the file together with the enrolment form.

- 8.3 For overseas contestants (including those living in Mainland China and Macau), the entry fee should be paid through bank transfer in Hong Kong Dollars. **Both the bank charges in the contestants' home regions and Hong Kong are to be borne by the contestants.** Overseas contestants are advised to contact the banks in your home regions to check if it is necessary to pay the bank



charges. **The bank charge of the banks in Hong Kong is set at HK\$100 per transaction.** For example, for enrolment of 3 solos (\$2,100) and 1 duo (\$1200), the total entry fee is \$3,300; after adding the \$100 bank charge, the total amount to be transferred becomes HK\$3,400. If the bank charges are not paid, no matter entirely or partly, the contestant(s) have to settle the bank charges and handling charges subsequently. The exact amount of the charges is to be confirmed according to every individual case but it will be more than HK\$100.

- 8.4 **Entry fee and bank charges are non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances**, including cancellation of competition due to bad weather or combination of age groups due to less than four entries in a particular group.

9. The Marking Scheme

- 9.1 The marks will be based on artistry (musicality, performance, style and creativity) and technique (structure, theme, movement and co-operation).
- 9.2 The results concluded by the adjudicators are final.
- 9.3 Quick guide for items of Mark Deduction.

| | Non-compliance | Mark(s) to be deducted | For details, please refer to paragraph |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 | Inappropriate age group | Disqualified | 2.3 |
| 2 | Use of prohibited props | Disqualified | 3.4 |
| 3 | Mismatch of the props and dance | May deduct marks | 3.5 |
| 4 | Lyric of the music contains foul language or expresses vulgar or violent content | 5 | 5.1 |
| 5 | Excessive time of dance piece | 0.5 per 10 sec. | 5.3 |
| 6 | The video does not meet the specification | May deduct marks or disqualified | 6.8 |

10. Prizes

- 10.1 Prizes to be awarded are Gold Prize, Silver Prize, Bronze Prize and Performance Award. A medal and certificate will be awarded.
- 10.2 **Dream Chaser Award** – Rank 1, 2 and 3 prizes will be presented to the three contestants who score the highest marks in Junior Group (4-12 years old) and Senior Group (13 years old or above). Trophies and certificates will be awarded.
- 10.3 If more than one contestant gets the same highest marks, the adjudicators' decision on the awardee is final.

11. Others

- 11.1 The HKSDE Team will mail the certificates, medals and trophies to the winners according to their school addresses mentioned in their School Code Applications. If there is a need to update the information, please firstly notify the Organizer by emails, then click the apply-school-code link or scan the apply-school-code QR code to submit the updated information.
- 11.2 If the postage of the certificates, medals and trophies fails, the schools/contestants need to bear the postage fee and bank charges (if necessary) for the resent. The Organizer will keep those returned items for three months only and destroy them afterwards.



11.3 The Organizer reserves the right to change the rules and regulations.

12. Enquires

Please contact the Hong Kong Smart Dance Extravaganza Team at hksde.dcdc@gmail.com or (852) 2528 3217.

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