

Rules and Regulations

On-stage Competition

The objective of the **Dream Cup Dance Competition** is to encourage all dance lovers to make their first step to materialize their dance fantasy and let them to experience the excitement of dancing on-stage thus arousing them to challenge themselves to the very best in front of the audience, in order to achieve their dream.

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 participate in this event to challenge their very best for a dream. The adjudicators are looking at how good the performance, expression, confidence and projection with secured techniques of the dancers are to grant the various prizes. The on-stage competition will be held from 23 to 25 July 2024 inclusive at Youth Square. The via-video competition will be held in October 2024, details of which will be announced later.

Date: 23-25 July 2024 (Tuesday – Thursday)

Venue: Y-Theatre, Youth Square, 238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

Deadline of Enrolment: 15 April 2024 (Monday)

Acquisition of Entry Forms:

Scan the enrolment form QR code below
or ask for the form by emailing to dreamcup.hksde@gmail.com
or visit www.inspireddance.com

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 apply-school-code QR codes below.
2. **Settle the payment of entry fee** – Kindly read through the DCDC 2024 Rules & Regulations and pay the entry fee and bank charges (if necessary) before the enrolment and prepare the copy of bank deposit slip/telegraphic transfer slip in .jpg or .png or .pdf files. For overseas contestants including those living in Mainland China and Macau, please contact their banks in their home regions to check if it is necessary to settle the bank charges. **Remember to input the School Code, Name of Contestant/Name of Team 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 below, 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 scan the enrolment form QR code below for registration. The online registration system will automatically reply the contact person acknowledging the receipt of the enrolment form and issue a "Reference Number" (e.g. RDC_3, for more than one entry per submission, the contact person will get the sequence of entry number with a "#" at the right side before the item of Full Name of Teacher e.g. #2) for each enrolment for subsequent enquiries or follow-ups.

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 type of dance, e.g. ballet, jazz, etc. when registering for the competition.
- 1.2 The dance categories consist of solo, duo and trio only.
- 1.3 The maximum length of the piece of dance is 2 minutes.
- 1.4 Competing level:
 - Level 1 – For contestants who have not enrolled for the competition before or those who have not received gold award in Dream Cup Dance Competition 2023. For example, if a contestant received a gold prize and silver prize in Dream Cup Dance Competition 2023, he should compete in Level 2 competition this year. For contestants who enroll to duo/trio dance and only one of them was a gold medalist, the group should compete in the Level 1 competition.
 - Level 2 – For contestants who received gold prizes in Dream Cup Dance Competition 2023. That is to say, all contestants in Level 2 were gold prize awardees.
- 1.5 Competing in a higher age group or challenging to compete in a higher level will not be accepted.
- 1.6 If the number of contestants / competing teams in a particular age group is four or below, different age groups will be combined.
- 1.7 Division of age groups is as follows:

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 enrolment for each contestant but please be sure that you are able to make all your own necessary arrangements, particularly about changing among different pieces.
- 2.2 If 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. 2024, 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 The maximum time limit for placement on and removal of props from the stage is 30 seconds and 5 marks will be deducted if this limit is exceeded.
- 3.2 Use of any liquid or flammables or explosives or fragile items is not allowed.
- 3.3 To ensure the safety of all participants, use of any dangerous items is not allowed.
- 3.4 Use of any props that need to be cleaned up on-stage is not allowed.
- 3.5 Marks may be deducted due to the inappropriateness of the props in regard to the dance so please use them suitably.
- 3.6 Only simple props that can be managed by the contestants themselves are acceptable and the Organizer will not be responsible should there be any problems with the props.
- 3.7 Please ensure to fill in the props information in the registration form. Only props approved by the Organizer may be used.

- 3.8 Contestant(s) using props violating the above rules may be disqualified.
- 3.9 If the venue facilities are damaged or made dirty by the contestants, they must bear the repair or replacement or cleansing cost.
- 3.10 Use of props must be safe and according to the Notice to hirer of Youth Square. The Organizer reserves the right to make the final decision

4. Costume and Dressing Room

- 4.1 Make-up and wearing suitable/appropriate costumes which match the content of the dance are required.
- 4.2 The Organizer's staff will wear name badges, and the responsible photographers and cameramen will wear "Photo/video Passes" for easy identification and management.
- 4.3 For safety purpose, persons who do not wear such passes/badges are not allowed to enter the dressing room and backstage.
- 4.4 Passes marked with "Teacher Pass" will be distributed to each school per session according to the allocation ratio at about 1:8 as follows:

For the group age 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15, two passes for the first eight contestants, and one pass for every eight subsequent contestants and so on. For the groups age 16 and above, "Teacher Pass" WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED.
- 4.5 Contestants must stay in the designated dressing rooms or convening place for the backstage staff to lead them to the backstage to prepare for the competition. If the staff cannot find the contestants in the designated dressing rooms or convening place to lead them into the backstage for the competition, the Organizer reserves the right to disqualify the contestants concerned.

5. Music

- 5.1 Music of every dance piece (in mp3 format and recorded individually) should be submitted via provision of the respective cloud drive (e.g. Google drive) hyperlink for the Organizer to download the dance music files. For not more than 3 files, they may be e-mailed directly to dreamcup.hksde@gmail.com from **20 May to 10 June 2024 inclusive**.
- 5.2 The file name of the competition music should include the entry code, name of the contestant (for Duo or Trio, name of one of the contestants is enough), name of the dance, length of dance and school code. (e.g. DC01001_Leung Siu Ling_Doll Dance_1 min 10 sec_sc888).
- 5.3 **Change or revision or late submission of the dance music during 11- 20 June 2024, three marks will be deducted from the grand total marks.** Submission or change of dance music after 20 June 2024 will not be accepted. If the dance music is submitted for more than once, the updating must indicate the revision date in the name of the music file (e.g. DC01001_Revised 20240619_Leung Siu Ling_Doll Dance_1 min 15 sec_sc888) as said in rule 5.2 and 5.3. Otherwise, the Organizer will use the music submitted at the very beginning.
- 5.4 If the contestants do not submit any dance music or submit the dance music after 20 June 2024, the contestants will be disqualified and entry fee will not be refunded. Submission or change of dance music on the competition day will not be accepted.
- 5.5 Live music companionship is not allowed.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 The commencement of the presented piece will be timed as the moment at which the music starts or the contestant starts performing on the stage whichever the earlier. The completion of the presented

piece will be timed at the moment at which the music ends or the contestant stops moving on the stage (not including the curtsey) whichever the later.

- 5.8 The length of the piece of music/dance should not exceed the maximum time limit, i.e. 2 minutes. 0.5 mark will be deducted from the total marks for the first excessive 10 seconds and another 0.5 mark for the subsequent 10 seconds (or a fraction of the 10 seconds) and so on.
- 5.9 If the music playback fails in the progress of the competition, please continue to complete the dance presentation unless informed the otherwise by the stage manager. According to individual circumstance, the Organizer will decide whether the contestant(s) should dance again.
- 5.10 If the music cannot be played due to technical problems, the contestant(s) must complete the dance without music.
- 5.11 All contestants should prepare and bring along stand-by dance music in mp3 format which stored in operable mobile phones with compatible 3.5mm phone connector to serve as the players of the substituted music in case the original mp3 files do not play well.
- 5.12 The contestant(s) are responsible for the all the copyright issues related to the use of the music.

6. Fee

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

- 6.2 **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: HSBCHKHCHKH

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 as .jpg or .png or .pdf files and submit the files together with the enrolment form.

- 6.3 For overseas contestants (including those living in Mainland China or 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 their banks in their home countries 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 contestants have to settle the entry fee and handling charges subsequently. The exact amount of the handling charge is to be confirmed according to every individual case but it will be more than HK\$100.

- 6.4 **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.

7. Prizes

- 7.1 Prizes to be awarded are Gold Prize, Silver Prize, Bronze Prize and Performance Award. A medal and certificate will be awarded.
- 7.2 **Dream Chaser Award in Level 1** – Rank 1, 2 and 3 prizes will be presented to the three contestants who score the highest marks in Junior Group (4-12 years) and Senior Group (13 years or above). Trophies and certificates will be awarded.
- 7.3 **Dream Chaser Award in Level 2** – Rank 1, 2 and 3 prizes will be presented to the three contestants who score the highest marks in Junior Group (4-12 years) and Senior Group (13 years or above). Trophies and certificates will be awarded.
- 7.4 If more than one contestant gets the same highest marks, the adjudicators' decision on the awardee is final.
- 7.5 The prize presentation will be held at the end of the session of competition and all contestants should stay on the stage during the ceremony for the photo call at the end. The actual time of each section varies according to the number of contestants in that section.

8. The Marking Scheme

- 8.1 The marks will be based on artistry (musicality, performance, style and creativity) and technique (structure, theme, movement and co-operation).
- 8.2 The results concluded by the adjudicators are final.
- 8.3 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	Excessive time for placement or removal of props	5	3.1
3	Mismatch of the props and dance	May deduct marks	3.5
4	Use of prohibited props	Disqualified	3.8
5	Contestants do not stay at designated dressing rooms or convening place at appropriate time	May be disqualified	4.5
6	Change or revision or late submission of the dance music	3	5.3
7	No submission or submission of dance music after 20 June 2024	Disqualified	5.4

8	Lyric of the music contains foul language or expresses vulgar or violent content	5	5.6
9	Excessive time of dance piece	0.5 per 10 sec.	5.8
10	False information filled in the enrolment form	Disqualified	10.9

9. Photography and Videography

- 9.1 To avoid undue disturbance to the competitors and others members of the audience, and respect the intelligence property right of the choreographers and contestants, photography and video-recording are strictly prohibited in the auditorium. The offenders will be expelled from the competition venue when necessary and recorded images must be deleted.
- 9.2 Photo-taking and video-recording are prohibited at the backstage. Besides the Organizer's staff, any person, including the contestants and teachers must delete the photos/video taken and leave the backstage immediately in case they do so.
- 9.3 The contact persons will be informed by emails later to download the photo files and video clips.

10. Registrations and related Matter of Attentions

- 10.1 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 their banks in their 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 slips in .jpg or .png or .pdf files are uploaded and the deposition of the fees into the bank account is confirmed.
- 10.2 If there is any doubt, the Organizer will clarify with the contact person by email.
- 10.3 Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. The organizer will not reserve any competition place for potential contestants.
- 10.4 The Organizer will accept **late entries** when the quota of contestants 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 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).
- 10.7 The Entry Codes of the contestants, Competition Day Schedule and Cue Sheets will be sent to the contact persons by emails on 20-23 May 2024. Please check and sign the Cue Sheets, and email to dreamcup.hksde@gmail.com on or before 29 May 2024.
- 10.8 If the enrolment is made in the name of the organization and contains several entries, please **group all the cue sheets together and submit them in one single PDF file**, the file name of which should include the school code, the name of the organization and the number of forms. For example, the file name may be, say, sc888_Ling Ling School of Dance_10 pcs.
- 10.9 When the contestant registers on the competition day, the Organizer may check the identity document of the contestant, such as Hong Kong Identity Card, Passport, Student Card, etc., which bears the name, photo and date of birth of the contestant, in order to make sure that the **registering contestant is the same person stated in the enrolment form**. Failure to present the identity document

or any false information found for this competition may lead to disqualification of the contestant.

- 10.10 During the registration at the counter on the competition day, the contestant/teacher/contact person will receive a "Collect Card". Certificate(s) will be given after the competition at the presentation of the Collect Card(s).
- 10.11 Admission to the auditorium is only allowed for persons holding tickets for that particular session disregard whether the person is a contestant. Each ticket admits one only. The ticket prices are HK\$60 and HK\$100 for one session with 50% discount offered to senior citizens, disables and Hong Kong citizens receiving CSSA. There will not be any consignment ticket. Date of sale of tickets will be announced in June 2024.
- 10.12 Quick guide for schedule of events

	Date	Items
1	Present	Apply School Code
2	15 April 2024	Deadline of Enrolment
3	20-23 May 2024	The Organizer issues Cue Sheet with Entry Code by email
4	29 May 2024	Submit signed Cue Sheet to dreamcup.hksde@gmail.com
5	20 May - 10 June 2024	Submit competition music to dreamcup.hksde@gmail.com
6	June 2024	The Organizer announces the date of sale of tickets
7	27-30 June 2024	The Organizer issues Reporting Schedule by email
8	23-25 July 2024	The Date of Competition

11. Others

- 11.1 Size of the stage: 12m (W) x 10m (D) with dance floor mat.
- 11.2 Rehearsals or placing on-stage will not be provided.
- 11.3 The Organizer reserves the right to change the schedule of competition in case of emergency. In case the Typhoon number 8 or above warning signal or black rainstorm warning is still being hoisted 2 hours before the session of the competition, that session of competition will be postponed/re-scheduled (within 19-28 July 2024 inclusive). Announcement of the new schedule will be made at the official Facebook fan-page or Website of Inspired Dance Company.
- 11.4 If the Typhoon number 8 or above warning signal or black rainstorm warning is hoisted during the competition, that session of competition will continue. Contestants may make their own decisions whether to continue to take part in that session of the competition. The Organizer reserves the right to re-schedule or cancel the events if there are Extreme Conditions, such as very bad weather conditions and unexpected incidents affecting safety or transportation seriously or there is severe damage or venues or any circumstance of emergency. Contestants may then participate either in Dream Cup Dance Competition 2025 on-stage competition which will be held in July 2025 tentatively or the via-video competition which will be held in October 2024. The Contestants will compete, and be judged and prized separately in the on-stage competition and via-video competition.
- 11.5 All participants must also abide by the Terms and Conditions of Hire of Youth Square.
- 11.6 The Organizer reserves the right to change the rules and regulations.

12. Enquires

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

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