



COFFS HARBOUR & DISTRICT
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Coffs Harbour and District Dance Eisteddfod

Schools Day Only

Dance Rules & Regulations

2024



DANCE COMMITTEE 2024

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Jann Golding

COMMITTEE:

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DANCE EISTEDDFOD DATES 2024

Schools Day	Friday 7 th June 2024
Venue	Coffs Harbour Education Campus (CHEC) Auditorium Block D, 363 Hogbin Drive Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
Gala/Awards	
Junior	1.30 pm Saturday 22 nd June 2024
Senior	5.30 pm Saturday 22 nd June 2024
Venue	Jetty Memorial Theatre Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Please note:

Dates to be determined and finalised once entries have closed.

ADJUDICATOR

Schools Day and Groups Weekend	Natalie Somerville
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AGE REQUIREMENTS

Schools Day	Class enrolled at 1 January 2024
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Note:

Schools may combine dancers from different year groups but must enter the group in the year of the oldest performer.

COMPETITOR ENTRY FEES

Schools	\$20 per entry
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ENTRIES

Closing date	Sunday 7 th April 2024
Closing of late entries	Sunday 14 th April 2024
Online entries only	www.comps-online.com.au

All entries must be through Comps-Online.

If you are having difficulty with an entry, please email dance@coffseisteddfod.org.au – please do not leave it to the last minute to enter.

Note:

We strongly advise you to check your entry carefully before finalising. No changes will be made after Sunday 14th April 2024, unless the mistake is due to committee error.

Late entries and payments after Sunday 7th April 2024 will incur a \$25 fee.

SCHOOLS DAY SECTIONS

891	Infants (K-2)	892	Primary (3-4)	893	Primary (5-6)
894	High School	895	Small Schools Primary	896	High School: Restricted*
620B	Community Multicultural (K-12)				

*Restricted to High Schools within 75km of Coffs Harbour CBD.

MUSIC ENTRIES

Closing date	TBA
Time limit per school dance group	Maximum of 5 minutes
Online upload only	www.musicuploads.com.au

All music must be uploaded online through Music Uploads.

Once the program has been finalised, schools will be notified by email that Music Uploads is ready to accept music for each entry. A link will also be available from the CHDES Dance website: www.coffeisteddfod.org.au/dance/

ADMISSION FEES

Schools Day	Adult: \$5.00	Concession/Child: \$5.00
5yrs and under may sit on an adult's lap		

Tickets will be available for online purchase through Eventbrite. Schools will be notified by email when tickets go on sale. A link will also be available on the CHDES Dance website: www.coffeisteddfod.org.au/dance/
Ticket sales will be limited at the door.

NOTE:

Infants, Primary and Small Schools sections will run first, followed by Community Multicultural Dance then High School sections. Approximate timing will be 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. This could be subject to change after entries are closed.

PROGRAMS

No preprinted programs will be available. The Schools Day program will be available to download from the CHDES Dance website: www.coffeisteddfod.org.au/dance/

Please check our website and social media regularly as the final published program (available approximately 6 weeks before the Eisteddfod starts) may be different to earlier drafts.

Each Schools Day section will be allocated a start time in our program to give parents and carers the opportunity to attend. A link to a live schedule with real-time updates will also be available on our social media and on the CHDES Dance website: www.coffeisteddfod.org.au/dance/

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise in the program, please contact the Sponsorship Coordinator at community@coffseisteddfod.org.au.

Advertising needs to be finalized by Friday 7th April 2024.

2024 AMENDMENTS AND REMINDERS

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All information in the 2024 Rules & Regulations is subject to NSW Health Guidelines at the time of the competition. Any changes that are required to comply with any directions will be made and refunds for entry fees provided to any affected parties minus any booking fees.
- Entries close Sunday 7th April 2024. **Late entries will incur a \$25 fee, close Sunday 14th April 2024**
- Schools Day is held at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus (CHEC) while regular classes are taking place. All visiting students and staff must stay within the areas designated for Eisteddfod participants, minimise noise and disruption to the CHEC community and follow all procedures in relation to health and safety.

GENERAL RULES

- The CHDES Rules & Regulations have been updated and are available on the CHDES website at <https://coffseisteddfod.org.au/dance/>. Please ensure you are familiar with the rules before the competition.

REMINDERS:

- **Dance tights or shorts are compulsory.** In the spirit of our family-orientated event, and in the interests of child protection, please ensure that all dancers wear tights **or** mid length bike shorts during their performances.
- **Appropriate costuming, language and choreography.** Please ensure that the content of all performances is appropriate for all age groups. A reminder that routines that include bad language and/or adult costuming or themes are not appropriate for our event. Competitors may be stopped and disqualified at the discretion of the Adjudicator or Committee.
- **Entrants must leave the stage surface unaltered.** If the performance requires extensive clean-up (e.g. petals, confetti, or feathers), please contact the Dance Coordinator for further information. No performer is to wear body paint unless required in the Community Multicultural Dance section.
- **Number of performers per group** – minimum of 4. Costuming is encouraged but not necessary.
- A **Restricted** section has been added for High School dance groups. This section is restricted to High Schools within 75 km of Coffs Harbour CBD.
- A **Community Multicultural Dance** section has been added to bring a greater understanding and appreciation of other cultures. Costuming, music and choreography must be authentic. Competitors are requested to ensure that any songs or dances are performed in a culturally appropriate manner and the necessary consultation and permissions have been obtained before taking the stage. Please contact the Committee if you require further information.
- Please minimise the need for dancers to run behind stage during their performances. Space backstage is very limited at the Schools Day venue (refer to Dance Rule 16 for stage dimensions).
- **No teachers permitted backstage** (refer to Dance Rule 6).
- Please do not risk disqualification by including a teacher in your performance (not Student Teacher – refer to Dance Rules 1 and 3)
- Due to WHS requirements **no** competitor is permitted to **leave or enter the stage from the front.**
- **Due to CHEC WHS**, all performers are to wear foot attire whilst at CHEC. They will be required to wear foot attire to and from backstage. There will be buckets available to put shoes in backstage.
- Please take note of Dance Rule 11 (**PROPS: NO large props allowed**).

DANCE RULES: SCHOOLS DAY

To be read in conjunction with the CHDES General Eisteddfod Rules 2024,
available on the CHDES website: www.coffseisteddfod.org.au/dance

1. All sections in both Groups and Solos are open to AMATEURS only. Professional dancers and teachers who derive a living from dance are not permitted to compete at the Coffs Harbour and District Dance Eisteddfod, except for the sections specified below.

Professional Dancer Defined: Any person who has ever been a cast member and received payment for any professional dance, TV, Musical or Theatre production with a running time of four weeks or more is considered a professional and may not compete in the Coffs Harbour & District Eisteddfod.

Teacher Defined: A person who is or has ever been employed to teach dance professionally, e.g., has teaching qualifications or has been listed as teaching staff of a dance school on a full time or part time basis.

A person who owns, manages, is the principal teacher of a Performing Arts, Musical, Dance studio shall not be eligible to enter any section of the Eisteddfod, unless it is Teacher Feature.

2. **FULL TIME DANCE STUDENTS** will not be permitted to compete at the Coffs Harbour and District Dance Eisteddfod. The definition of 'full time dance students' for the purpose of competing in this Eisteddfod is any dancer enrolled in a full-time education dance course in any dance discipline regardless of actual hours involved (e.g. Certificate IV, Diploma or Bachelor of Dance). This includes dancers enrolled in correspondence schooling to train for dance full time.
3. **STUDENT TEACHERS:** Any student 18 years and under who teaches dance part time at the dance school or schools they currently attend are considered amateurs and as such are eligible to dance in all open sections of the Coffs Harbour & District Dance Eisteddfod. Full Time Students attending Performance Schools are ineligible to enter. Where it is identified that a Teacher (not Student Teacher) is participating in a Group or Solo section (other than Mature & Motivated and Teacher Feature) that group or soloist WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
4. Discourtesy to other competitors, volunteers, parents, or the Dance Committee will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification of the solo performer or their Group. The Committee reserves the right to ask someone to leave who is causing disruption or refusing to follow the direction of the Committee or an official in the Auditorium. The Committee's decision is final.
5. **Appropriate costuming, language and choreography.** Please ensure that the content of all performances is appropriate for all audience age groups. Offensive language and adult costuming and themes are considered inappropriate for Eisteddfods. Disqualification is at the discretion of the Adjudicator or Committee.
6. Prompting or assistance of any kind must not be given. Parents and Teachers must leave the stage area during an item except for Infants (K-2) school groups (up to two support persons). Backstage Assistants will help with props as required, i.e. if a prop needs to be handed to a dancer.
7. The Workcover Authority requires that all electrical equipment used at our dance venues, e.g. hairdryers, hair straighteners etc., be inspected by an authorised electrician and be tagged as required.
8. Curtains will not be used.
9. The Adjudicator may abbreviate or stop a dance at their discretion. This does not mean disqualification.

10. In the event of a section receiving fewer than three entrants, the committee reserves the right to merge age sections.
11. **PROPS: NO SCENERY ALLOWED.** Simple hand-held props (basket, scarf, doll, flowers, etc.) are permitted only if used in the routine. Each entrant is responsible for placing and removing their items on stage. Props must be easily carried backstage by the entrant without any assistance. No props requiring assembly on site will be permitted for safety reasons. Due to WHS requirements, props are to be brought backstage at the start of the section and removed at the end of the section. Due to limited change room space, we ask that props are promptly removed at the end of the session. Props may be more severely limited if COVID restrictions are still in place. Please consider the size of the stage at the performance venue, particularly on Schools Day and Groups Weekend.
12. **COPYRIGHT:** Private videography and photography with any device is prohibited in the auditorium or the change rooms at all times. The Coffs Harbour and District Eisteddfod Society has engaged professionals who have sole rights and comply with the Information Privacy Act. Breaches of this rule may cause disqualification of the studio represented by the infringing parent/s or friends. Rules and regulations as set down by Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA). Compliance with Copyright Law is the responsibility of the individual. Each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Coffs Harbour and District Eisteddfod Society Inc. against any breach of Copyright.
13. **MUSIC UPLOADS:** Competitors must upload their music to Music Uploads online (www.musicuploads.com.au) by the date specified by the Dance Committee. No other options will be given. This is a low-cost service that stores your music and voice critiques in one location and can be used at other participating competitions. Please refer to the Music Uploads website for full information. It is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure that they have the correct music files uploaded to each routine. You can change your music files at any time before the cut-off dates (TBA).
14. **TIME LIMITS WILL BE ENFORCED.** The Adjudicator is entitled to ring off any competitor who does not adhere to the time limits as described in the schedule. Please choose your music accordingly.
15. All **mobile phones and electronic devices** must be turned off while in the auditorium.
16. The stage is covered by Tarkett. PLEASE check tap shoes for protruding screws. The Schools Day venue is NOT a sprung floor. Gymnastic/acro routines are performed at the competitor's own risk. Performers are also to take duty of care for their own performance to reduce risk and injury. Entrants are responsible for their own property and belongings.
Stage performance dimensions are approximately:

Back – 6 metres wide
 Front – 12.6 metres wide
 Depth – 6 metres
 Two wings



PLEASE NOTE:

The above pertain to Schools Day.
There are separate Dance Eisteddfod Rules and Regulations for Groups and Solos.

Please refer to our website to download the correct Regulations.