

# Competition Rules & Guidelines

## ENTRIES CLOSE:

1st April 2025 (unless sold out prior)

## AGE LIMITS AND CATEGORIES:

Ages cut-offs are applicable as of **30th June 2025** and divisions are as follow:

- 4 and under
- 6 and under
- 8 and under
- 10 and under
- 12 and under
- 14 and under
- 16 and under
- 17 and over

Open and Novice categories will be offered in all solo divisions. In the case that **competitors are against themselves** due to their age or category SNS **may combine** the dancer into another **section relevant** to the style of dance they have registered for.

OPEN CLASSIFICATION: If any dancer has won first place at any competition in the same genre prior to SNS competition entry closing, the dancer **MUST** compete in an open section.

NOVICE CLASSIFICATION: Only dancers who have not won first place at a competition in the same genre prior to SNS competition entries closing are able to enter the Novice division.

UNCLASSIFIED SECTIONS: All 4/u genres will compete in the unclassified sections. Unclassified sections do not apply to any other age group.

## INDIVIDUAL AND STUDIO ENTRIES:

Individual & Studio entries are both accepted. Please note an **individual entry does not include free entry for parents assisting** dancers on and off stage. The parent will need to purchase a ticket online prior to the event.

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## **MUSIC:**

Music must be **submitted via email before the 10 days before** in **MP3 format**. Changes to music after this date will incur a **\$10.00 fee per track**.

## **TIME LIMITS:**

Time limits may not **exceed 3 mins per solo, duo, Trio or quartet and 3 mins and 30 secs per troupe routine** a time violations will incur a **five point deduction** off the routines total score.

## **PROPS:**

All props must be dropped to the back stage area at the Theatre **thirty minutes prior to the commencement of the session** and **removed immediately after** the dancer has performed or at the end of the session to allow space for the the next session.

## **PERFORMANCE DIFFICULTIES:**

If a dancer commences a dance, then **stops for any reason** other than a technical fault on behalf of SNS, then the dancer is able to dance again at the end of the section.

Dancers who **do not appear when scheduled to perform** may perform at the end of the section.

However if either of the above situations were to occur, the dancers **mark will not count** towards the top 3 in that section or towards overall awards such as champion dancer. Dancers will still receive a participation medal & report card for the section.

## **BACK & SIDE STAGE:**

**Only dancers and one allocated teacher or parent** will be allowed back/side stage. Dancers who require props will need this allocated helper to take props on and off stage. **NO** additional parents, infants/toddlers or siblings are permitted to come back/side stage.

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## **APPROACHING THE ADJUDICATORS:**

If at any time the adjudicators are approached by any dancer, teacher or family member/spectator before or during the competition this will result in immediate disqualification to the dancer(s) from that particular studio or family involved.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY:**

Recording or taking photos of any dance performance by anyone other than the official Photographer & Videographer is not permitted. Anyone caught failing to comply will result in the dancer associated with that person being disqualified from that session.

## **CANCELLATION, REFUNDS & RESCHEDULING:**

Any dancer withdrawing from the competition after registration and payment is complete but before entries close, will be given a 50% refund of the entry fee or a 100% credit for future SNS comps. In the event of the competition not taking place for reasons out of SNS's control, the entrant can either accept a 50% refund, take part in an alternative online competition which will run the following month or accept a 100% credit for a future SNS comp.

**Failure to adhere to competition guidelines may result in disqualification or a deduction of five points from the dancers routine in that particular session.**

## Code Of Conduct

SNS takes pride in being a family event that's inclusive & supportive in all aspects. Actions that are inappropriate, unfriendly or unsportsmanlike by students, teachers and parents/spectators will not be accepted and a zero tolerance policy for rude & aggressive behaviour will be enforced. Music with inappropriate lyrics will not be accepted. Conscious thought must be given towards choreography & costuming to maintain a family feel to the event. SNS staff reserve the right to remove the person(s) involved, give deductions or disqualify at any time they see fit.