



## Stellar Dance Challenge Troupe Syllabus

Date/s: 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2025

Where: Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre, Picton, NSW

Entry Date/s: TBA

Closing Entry Date/s: TBA

Entry Fee: \$45/ Troupe

Digital Program: \$5

Age for all age groups is as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025

All entries are to be submitted online via Comps Online

The Adjudicator is an Experienced Industry Professional (more information to come)

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### **2025 Rules and Regulations** for Stellar Dance Challenge:

- Open to dancers of all levels and ages
- All dancers must hold a student status i.e. not having been paid to perform as a dancer for a period of more than 10 weeks in 1 calendar year.
- Competitors will not be transferred from one section to another if incorrectly entered in the challenge unless the error is the fault of the committee.
- Should we reach capacity prior to registration closing dates in any section, that section will close early, and a waiting list will open via comps online with an additional booking fee.
- **NO** Refunds will be given, unless a section does not run at all. Administration fees will not be refunded.
- NO AUDIENCE VIDEOGRAPHY OR PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE PERMITTED.
- NO Photography or Recording Devices are to be used backstage or in Dressing Rooms.

- Every Care will be taken for all dancer's safety, but Stellar Dance Challenge organisers/ owners will not be responsible for any injury sustained by any entrant during this event.
- Respect for judges, organizers and fellow dancers is mandatory.
- Any person or persons found to be intimidating an entrant, staff member or volunteer, will be escorted from the venue and may be barred from any further attendance.

The event program and details are subject to change.

Entry/ Eligibility/ Categories:

All troupes must register for sections with the age as of the **1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025**.

Any age protests must be sent via email within 30 minutes of the performance.

All troupes will be able to perform the following genres:

- Classical Ballet
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Jazz
- Tap
- Hip Hop
- Musical Theatre

Tap shoes **MUST NOT** be worn in any area of the Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre except on stage. If tap shoes are worn, then tap covers must be worn over the shoes.

All troupes will be able to enter the following age groups:

- 6/U
- 8/U
- 10/U
- 12/U
- 14/U
- 15/O

All troupes must have **4** or more Dancers.

Studios **CANNOT** enter more than 2 items per section.

Pointe Shoes may be worn for 14/U and 15/O sections **ONLY**. Strictly **NO** rosin is to be used.

### Content and Time Limits:

All Troupes have a time limit of **Maximum 5 Minutes**.

Choreography must be original or properly credited if inspired by others.

Music choice is to be nominated upon entry.

Music and movements must be age appropriate and **NO** explicit choices will be accepted for any age group.

Offensive or inappropriate material will lead to disqualification.

### Safety Guidelines:

All participants must adhere to safe dance practices, including proper warm-ups and cooldowns.

Acrobatic tricks will be limited to 4 per routine. Studios will be given a warning for first offence of exceeding these safety rules. Studio's will be notified of report only with no placing in their section for any following offenses.

Perform within your physical limits to avoid injury.

Stage Dimensions: 12.5 metres wide & 9.8 metres deep

Flooring: Tarkett

### Adjudication:

The decision of the adjudicator is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The organisers of this event are **NOT** part of the adjudication.

**NO** Parent, teacher or student is to approach the adjudicator at any time.

### Prizes:

Prizes are available immediately after the section has been adjudicated. Prizes must be collected before the competition day is complete, or they will be forfeited.

Each Troupe Section will be awarded **ONE** of the following:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and Highly Commended

Major Prizes will be awarded by the Adjudicator/s:

- Overall Highest Score
- Most Innovative Choreography

- Most Entertaining
- Most Memorable Routine of the Day X3
- Encouragement Award

#### Voice Critiques:

Stellar Dance Challenge uses Music Uploads for all verbal feedback from the adjudicator.

**All** voice critiques will be available at the completion of each day.

#### Back Stage Rules:

2 teacher passes will be provided, and large studios will receive an additional 2 passes upon email request. Teacher passes are non-transferable and must be returned at the end of each day. Teachers' names and WWCC will need to be provided upon entry and random checks during competition can be made by any staff member of Stellar Dance Challenge and/or staff of Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre.

Parents are **NOT permitted** in the backstage area.

For large troupes if extra parent/junior staff member assistance is required an email request must be provided with names and WWCC numbers. (Junior staff members under 18 years of age will not need to provide a WWCC).

Studios will be given a designated backstage area. If a studio has moved their belongings into another area they will be asked to move and stay with their given space.

After each age group finishes competing, a clear out of backstage will be required. Studio owners/teachers must ensure their area is clean before their next age group arrives.

As per child safety regulations and Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre there is **NO** hair, make up or dressing of children in foyer or using bathrooms as dressing rooms.

Studios can use foyer or stage entry door as meeting and collection areas. Teachers and helpers must be over the age of 18 to walk students from the foyer to the stage entry door.

#### Stage Rules:

6/U Troupes will be allowed 1 teacher permitted side stage. This teacher may assist students from side stage.

1 teacher for 8/u and 10/u troupes will be permitted side stage. This teacher **CANNOT** assist dancers from side stage throughout their performance or they will be disqualified.

**NO** teachers are permitted backstage for any other age group.

If props are used, a teacher will be allowed side stage and will be given 30 seconds to put props on and off the stage safely.

No changing of items within a section will be permitted. Troupes must compete in order of which their studio name appears in the program.

Pauses will be used if necessary.

All Troupes jeopardise their chances of performing by late arrival.

Disputes:

Any disputes must be in writing and emailed to Stellar dance Challenge. NO staff member will engage in any verbal disputes.

Ticketing:

All tickets must be purchased via the Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre Box Office.