

RULES
WORLD DANCE CONTEST
2026



ARTICLE 1 - CONTEST OVERVIEW

The World Dance Contest - 2026 Edition aims to bring together dance enthusiasts from around the world and offer artists an opportunity to express themselves on stage. Organized by Daï Chi World Dances, this event highlights various dance styles such as Urban Dances, Bollywood, Jazz, Contemporary, African, Heels, Oriental, and many others.

The competition will take place **on Saturday, April 11, 2026**, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Espace Jean Poperen – 135 Rue de la République, 69330 Meyzieu, on a 144 m² stage (16m wide x 9m deep).

ARTICLE 2 – CATEGORIES

The contest includes the following categories:

- SOLO
- DUO
- GROUP (up to 25 dancers)
- JUNIOR: Solo, Duo, or Group (participants under 13 years old on the day of the contest)

ARTICLE 3 – REGISTRATION AND PRE-SELECTIONS

The contest is open to all soloists, duos, groups, and juniors of any nationality.

1. Registration process

Registrations are done exclusively through a video pre-selection.

Pre-selection period: from November 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to February 13, 2026, inclusive.
No videos will be accepted after this date.

2. Video submission

Each participant must send a presentation video lasting between 1 and 5 minutes via:

- WeTransfer
- or Smash

The download link must then be **copied into the online registration form**, available from **November 9, 2025**, on the official website: www.concoursworlddance.com

3. Pre-selection registration fee

The pre-selection fee is set at **€15 per dancer**, payable **online** at the time of registration.

Each dancer within the same group must individually pay this fee.

For selected candidates, this amount will be **deducted from the final registration fee** (see Article 9).

4. Notification of results

Pre-selection results will be sent from **February 16, 2026**, by **email**.

Selected candidates will then be invited to **complete their final registration** according to Article 9.

ARTICLE 4 – THE EVENT

The **April 11, 2026** event is divided into **six distinct categories**:

Solo, Duo, Group, Junior Solo, Junior Duo, Junior Group.

One winner will be selected in each category, resulting in a total of **six to seven finalists** at the end of the competition.

At the end of this day, **all the finalists from their respective categories** will compete in the ultimate event: the '**Final of Finals**,' where they will vie for the **World Dance Contest Grand Prize**, worth **€1,000**.

Candidates are required to arrive at the time indicated on their summons. A space will be provided for them to change and warm up. **It will not be possible to rehearse on stage on the day of the competition.**

1. Choreography and dance styles

The choreography theme is free.

Performances must belong to one of the following styles:

- Urban
- Jazz
- Contemporary
- Heels
- Afro
- Bollywood
- Tribal
- Oriental
- Other (to specify upon registration)

2. Performance duration

For **all categories**, the allowed duration is between **2 and 4 minutes**, with a **tolerance of ±10 seconds**.

The music used must strictly respect the official duration.

3. Final of Finals

For this event, **category winners** will perform again at the end of the day, **following a predefined order**.

A **theme** will be communicated by email to selected participants.

Finalists must present a **new choreography** created especially for this event, lasting **1 minute 30 seconds**.

The choreography used in the selections cannot be reused for the Final of Finals.

Any violation will result in immediate disqualification.

ARTICLE 5 – MUSIC

Each soloist, duo, or group must submit their music in **MP3 format** via a **WeTransfer** link to:

contact@concoursworlddance.com

The following must be specified:

- Name of the soloist, duo, or group
- Category
- Dance style
- Title of the choreography or routine

Music must be ready for direct playback.

Incomplete or non-compliant submissions may be refused.

Deadline for sending music: **March 22, 2026**.

ARTICLE 6 – SCORING

All categories are evaluated using **four criteria**.

Each criterion is scored out of **5 points**, for a total of **20 points**.

Criteria:

- **Technique** (precision, control, synchronization)
- **Musicality** (rhythm interpretation, alignment with music)
- **Creativity & Costume** (originality, artistic coherence, costume quality)
- **Stage Expression** (presence, emotional engagement, interaction with the audience)

The jury scores independently and impartially.

The total points determine the final ranking.

ARTICLE 7 – JURY

The jury is composed of **dance professionals, experienced dancers, and figures from the artistic field**.

There are at least **three (3) judges**, each evaluating **technique, musicality, staging, costumes, and stage expression**.

The jury's decisions are **final and cannot be appealed**.

Special "**jury awards**" may be granted for outstanding performances.

ARTICLE 8 – AWARDS

Awards are attributed according to the ranking in each category.

1. Awards by category

For Solo, Duo, Group, Junior Solo, Junior Duo, Junior Group:

- **1st Place:** Gold Medal + Trophy
- **2nd Place:** Silver Medal + Trophy
- **3rd Place:** Bronze Medal + Trophy

All podium participants receive **at least a medal and a trophy**.

2. Special Jury Prize

Awarded at the jury's discretion for **artistic originality or exceptional performance**.

May include: dance workshop access, performance invitations, or another artistic opportunity.

3. Public Prize

The **Public Prize** is awarded to one participant selected during pre-selections.

Nominees will be announced on **the official WDC Instagram page**.

The public votes by **liking the participant's photo**.

The participant with **the highest number of likes** wins and gains **direct access to the Final of Finals**.

Voting period: March 9 to April 11, 2026.

Only Instagram votes are valid.

4. Final of Finals - Grand Prize

During the Final of Finals, a **single overall winner** will be selected and will receive **the World Dance Contest Grand Prize** valued at **€1,000**.

The Winner remains responsible for all expenses and costs not expressly mentioned in these rules. In particular, transportation, accommodation, and meal expenses related to participation in the offered activities are not covered by the Organizer. Participation by the Winner in activities associated with the Prize is entirely voluntary.

In the event of non-participation in one or more of the planned activities, no financial or material compensation shall be granted.

ARTICLE 9 – FINAL REGISTRATION

Final registration applies only to dancers selected during pre-selections.

Mandatory steps:

1. Form and payment

- Complete the final registration form sent by email.
- Pay the remaining registration fees online.
- Deadline: March 1, 2026.

2. Professional proof (Teacher Pass)

Dance teachers must provide proof of professional status to receive a free Teacher Pass.

Without proof, a paid ticket must be purchased.

3. Music submission

Music must be emailed to contact@concoursworlddance.com

Include:

- Name (solo/duo/group)
- Dance style
- Title of the piece

Deadline: March 22, 2026.

4. Incomplete files / Waiting list

Any **incomplete application** will automatically be placed on **the waiting list** until all required documents have been received. If the competition reaches its maximum capacity **before the registration deadline**, applications on the waiting list **will not be accepted**.

The organization reserves the right to:

- **close a category if participation is insufficient,**
- **select replacements if payment is not completed by the deadline.**

ARTICLE 10 – REGISTRATION FEES

Below you will find the amount of the competition registration fees. Registration fees apply **per participant, per application**.

Registration payment is made **online** or by **bank transfer**. In the case of a request to pay by bank transfer, please send your request by email to the following address: contact@concoursworlddance.com

CATEGORY	REGISTRATION FEES
SOLO (PER PARTICIPANT) INCLUDING JUNIOR SOLO	36€
DUO (PER PARTICIPANT) INCLUDING JUNIOR SOLO	31€
GROUP (PER PARTICIPANT) INCLUDING JUNIOR SOLO	26€

Important reminder:

The registration fees mentioned above represent **the total cost of registration before deduction of** the €15 per dancer paid at the time of **registration for the preliminary selections**.

Registration fees are non-refundable, regardless of the reason. A refund may only be issued in the event of cancellation of the event at the sole initiative of the organizers.

ARTICLE 11- PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

It is crucial to emphasize that participants **consent to the use of their image by the World Dance Contest (WDC) for promotional, commercial, and internal communication purposes**.

Please note that **only official photos taken during the competition will be provided to participants** and will be accessible on the **event's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/worlddancecontest>**

However, videos **will not be provided individually to participants**; only **podium videos** may be made available on the competition's YouTube channel or official Instagram page : www.youtube.com/@concoursworlddancecontest or www.instagram.com/worlddancecontest/

ARTICLE 12 -LIABILITY

The contest organizers cannot be held responsible for any physical or material damage caused to any person, or suffered by them whether participants or their accompanying persons during the event or while traveling to or from the contest.

ARTICLE 13 - INFORMATION

All information related to the World Dance Contest can be found on our official website: www.concoursworlddance.com

You may also contact us by email at: contact@concoursworlddance.com