

1. Aim

The Hong Kong Dance Festival Association (HKDFA) is dedicated to promoting and developing diverse dance arts. Through this competition, we aim to create a vibrant and creative stage where dancers from around the world can compete, break through traditional dance boundaries, exchange ideas, learn from one another, and showcase their most authentic selves under the sparkling lights — allowing dance to become the powerful source that ignites dreams.

2. Competition Date & Venue

- Date : 30th October to 1st November 2026 (Fri/Sat/Sun)
- Time : Morning/Afternoon/Evening Session (30th Oct Evening Session Only) (HKDFA will arrange the competition schedule **after the deadline of Registration**)
- Venue : Y Theatre, Youth Square (LG1/F)
- Waiting/Dressing Room : Youth Square, Partial Activity Room (6/F)

3. Dance Category

- Jazz : Jazz, Jazz Funk, Show Dance, Acro Dance, Musical
- Street Dance : Hip-Hop, Breaking, Popping, Locking, Waacking, House, Krump etc.
- Contemporary : Modern, Post-Modern, Contemporary Ballet
- K-Pop : Cover, Choreography

4. Age Group

- Mini : 3 to 5 years old
- Children : 6 to 8 years old
- Youth A : 9 to 11 years old
- Youth B : 12 to 15 years old
- Open : 16 years old or above

The age of participant will be counted on 30th October 2026. The age group of the team will be based on the eldest participant that can participate

5. Registration

- Date of Registration : 28th July, 2026 (Tue) 11am to 18th August, 2026 (Tue) 11:59pm
- Enrolling online via www.hkd.fa.hk (First-come-first-served with limited quota)

6. Registration Fee

- Solo : HKD \$600/team
- Duo : HKD \$750/team
- Trio : HKD \$900/team
- Ensemble (4-12 participants) : HKD \$1,150/team

- Group (13-40 participants) : HKD \$1,300/team
- Each participant will receive a free medal (No per-person fee required) ; Each Ensemble and Group team will receive a free certificate (School name included).

Discount Item

- Early Bird Discount : Registration on 28th July to 31st July 2026, each team can earn HKD \$30 discount and a souvenir (each participant).
- Academy Discount : The same academy enrolls with 5 or more teams; each team can earn HKD \$20 discount.
- Special Offer : Dance Academy or individuals who participated in 【The Bounce 2025】 , each team can earn HKD \$30 discount.

The above offers can be used at once, with a maximum discount of HKD \$80 per team.

Additional Item

- Continuous video recording with single camera (4K Video Recording) : HKD \$90/team
- Certificate (pre-ordered at Registration) : HKD \$90/pc
****To be distributed on the day of competition****
- Certificate (ordered after the competition), including delivery fee : HKD \$110/pc
- Trophy (pre-ordered at Registration) : HKD \$280
****To be distributed on the day of competition****
- Trophy (ordered after the competition), including delivery fee : HKD \$340
- Grand Prize Trophy (ordered after the competition), including delivery fee : HKD \$340

7. Bank Account

- Bank : Bank of China (Hong Kong)
- Account Name : Hong Kong Dance Festival Association
- Account No.: 012-887-21091469
- FPS (Tel.) : 9618 0960

8. Registration Method

- Online Registration : Through ATM or e-banking after transferred, please visit www.hkdffa.hk to fill in the Registration details and upload the bank-in slip as proof. If enrolling for more than 1 team, the Registration fee can be transferred all at once.
- Teams have to ensure the transfer fee is correct, if necessary, HKDFA will refund the exceed amounts, and the team will be charged HK \$70 for administrative fee.
- Due to limited quota, teams that are not successfully enrolled will receive a refund.
- HKDFA will arrange the competition schedule after the deadline for Registration, once the schedule is released, no changes for the competition time will be accepted.

- The competition schedule will be published on the HKDFA website on 1st September 2026, and **Entry Notification Letter** and **Notice of the Competition** will be emailed to all teams.
- HKDFA will accept team to make simple revision online on or before 11th September 2026, but NOT including **Dance Category** and **Age Group**.
- If team would like to modify the number of participants, it can submit and application on or before 11th September 2026, but it cannot exceed the upper limit of the number of participants in the original group (e.g. for a group dance category of 4 to 12 people, it cannot be modified to more than 12 people).
- Teams are responsible to provide accurate information, if the information is found to be false, HKDFA will have the right to disqualify them.
- Please read the details of this rule carefully before Registration. Once enrolled, teams apply to quit or disqualified, the Registration fee will not be refunded. HKDFA will reserve the right to accept or reject the participation.

9. **Judge & Scoring Criteria**

- Judges will be invited by the organizer from among prominent figures in the international and local dance community. The teams need to obey the decisions of judges.
- Scoring based on style of dance, dance structure, theme, creativities, movements, techniques, expressions, musicality, collaboration and overall performance.
- The competition include a comment sheet for each team.
- The competition does not have an appeal mechanism.

10. **Award**

- Teams that achieve a designated score will receive the following awards :

Gold Award : 85 marks or above

Silver Award : 80 to 84.9 marks

Bronze Award : 75 to 79.9 marks

Merit Award : 65 to 74.9 marks

Top 3 teams with the highest marks will rank as Rank 1, 2 and 3. (Only applicable for age group consist with 3 or more participating teams)

- Each session features a "The Brooklyn Award", determined by the judges based on the overall impression of the live performance.
- Each session features a "Creative Choreography Award," selected by the judges from original pieces as a recognition for the choreographers.
- The competition features the "Outstanding Teacher Award". It will be awarded when a teacher leads 3 or more teams that receive Gold Awards.
- Judges reserve the right to adjust the awards based on the actual situation of the competition.

11. Team Award

- The entire competition features the "The Brooklyn Group Award". All groups/schools will automatically compete. The organizer will calculate the total score of each group/school based on their top 4 teams (by dance category). Points are awarded according to the following criteria :
Gold Award (**1 mark**); Rank 1 (**3 marks**); Rank 2 (**2 marks**); Rank 3 (**1 mark**);
The Brooklyn Award (**2 marks**), Creative Choreography Award (**2 marks**)

12. Award

Marks	Award	Certificate	Medal	Trophy	Grand Prize Trophy
85 marks or above	Gold Award & Rank 1, 2, 3	/ (All winners can order certificate printed with Individual Name)	Each winning dancer : 1 Medal	/ (All winners can order trophy printed with Individual Name)	Gold Rank 1 : 1 Trophy (Per Team)
80 to 84.9 marks	Silver Award				
75 to 79.9 marks	Bronze Award				
65 to 74.9 marks	Merit Award				
Selected by the Judge (Each Session)	Creative Choreography Award	1 Certificate (Choreographer)	/	/	/
Selected by the Judge (Each Session)	The Brooklyn Award (\$500 cash coupon)	/	/	/	1 Trophy (Per Team)
3 or more teams led by the same teacher won gold awards	Outstanding Teacher Award	/	/	/	1 Crystal Trophy
Based on the best 4 teams' scores	The Brooklyn Group Award	/	/	/	1 Trophy (Winning Academy)

Additional Trophy & Certificate ordering fee :

Ordering Item	Price
Certificate (pre-ordered at Registration)	\$90/pc < <u>Available for on-site collection</u> >
Certificate (ordered after the competition)	\$110/pc (delivery fee included)
Trophy (pre-ordered at Registration)	\$280/pc < <u>Available for on-site collection</u> >
Trophy (ordered after the competition)	\$340/pc (delivery fee included)
Grand Prize Trophy (ordered after the competition)	\$340/pc (delivery fee included)

13. Result & Award Ceremony

- After each session of the competition, an awards ceremony will be held, and awards will be presented on the spot.
- The competition results will be announced on the organizer's website after the event.

14. Venue & Stage

- Youth Square Y Theatre (LG1/F) has a stage size of approximately 11.5 metres (width) x 9.8 metres (depth) and is already equipped with dance flooring.
- The organiser will arrange waiting / makeup rooms for teams on the 6th floor (some activity rooms).
- There will be no stage rehearsal or curtain call during the competition.

15. Music

- The maximum music length is **5 minutes**. If the music exceeds this limit, 1 point will be deducted from the score.
- Music can be uploaded to the designated link after the schedule is released until **12th October 2026**.
- Music files must be recorded separately in MP3 format and named with the **entry number** and **dance title**.
- Submissions or changes to music after **12th October 2026** will result in a 2-point deduction.
- Teams must ensure that the music content **does not contain profanity or inappropriate material**, and they are fully responsible for any copyright issues that may arise.

16. Cyclorama & Projection

- Teams may choose their own **cyclorama color (black cyclorama not available), project static images, or animation materials**.
- Teams using **animation materials** may submit the animation link from the schedule release until **5th October 2026** for government approval.

- Teams using **static images** may upload the images, along with music, stage effects, and other materials, to the designated link from the schedule release until **12th October 2026**.
- If cyclorama materials are not submitted on time, a white cyclorama will be used as the default background.

17. Stage Effect

- The Stage Effects Form must be submitted online on or before 12th October 2026. For details, please refer to the **Notice of the Competition**.
- Participating teams must complete the Stage Effects Form individually. The form should include entrance method, cyclorama color, lighting effects, props, etc.
- Cyclorama : Teams may choose colors (black cyclorama not available), project static images or animation materials.
- Lighting : Teams may select front light intensity for different sections of the dance, as well as colors and brightness changes for top lights, side lights, etc. Strobe effects are allowed. One follow spot is available.
- Smoke Machine : 1 unit, located at the rear right of the stage.
- If the Stage Effects Form is not submitted on time, default full stage lighting will be provided, with no additional cyclorama color (white cyclorama as background).
- No on-site changes to stage effects will be accepted.
- The Stage Director may make minor adjustments to the stage effects based on actual conditions without prior notice and reserves the final decision-making authority.

18. Set & Props

- If teams wish to use any large set pieces or props, they must upload photos of the relevant set pieces or props to the designated link. For details, please refer to the **Notice of the Competition**.
- Teams must ensure the safety of all sets and props. Any items that may affect the smooth running of the competition or the safety of people present — such as flammable materials, glass or fragile objects, soap bubbles, and floating balloons — are strictly prohibited.
- If any set pieces or props cause damage to the venue's dance floor, the organizer and venue reserve the right to pursue compensation.
- The organizer and venue reserve the final decision-making authority regarding the use of sets and props.

19. Recording & Photography

- The organizer's photographer will take photos on site. Teams will receive the competition photos **free of charge**.

- The organizer will arrange professional videographers for recording. Please refer to the **"Additional Items"** section for the **video recording fees**.
- To respect the choreographer's copyright, except for the official videographers, no one is allowed to take photos or videos during the performance without the organizer's permission. Violations may result in being asked to leave the venue and deletion of unauthorized photos/videos.

20. Item Pick-up

Free Item	Pick-up method	Pick-up time
Comment Sheet	Pick up at reception	30-40 minutes after the dance
Free Certificate (1 certificate per Ensemble and Group team)		
Free Medal (1 medal per award winner)	To be awarded during the award ceremony	Award Ceremony
Free Trophy (1 trophy per Rank 1 team)		
Free Grand Trophy (1 trophy per The Brooklyn Award team)		
Remarks For teams that do not receive the comment sheets, free medal and certificates on site, HKDFA will deliver them via SF express within 1-2 weeks after the competition completed, freight collect.		
Order Items (Applicable to teams who wish to purchase additional items)		
Certificate/Trophy (<u>pre-ordered during Registration</u>)	Pick-up at reception	30-40 minutes after the dance
Certificate/Trophy (<u>ordered after the competition</u>)	By SF Express* (Delivery fee paid by organizer)	7 th to 8 th December, 2026
*Each entry only accepts one delivery address		
Recording & Photohgraphy		
Photo	Google Drive link will be sent via email	30 th November, 2026
Video (if applicable)		

21. Ticket

- All sessions have reserved seating. Tickets will be available for public sale on the Art-mate website from 8th October 2026. Each ticket is priced at HKD \$95. Ticket quantity is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Audience members aged 2 and above are welcome to enter with a valid ticket.

22. Social Media

- All the latest competition updates will be announced on our social media platforms. Participants are encouraged to follow the organizer's official social media accounts (**Facebook / Instagram : hkdffa.dance**) to avoid missing any important information.
- During the competition period, selected videos and photos will be posted on Facebook / Instagram from time to time. Feel free to follow our social media for the latest updates and highlights.

23. Disclaimer & Others

- If any team causes damage to the venue or facilities, the organizer reserves the right to pursue compensation.
 - The organizer shall not be liable or responsible for any loss, injury, or death incurred by teams during the competition.
 - Participants of **【The Brooklyn】** are advised to purchase their own personal and relevant insurance.
 - **In the event of severe/extreme weather or other force majeure circumstances that prevent the on-site competition from being held, the organizer will conduct the event using pre-recorded video submissions. Registration fees will not be refunded.**
 - Event photos, videos, and related materials may be published on the organizer's website or other promotional materials for publicity purposes.
 - The organizer reserves the right to make amendments to these rules without prior notice and retains the final decision-making authority on any revisions.
 - In case of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese and English versions of these rules, the Chinese version shall prevail.
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24. Important Dates

Date	Event
28 th to 31 st July 2026	Registration for early bird discount
18 th August 2026	Registration deadline
1 st September 2026	Publish competition schedule
11 th September 2026	Team Revision deadline, Submission deadline of trophy & certificate order before competition
5 th October 2026	Submission deadline of animation materials
8 th October 2026	Tickets on sale
12 th October 2026	Submission deadline of music & stage effect
30 th October to 1 st November 2026	Competition
30 th October to 7 th November 2026	Trophy & Certificate Order after competition
30 th November 2026	Email competition photo & video (if applicable)
7 th to 8 th December 2026	Deliver trophy & certificate (if applicable)

25. Inquiry

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Facebook / Instagram : hkdfa.dance	website : www.hkdfa.hk
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Office Hour : 11am to 1pm, 2pm to 7pm (Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday closed)	

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