



World Schools Dance Championship

Saturday 13th June 2026

EVENT HANDBOOK

#WSGDANCE





Event Schedule

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Time	Event
12:00	Schools arrive at Shaw Theatre
12:30	Doors open for spectators
13:00	Contemporary (Primary, junior & senior)
14:15	Hip hop (Primary, junior & senior)
15:30	Jazz (Primary, junior & senior)
16:15	Open (Primary, junior & senior)
17:30	Awards Presentations
18:00	Teams depart



Aims of The World School Games Event Series

The World School Games (WSG) Event Series provides an exclusive stage for school athletes from across the globe to compete under the media spotlight with and against each other, in a positive, fun and competitive environment, at truly world class facilities.

Our purpose is to bring students together from all over the world, break down social and cultural barriers and celebrate the talents, diversity and sportsmanship of athletes from different countries, backgrounds and education systems.

We believe that competition provides valuable lessons for students – providing an opportunity to work as part of a team, to lead, and to perform with grace, dignity and pride in both victory and defeat.

Student Eligibility

- For the U11 (Primary) age group, only students born on or after 1 September 2014 will be eligible to compete.
- For the U15 (Junior) age group, only students born on or after 1 September 2010 will be eligible to compete.
- For the U19 (Senior) age group, only students born on or after 1 September 2006 will be eligible to compete.
- Schools are permitted to have up to three students born up to three months before the age group cut off dates outlined above.
- Schools must be prepared to share proof of age in the event there are any disputes, failure of a participating school to adhere to the WSG age rulings will result in the school being disqualified from the competition.
- Teams should be accompanied by a minimum of **two members of staff**.

Performance Criteria

- Schools can have a minimum of 4 performers on stage
- School can have a maximum of 20 performers on stage
- Performances should not be longer than 3 minutes

Competition Categories

Schools are permitted to enter **one performance** in each eligible age group for the categories listed below:



- Contemporary
- Jazz
- Hip-hop
- Open (All other dance styles): The open category is designed to allow creative freedom within the competition and includes all dance styles outside of the three listed above.

Please note this category cannot be used to enter a second performance which falls into the contemporary, jazz or hip-hop categories.

Venue Specific Information

Shaw Theatre Stage:

- Depth: 9.49m
- Width (Wall to wall): 16.31m
- Proscenium width: 12.3m
- Height (Grid height): 9.8m
- Flooring: Harlequin Vinyl floor (permanently installed)

Officials and Judges

Independent judges will be responsible for the scoring, with scorekeeping managed by WSG staff.

The judging criteria is outlined below, and judges decisions will be final.

Judging Criteria

1. Choreography (20%)

Judges assess the overall creativity and structure of your routine, focusing on choreography.

You will be judged on:

- Cleanliness of movement across the team
- Precision of execution
- Synchronicity between dancers
- Overall ability of the team

2. Execution (20%)

This section looks at how well your team performs foundation styles within the set.



- Age and level will be taken into account.
- Diversity in movement vocabulary is encouraged.
- Focus should be on quality, not quantity.

3. Transitions (20%)

Judges look at how effectively your team moves across the floor and shifts between sections.

- Creative use of space and formations
- Clean shapes and formations
- Smooth position changes
- Original transitions and movement flow

4. Musicality & Creativity (20%)

This category rewards how your routine connects to the music:

- Interpretation of beats, lyrics, and phrasing
- Originality of choreography and movement
- Creative use of music choice and mix
- Complexity and layering of musical response

5. Performance (20%)

Judges consider the energy and stage presence of the team:

- Energy and commitment on stage
- Enthusiasm of every member
- Confidence in performance
- Engagement with judges and audience

Scoring Scale

Judges score each section on a 0–10 scale:

- 0–2 = Below Average
- 3–4 = Average
- 5–6 = Good
- 7–8 = Very Good
- 9–10 = Excellent

Scores may include increments of 0.25, 0.5, or 0.75.



Penalties

Points may be deducted for:

- Swearing or inappropriate language in music
- Music exceeding time limit (5-second grace)
- Inappropriate movement or costumes

Points/Scoring System

- All schools will be ranked in points order from first to last based on judge's points allocations in each dance category by age group.
- Points from each of the four dance categories will be combined to give schools an overall event score at each age group.
- All competition categories have equal weighting.

Awards/Trophies

Awards and trophies will be presented at the end of the competition:

- Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each category in each age group (Primary, junior & senior)
- An overall team trophy will be awarded to the 1st placed schools in each age category after all dance category points have been combined.
- Event trophies may be kept by the winning schools.

Special Awards

At the discretion of the judges, the following special awards will be chosen at the end of the competition:

- Judge's Choice (Based on an element of 'wow factor' within a performance)
- Costume
- Team spirit

Event Results

Results will be recorded and communicated to team members and spectators as quickly as possible during the event. All event results, as well as best performances, will be displayed on The World School Games website <http://wsgevents.com>



World School Games Charter

By attending The World School Games, individuals agree to abide by the WSG Charter as outlined below. There are codes for athletes, spectators, parents, team members and team officials. Participating schools must ensure that all students, coaches, spectators and parents have read and acknowledged the relevant guidance. Should spectators, teachers, team members break these codes of conduct, there may be consequences, including but not limited to the individuals involved not being able to attend in future years.

Team Officials' Code of Behaviour

- Ensure that your behaviour at all times, whether at or away from the playing venue, does not bring the name of "School Sport" into disrepute.
 - Avoid over-playing the talented players. All players need and deserve appropriate time, as specified in the rules.
 - Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
 - Compliment participants on their efforts.
 - Condemn unsporting behavior.
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- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behavior.
 - Refrain from criticism of, or reaction to, the judges decisions.
 - Maintain a standard of dress appropriate to the presentation of the team.
 - Refrain from over-zealous coaching from the side-line.
 - Refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol at any time while in the supervision of students.

Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile devices and cameras are **strictly prohibited** from the changing areas, toilet facilities and call room areas within the venue. This includes the corridors leading to and from these areas.

Any participant or staff member found to be in possession of a mobile device in these areas will be asked to leave immediately and will not be permitted to return to the area until the device has been removed.



WSG Athlete Charter

- Be a good sport.
- Play for enjoyment.
- Strive for personal excellence.
- Work hard for your team as well as for yourself. Treat all team-mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- Play by the rules.
- Cooperate with team and game officials.
- Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Do not show any dissent.
- Respect the hotel and venues.
- Do not disturb others after lights out.
- Keep your living space tidy.

Parents' Code of Behaviour

- Encourage participation of your (and all) children.
- Display good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials, sport administrators and other parents.

- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make all other parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Respect the officials and team leaders; if they ask you to do something, please do so.
- Spectators' Code of Behaviour
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour - remember children play for enjoyment.
- Do not let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Respect the officials and team leaders; if they ask you to do something, please do so.



Breach of the Codes

Athletes

A breach of this code of behaviour, in the opinion of team officials, may result in the player being banned from the remainder of the Games and may also result in the player being sent home by the first available transport. Parents and the student's school will be notified. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the parents. Further disciplinary action may be considered depending on the seriousness of the breach.

Parents and Spectators

A breach of this code of behaviour, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, may result in the individual being banned from the remainder of the Games and future events. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the individual concerned. Further action may be taken against the school depending on the nature of the breach.

Changes to the Programme or Rules

The WSG committee has the right to make changes to the programme, rules or any other aspect of the World Schools Dance Championship as it deems fit and/or necessary for clarity or safety. Any changes will be communicated to all participating teams in writing at the same time.