

WORLD DANCE MOVEMENT

INTERNATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION

RULES & REGULATIONS

Failure to comply with World Dance Movement rules could result in disqualification from the competition. These rules differ from other traditional competition rules, so please read carefully.

COMPETITION RULES

- 1) This competition is open to dance students and emerging dance groups.
- 2) Students and dancers 7 years old and up are accepted.
- 3) Participants can compete in the following age groups:

AGES

Student: 7-11 years old
Junior: 12-16 years old
Senior: 17 years and over

DanceCompGenie website registration fee:
one-time \$4.75 fee per dancer per event.

ENTRY FEES: STUDENT CATEGORY

Soloist - WDOTY: \$125/120€

Soloist: \$60/55€

Duo: \$102/95€

Trio: \$140/130€

Small Group: \$37/35€ per dancer

Large Group: \$32/30€ per dancer

ENTRY FEES: JUNIOR CATEGORY

Soloist - WDOTY: \$125/120€

Soloist: \$91/85€

Duo: \$135/125€

Trio: \$160/150€

Small Group: \$43/40€ per dancer

Large Group: \$37/35€ per dancer

ENTRY FEES: SENIOR CATEGORY

Soloist - WDOTY: \$125/120€

Soloist: \$105/100€

Duo: \$165/155€

Trio: \$200/195€

Small Group: \$46/45€ per dancer

Large Group: \$43/40€ per dancer

STYLES: * Classical Ballet/Neo-Classical - *Contemporary/Modern
*Jazz/Lyrical - *Show Dance/Tap/Open - *Street Dance/Commercial

- 4) The WDM Italy International Dance Competition will be held on **July 11 & 12, 2026**
- 4A) The 'WDM World Dancer Of the Year Competition' will be held on **July 10 & 12, 2026**

5) In order to participate in the competition, every school must fill out the online registration forms and full payment no later than **June 18, 2026**

6) Choreography **cannot** be longer than:

2:30 minutes for Soloist

2:45 minutes for Duo

3:00 minutes for Trio

3:30 minutes for Small Group

3:45 minutes for Large Group

6A) To exceed the time there will be a
\$10/10€ charge per minute: example

3:01 to 4:00 = \$10/10€ etc

7) All music must be uploaded on your registration at: worlddancemovement.dancecompgenie.com

If we do not have your music, you will be disqualified with no refund of entry fee.

8) Any props used for the choreography must be easy to remove from the stage.

9) There will be NO REHEARSAL on the stage prior to the competition, as the event has grown too big to accommodate everyone.

10) SIZE OF THE STAGE: 10,30 meters / depth, 13,30 meters / width, 1,10 meters /

height Access from stairs: upstage left and upstage right.

11) We will have basic lights for everyone. As the event is outdoors, the earlier entries will perform in natural sunlight. The stage is covered. A lighting and sound technician will be present.

12) We decline any responsibilities for damage to people or objects that may occur during the competition and rehearsal.

13) Registration fees are not refundable. No exceptions.

14) The organizers of the competition can cancel a section of the competition or the entire competition, if there are not enough participants pre-registered. Only in that case will the registration fees will be refunded.

15) The organizers can combine styles and categories within an age group if there are not at least 5 entries in a specific style or category. (I.E. If there are only 3 student small groups in Hip Hop and 4 student large groups in Lyrical, they can be combined and compete against each other if and only if they are the same age group).

16) Judges' decisions are final and can't be objected.

17) During the competition video recording and pictures have to be authorized by the organizers.

18) For more info, please contact the organizers at info@worlddancemovement.com

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS IN EURO:

WIRE TRANSFER:

Bank Information for wire-transfer payments: Associazione Culturale "WORLD DANCE MOVEMENT"
APS BCC BANCA DI CREDITO COOPERATIVO
IBAN: #IT35M0846941443000000024317
BIC (SWIFT): ICRAITRD10

Please write: WDM Dance Competition 2026 and Name of participant

The wire-transfer PAYMENT RECEIPT must be emailed to info@worlddancemovement.com

CREDIT CARD (Preferred Method):

You can submit your payment in USD, by credit card, when you register at

WorldDanceMovement.DanceCompGenie.com.

ADJUDICATION

World Dance Movement judges are a combination of; Internationally acclaimed teachers, company directors, choreographers and currently performing dance professionals. World Dance Movement judges are well trained in multiple genres of dance and are sensitive to the various skill levels represented by the dancers' differing ages.

Performances will be judged based on the following criteria and point system.

Costume - Appropriateness, appeal, fit and designs.	5 Points
Choreography - Appropriateness, innovation and originality	10 Points
Showmanship - Performance, quality and Stage Presence	20 Points
Execution - Fulfillment of Movement	30 Points
Technique - Fundamental Knowledge, presentation of skill level	35 points

[Classical Repertory will not be judged on Choreography – those 10 points will be added to the Technique category]

The average score from all judges will remain the performer's final score. The Technique score in all final top four placements will break any and all ties.

AWARDS

STUDENT - SOLOIST / including DUO

- 1st place: WDM Plaque + €100 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event
- 2nd place: WDM Plaque + €50 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event
- 3rd place: WDM Plaque

STUDENT - TRIO / SMALL GROUP / LARGE GROUP

- 1st place: WDM Plaque
- 2nd place: WDM Plaque
- 3rd place: WDM Plaque

JUNIOR - SOLOIST / including DUO

- 1st place: WDM Plaque + €100 + €150 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event
- 2nd place: WDM Plaque + €50 + €100 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event
- 3rd place: WDM Plaque + €100 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event

JUNIOR - TRIO / SMALL GROUP

- 1st place: WDM Plaque + €200
- 2nd place: WDM Plaque + €100
- 3rd place: WDM Plaque + €50

JUNIOR - LARGE GROUP

- 1st place: WDM Plaque + €300
- 2nd place: WDM Plaque + €200
- 3rd place: WDM Plaque + €100

SENIOR - SOLOIST / including DUO

- 1st place: WDM Plaque + €150 + Scholarship from a prestigious international dance center or event
- 2nd place: WDM Plaque + €100 + Scholarship from a prestigious international dance center or event
- 3rd place: WDM Plaque + €75 + €100 scholarship for any 2027 WDM Event

SENIOR - TRIO / SMALL GROUP

1st place: €250
2nd place: €200
3rd place: €100

SENIOR - LARGE GROUP

1st place: €350
2nd place: €250
3rd place: €150

Note: Prizes may vary if there are less than 20 entries in any age group and division.

The cash prizes will be discounted incrementally. We will combine categories if there are less than 5 entries in any category and style. We will never combine age groups.

RIGHTS OF WORLD DANCE MOVEMENT

- Any participant competing in dance competitions takes certain inherent risks. These include, but are not limited to sprains, bruise, pulled muscles, and broken bones. Participation in this competition indicates the acceptance of such risks by the performers. Therefore by virtue of entering this event, it is agreed that performers will not hold World Dance Movement, or its officers, directors, officials, staff or employees responsible for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them while in attendance and/or participating in any activity related to World Dance Movement.
- By participating in World Dance Movement, the performer(s) hereby grants permission for his/her performance video to be posted on www.WorldDanceMovement.com and/or all WDM social media and communications channels. World Dance Movement is not responsible for any unauthorized third party use of any Entry.
- World Dance Movement reserves the right to alter the prizes if the amount of entries per category falls below a minimum of 20 entries per group.
- World Dance Movement shall retain the rights to tape, record and broadcasts World Dance Movement events regarding performers during the period of the competition.
- Competitors may not demand any compensation regarding the rights of World Dance Movement including taking of photos, interviewing, recording and taping.
- All dancers must sign the liability release form found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yha9vpxd>

and email to info@worlddancemovement.com to be eligible to participate in the WDM International Competition.