



RULES & REGULATIONS

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

COMPETITION RULES

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

Student: 7-11 years old / Junior: 12-16 years old / Senior: 17-39 years old / 40+ : 40 years + / Pre-Pro: 14+

4) FEES:

STUDENT CATEGORY	JUNIOR CATEGORY	PRE-PROFESSIONAL	SENIOR & 40+ CATEGORY
Soloist: \$75/70€	Soloist: \$85/80€	Soloist: \$110/105€	Soloist: \$95/90€
Duo: \$135/130€	Duo: \$145/140€	Duo: \$170/165€	Duo: \$155/150€

- 5) Participants can compete in the following categories: DanceCompGenie website registration fee: one-time \$4.75 fee per dancer per event.

1. Aerial Silk – Soloist/Duo
2. Aerial Hoop – Soloist/Duo
3. Unconventional Aerial Apparatus – [Trapeze / Pole / Lyra / Sling (hammock) / rope / cloud swing / net / cube / sphere / ladder and umbrella. Aerialist must supply their own apparatus for this category. – Soloist/Duo

The following elements are allowed: Tricks, Dynamic, work on Silk or Hoop and spins.

- 6) The WDM International Competition will be held on **July 9 & 10, 2026 Schedule to be determined closer to the dates**

7) 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**

- 8) Choreography cannot exceed:

2:30 minutes for Soloist	8A) To exceed minutes there will be a \$10/10€ charge per minute: ex. 3:01 to 4:00 = \$10/10 € etc
3:00 minutes for Duo	

9) 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.

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

11) REHEARSAL ON STAGE: On the basis of the number of participants, rehearsals on stage will be arranged and scheduled before the competition.

12) STAGE INFORMATION:

INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPENSION POINTS: a supporting beam (10 meters long and 7 meters high) with n. 3 static points. (no motor/winch or pulley)

WDM will provide 3 tissues: 2 white and 1 blue, length: 8 meters, certified Unicycle. SIZE OF THE STAGE: 10,30 meters / depth, 13,30 meters / width, 1,10 meters / height

Access from stairs: upstage left and upstage right. The rigging point is equipped with an adjustable pulley system. During rehearsal, the desired height is set in collaboration with the rigger. For aerial hoops, the crew provides 2-meter-long endless round slings (SPANSETS).

13) From ages 7 to age 15, the use of a mattress IS COMPULSORY.

From age 16+, this is OPTIONAL.

14) Swinging towards any direction with the aerial silks/hoop IS NOT ALLOWED.

15) 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.

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

17) Registration fees are not refundable. No exceptions.

18) 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.

19) 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 duos in Aerial Silk and 2 student trios in Aerial Hoop, they can be combined and compete against each other if and only if they are the same age group).

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

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

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

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS IN EURO:

WIRE TRANSFER:

Bank Information for wire-transfer payments:

Assoiazione Culturale "WORLD DANCE MOVEMENT"

APS BCC BANCA DI CREDITO COOPERATIVO

IBAN: #IT35M08469414430000000024317

BIC (SWIFT): ICRAITRRD10

Please write: WDM Aerial Competition 2026 and Name of participant/s on the wire-transfer. The wire-transfer PAYMENT RECEIPT must be emailed to info@worlddancemovement.com

CREDIT CARD IN USD: Preferred Method of payment.

You can submit your payment by credit card during registration if you want to pay USD.

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, in line with the choice of music	5 points
Choreography – Originality, in line with the choice of music	10 points
Showmanship – performance quality and stage presence	20 points
Difficulty – Quality in the execution of tricky drops.	20 points
Technique – fundamental knowledge/figures correct execution	25 points
Flexibility – Shoulders, back and legs flexibility	20 points

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

- 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 - DUO

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

JUNIOR - SOLOIST

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

JUNIOR - DUO

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

SENIOR - SOLOIST

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

SENIOR - DUO

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

40+ - SOLOIST

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

40+ - DUO

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

PRE-PROFESSIONAL - SOLO

1st place: WDM Plaque + €200 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event
2nd place: WDM Plaque + €150 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event
3rd place: WDM Plaque + €100 dance scholarship for any WDM 2027 Event

PRE-PROFESSIONAL - DUO

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

Note: Prizes will vary if there are less than 10 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 (solo/duo and style (silk/hoop/Unconventional Aerial Apparatus). We will never combine age groups.

RIGHTS OF WORLD DANCE MOVEMENT

- * Any participant competing in aerial 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 event falls below a minimum of 10 entries per age/category/style 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/3ra56zru> and email it to info@worlddancemovement.com to be eligible to participate in the WDM International Aerial Competition.

