



Dance & Cheer EVENTS

2024 Information

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WHAT WE OFFER



DCE OFFER live DANCE SOLOS, DANCE DOUBLES, CHEER PS , GS , APS ,Solos, at all events.

Time limits:

Dance solos 1min

Doubles 1.30min

Cheer all specialties - 1min (Please check IASF rules)

Please note that all dance and cheer solo/doubles etc items are only available to athletes who compete at the same DCE competition as a member of their registered gyms teams.

Solos will be judged per age group not genre and Pom is not permitted as a solo.

Doubles will be split into genres. A competitor cannot compete against themselves.

Eg . If an athlete is in two Lyrical doubles with a different partner, they must dance in two different age groups.

APGI AND National bids

QLD and NSW States

JAMZ Nationals Las Vegas bids

Nationals and APGI

SUMMIT bids CHEER AND DANCE

Nationals

IASF WORLDS bids

Nationals

ENTERING A DCE EVENT



REGISTRATION

Registration closes at Midnight on these Fridays 6 weeks prior and LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. DCE online registration platform, Hit Zero for all event registrations. Entries will only be accepted when ALL paperwork has been completed and received.

Scholastic or University Teams cannot be registered under an Allstar Program. A separate 'club' must be registered on Hit Zero, and all teams must be entered under this club.

RUN ORDER

Draft run orders will be distributed prior to the event. You are required to determine whether there are any issues with teams cross overs and timing.

USING HIT ZERO

1. Create account in Hit Zero at hitzero.org
2. Create a Club
3. Create Teams
4. Create Athletes and assign to Teams
5. Create/Assign Coaches
6. Register Teams for an event

Support: <https://support.hitzero.org/hc/4121880902/category/1>

Email: support@hitzero.org for Clubs and EPs to be able to contact. Response normally within 12-24 hours but may be up to 36 hours when not on event day.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION



- Athletes should be prepared to compete at any time during the listed dates, and coaches must ensure that their team numbers and athletes are entered into the correct categories according to DCE and IASF rules.
- All team numbers, jewelry, and safety requirements will be checked prior to the team taking the floor, and any infractions may result in disqualification.
- During the event, anyone may be filmed by DCE social photographers for DVD and photo production and promotional use.
- In the event of injury gyms must have an emergency plan in place and a medic will be on site. If an athlete is injured on the floor, the DCE staff and judges or coaches may stop the routine and have the athlete attended to immediately. The team will be able to re-perform if possible, later in the session and will be judged from where it was stopped.
- all athletes competing in IASF divisions must have proper proof of identification and be checked in at the warmup desk before competing.

WAIVER FORMS

DCE do not require individual waiver forms to be filled out for each athlete. However- All Gyms need to make sure that their insurance covers all their athletes at events.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

REFUNDS

- Full refunds are available up to three weeks prior to the event.
- After this point, there are no refunds or transfers, and invoices are considered final.
- Invoices must be paid in full by the final registration date.
- Invoices are generated by hitzero and appear on your hitzero finalised entry with full DCE payment details
- Gym owners are responsible for informing their athletes as no discounts or refunds will be given between registration closing and the event date.
- Unpaid or unregistered invoices will be sent to debt collection if not paid in full by the event date.
- Refunds (less 20%) will only be given for medical reasons for a specific athlete once applicable documentation has been received, no later than two weeks after an event. Full team refunds will not be given due to an injured athlete. Refunds will also not be given for a change of mind, athletes other activities, scheduling, parents who haven't paid etc .



RULES FOR COACHES, GYM OWNERS, AND ATHLETES

- Coaches, assistant coaches, and gym owners must have a valid WWCC or equivalent (unless under 18yrs), wear their photo ID with their coach pass at the event, and be registered for their club on HitZero.
- A valid IASF coach credential number is required for all official cheer coaches responsible for a team.
- Gym owners do not need IASF credentials.
- Dance coaches are not required to have IASF credentials.
- School teachers do not need a WWCC but must provide their teacher's number.
- All teams must have a dedicated music player, who can be any registered gym owner, coach, or athlete at the event. If over 18yrs, this person must have a valid WWCC.
- Athletes, coaches, and gym owners are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship, respect, and support throughout the event.
- Excessive boasting, delays in competition, poor sportsmanship, or unprofessional behavior may be penalised by event judges.
- All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that displays good sportsmanship throughout the event.

DIVISIONS

AGE GRID, DIVISIONS AND GENRES

DCE follow IASF RULES, scoring and rubric at all events and at all events offer -

DANCE: lyrical, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pom, Kick, Novice

Intermediate - only if sufficient entries.

Advanced Dance -Allstar

CHEER:

DCE Cheerstart to accommodate cheerstar and cheersport teams. For more information contact DCE

Novice

Allstar

SCHOLASTIC, UNIVERSITY, ALL ABILITIES in Cheer and Dance.

Age grids are TBD for 2024 awaiting governing body



OUT OF AGE ATHLETES POLICY 2024

Teams will incur a 3 point deduction for one out of age athlete per team. If teams do not disclose this in writing prior to the event and it is brought to our attention before, during or after the event we have the right to disqualify the team.

Note: This is only available for ACSA divisions. no out of age athletes are allowed in any IASF division or any teams going for Worlds Bids.

DIVISION SPLITTING

DCE do not split small and large gym or by numbers of athletes. However, if there is a large division, we may split it and take the numbers of athletes on each team into consideration for cheer. Please refer to age grid and rules above.

CROSSOVER RULES/POLICY

DCE allow a 3-level CHEER crossover rule Eg. Level 2- 4.

DANCE- one level only Eg. Intermediate to Advance

Athletes can only belong to a maximum of 2 x Allstar clubs and only split if one is for cheer and the other is for dance.

Athletes can crossover from Allstar to Scholastic/University but only belong to one Scholastic or University Club.

If a team is to be found breaking these rules a 5 point deduction will be added to the team.



SCORING

SCORESHEETS

DCE will be using the recommended scoring, scoresheets and rubric information provided by the governing body in 2024.

DCE also follows all CheerStars scoring & rules as outlined in the CheerStars info pack.

DCE will use the IASF scoresheets for ALL Worlds divisions (Levels 5-7) at all events.

SCORESHEET DISTRIBUTION

Scoresheets will be available on Hit Zero within 24 hours of the event finishing.

DEDUCTION & RANGE REVIEW

To streamline the scoring process, we will use the Hit Zero system. Each gym is required to designate a representative to receive text notifications containing the deductions and ranges for each team from the judges. Even if you are not contesting the results, it is recommended that you use the Hit Zero system to address any questions or concerns. Video replay is available on-site at all events to review before submitting any contested issues. Please keep in mind that the ruling of the contesting judge is final. You have 20 minutes from the time of notification.

BID DECLARATION

DCE will award the bids given to them by the IASF for both the Cheer and Dance Worlds.

- PARTIAL PAID BIDS will be awarded to the highest scoring teams in a world bid division.
- AT LARGE BIDS will be awarded to the next 3 highest scoring teams.
- Should a team already have Partial Paid or At Large bids the bid can be given to the next highest scoring team .
- The Bids can only be used by a bid winning team for the division the team won the bid .
- DANCE BIDS - DCE will have final say as to which division/age group pending the number of bids available to help ensure all age divisions have the opportunity to represent at Worlds.
- All IASF rules must be adhered to by all bid winners.
- Teams have 72 hours to accept or decline their bid.
- In a DCE Worlds bid section although the highest scores will be the criteria. DCE reserve the right to award the bids to the team that DCE Management deem the best representation for us at the Cheer and Dance Worlds.

TIE BREAK RULES

Ties will not be broken except for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st rankings. In the event of a tie, the team with the least amount of deductions will be placed above the other team. If there is still a tie, the team with the highest overall Execution/Technique score will be placed above the other team. If there is still a tie, the judges will be polled. All judge's decisions are final.

EVENT DAY



PERFORMANCE SURFACES

Dance: Full 8 run Marley floor

Cheer: Full 9 panel sprung cheer floor

WARM-UP ROOM

All teams receive an adequate warm-up session before their performance time in a scheduled and organised warm-up space. The warm-up space will have a sound system and provide AUX and lightning connection.

Dance: open space, 1-2 Marley panel, full 8run Marley floor

Cheer: Open Space, 3-5 dead floor runs, 16metre sprung tumble run, 9 run dead floor

AWARDS SESSIONS

- Banners and medals 1st to 3rd place at all events
- 4th and 5th place individual banners
- Individual athletes ALLSTAR AWARD BANNERS
- Individual athletes OUTSTANDING ALLSTAR AWARDS BANNERS.
- Awards presentations in the main arena throughout the event
- highest point score for all divisions
- Overall Grand champions in Cheer and Dance, plus also GC youth and under for dance
- Highest scoring NT
- Highest scoring Novice and Intermediate teams

MUSIC

All teams must have a designated music person who can attend warm-up with the team and will then play their music from the sound desk 1 team before they take the floor.

EVENT DAY

BIGGEST SUPPORTER ZONE

Exciting news for supporters! You can now leave your seats and cheer your team on from the sidelines. These seats are not managed by staff, so it's important for spectators to clear out between each performance.

SUBSTITUTIONS & REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

Injury or other serious circumstances allow substitutions in competitions, but substitutes must follow age and level restrictions. In last-minute situations where an athlete cannot be replaced with someone in the same age/level, an out-of-age/level athlete may compete with a neon band on their ankle to indicate their status.

“SIDELINE” COACHING

- Coaches may assist with teams if necessary out of the view of the judges and photographer.
- Exception; Tiny & Mini Novice & Cheer/DanceStars coaches may assist via sideline coaching.



INJURY / SPILL RULES

If an injury occurs in the warm-up room or during the performance, the team will have the option to redo their routine at the end of the session or during the next suitable changeover.

The second routine will only be judged from the moment the injury happened, but the team must complete their entire routine.

Gym owners and coaches are responsible for cleaning any surfaces affected by their athletes' bodily fluids in both the warm-up room and performance area.

SAFETY SPOTTERS

Spotters must wear all black. They cannot assist athletes with prompting or counting during the routine.

EVENT DAY

TINY & MINI NOVICE & CHEER/DANCESTARS RULES

It will be permitted for sideline coaches to use props to help prompt athletes; however, there are to be no props or visual aids on the performance surface to assist with formations and positions.

A total of 2 x gym owners or coaches may assist tiny athletes onto the performance surface but must abide by the 30-second time allocation to get on and off the floor. Exceeding this will incur a rule infraction.

Teams with spotters on the floor, must follow the general spotter's rules and attire. Deductions will apply for spotters assisting with skills on the performance surface like all other levels and divisions.

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

Free Videos of your routines will be available at all events. We have cheercast photos for your teams available. You are welcome to take your own however only your own teams please.

Any cameras with zoom lens must be confirmed with DCE management before any filming can take place at the event, even of your own team. Please convey this to your parents and athletes.

COPYING CHOREOGRAPHY

If any team is seen to have choreography copied from an external gym, a formal complaint can be made to Coralie. If it is found that any routine has copied choreography, the routine will be disqualified, and any awards will be removed from the team. Additionally if a club is found to be in attempt to steal other clubs choreography or videoing another clubs routines a formal complaint can be made to Coralie. If club is found at fault the entire club will be disqualified from competition.

OTHER NOTES

Upon arrival, coaches or gym owners will collect their gyms wrist bands and coaching lanyards. Clubs will be invoiced for any athlete who comes to collect a wristband on the day and is not on the registered list.

A Coach, Gym owner, Event provider or the legality judge is permitted to stop the routine should they have concerns for the safety of an individual.

We are aware that injuries and illness can affect team numbers between registration closing and the event day, please inform check in staff of any changes in team size.



DISCLAIMER

DCE reserves the right to add or make changes to this information throughout the season.

If this occurs, you will receive an email on the update as soon as it occurs.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me at coralie@danceandcheerevents.com.au

