



STAR TALENT FOUNDATION INC PRESENTS

High School Dance Competition

2022 - Information Pack



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Greetings:

The Principal, Teachers & Year 7-12 Students,

After the great success of HSDC 2015 - 2020, we are pleased to bring you the 'High School Dance Competition 2022' (HSDC 2022) on **Saturday 27th August 2022 at Williamstown Town Hall**. This year we are excited to announce that HSDC 2022 will be running in conjunction with the Primary School Dance Competition 2022 (PSDC 2022).

**Please note that the venue and dates are subject to change in light of COVID-19.*

HSDC is a freestyle dance competition with an aim to encourage students to participate in activities beyond learning. It is a platform to promote teamwork, boost confidence levels and inspire students to connect culturally through the art of dance.

HSDC is a fun and great way to meet new friends and develop essential social skills through interaction with other students. Group choreography fosters teamwork, communication, trust, and cooperation. HSDC believes that through this competition, students will have an opportunity to develop important life skills, such as discipline, confidence, self-esteem, and focus. One of the greatest benefits of dance is that it sparks a student's imagination and uniquely nurtures individual creativity.

HSDC 2020 was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are excited to be bringing back HSDC in person bigger and better! This also comes with strict restrictions and compliance with many rules; however, we hope to work together with schools and participants for a spectacular show.

Competition theme:

Bollywood refers to the Hindi language film industry, based in Mumbai, India. The Bollywood dance style is a combination of various dance forms like Indian Classical, Folk, Hip Hop, Breakdance and Salsa. It is fun and expressive with intricate hand movements and quick footwork.

HSDC is a freestyle dance competition. The performance can be choreographed in **any dance style**. At the same time, the **base music should be a Bollywood movie song** and can be remixed with any other language song/s.

We look forward to you, your school, friends & family getting involved this year!



Participation Process

Step 1: Spread Awareness!

- Distribute a copy of HSDC Poster (attached to email and below) to the school's website, newsletters, and platforms such as compass.
- Announce the Competition during school and class assemblies or as a special PA announcement.
- HSDC offers free Bollywood workshops (in-person or via zoom) for students conducted by our trained and qualified dance instructors at your school to encourage dance and give a brief introduction to HSDC. If you are interested send us an email for further details!
- Conduct auditions for the competition to select the students to be a part of your team or create a team with a group of interested friends!

Step 2: Registration

- Register your school entry by filling in the competition registration form linked on page 15.
- Allocate a responsible teacher (e.g., Arts/Drama Teacher) as well as a responsible senior student who will be in touch with our team (there should only be two points of contact from your school).
- Form a competing group – ONLY students from Year 7 to Year 12 are eligible to participate.
- Pay the registration fee of \$50. An invoice and receipt can be provided to the school. The HSDC team can assist with organising payment or requesting payment from your school administration.
- Once you have successfully registered, each student will need a parent/guardian to sign the 'Parental permission and Media consent form'. All students must complete this form before the group photo is submitted.

Forms are located at the end of the info pack. Those who do not complete these forms will not be eligible to participate in the competition

Step 3: Preparation

- Send a group photo of participants for promotion on the HSDC website and Social Media pages. HSDC will also provide you with a copy your group's personalized poster for you to post on your school's social media or other media platforms. **Please try completing this step ASAP!*
This will help to:
 - Invite audience members to vote for your school
 - Create awareness for all the amazing work your school is doing in the competition.
- Choreograph your piece! You can draw inspiration through YouTube videos and original ideas. Don't forget to contact the HSDC team if you need any assistance!



- Create your music track for the dance and email (*due two weeks before the competition* – 12/8): team@highschooldancecompetition.com.au
Conditions of the music track:
 - Maximum of 5 minutes, minimum of 3 minutes.
 - Must include **at least 1** Bollywood song (other styles/languages of music are also permitted to be remixed in the track).
- Organise dance rehearsals – please ensure you are **adhering to any social distancing and COVID requirements within your school**.
- Prepare a ballot box with your school's name on it – this will be used during the voting period on the competition day and the most creative ballot box will also win a prize!
- Each participating group must try to sell a minimum of 30 tickets.
This will also help maintain fairness for voting.

Step 4: Event Day – Saturday 27th of August 2022 @ Williamstown Town Hall

- Each school must have their team managers (teacher/senior student/parent in charge) accompanying the competing group.
- There will be a strict reporting time as participants will be inducted and will also be involved in a social activity; those who do not arrive on time risk exclusion. This will be communicated closer to the event day.
- Rehearsal time and space will be subject to availability.
- Each school will be assigned a team leader from the HSDC management team to assist with queries and further instructions will be given on the day.
This will include details regarding:
 - Venue tour
 - Greenroom or Dressing room facilities
 - Competitor seating
 - Performance times
 - Competition day housekeeping and rules
 - Stage and crew introduction

Competition Criteria:

- One entry per School - Minimum of 4 and maximum of 25 students
- Apply by filling in the application form linked in this info pack and a HSDC team member will be in touch!
- Music: At least 1 Bollywood song.
- Song duration: A minimum of 3 minutes and maximum of 5 minutes
- All participants must be current high school students between Year 7 to Year 12 enrolled in a year level during 2022, at the participating high school.

***Please refer to the rules/T&C's at the end of this pack
for more detailed information***



Adjudication and Scoring Process

Judging Panel Score 60%

Category	Judging Criteria	Total
Presentation	Group presentation, costume creativity and coordinated appearances.	15
Choreography	Effect and skill level of choreography. Use of musical beats to match dance movements.	10
Teamwork	The team's demonstration of synchronization. How they are working together throughout every section of the dance, beats and rhythm. Utilisation of the number of performers within the team and team interaction on stage.	20
Creativity	Flow of the performance and choreography. Use of formations and props to modulate the performance.	15
	Total score out of	60

Audience Poll 40% (Audience in the auditorium)

Voting tickets are attached to the entry tickets – the voting portion of the entry ticket will be detached by each audience member and placed into the ballot box of the school they wish to vote for. **All audience members with eligible tickets can vote for ONE Primary School and ONE High School.**

1 entry ticket = 2 votes (1 PSDC Vote & 1 HSDC VOTE)

The voting period will take place for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour for all schools. The voting period will commence and finish at the same time for all schools. Votes will be counted at the conclusion of the voting period and tallied for each school to contribute to the final score. No last-minute votes will be counted.

Total Score: 100%

Awards and Prizes

Winner (First Place): Trophy, Certificate & Cash Prize

Runner-up (Second Place): Trophy, Certificate & Cash Prize

2nd Runner-up (Third Place): Trophy, Certificate & Cash Prize

Other prizes include:

- Best Choreography
- Best Costume
- Best Ballot Box
- Social Media Award
- Best Female Dancer
- Best Male Dancer
- Most Entertaining Performance





Support

HSDC can provide guidance to participating groups with regards to music/costumes/ choreography.

Remember a HSDC representative is just a phone call or message away. Interested students/coordinators/teachers should contact their schools' art department or principal for further information and register their group for the competition. If you are having trouble with getting a team together or involving your school, contact our team, and we can help you out!

We look forward to receiving entries from your school. **The closing date for registering entries is 1st August 2022.**

If you have any questions, please submit your query online or contact Rachana Koorthy (Program Director) on 0468 345 789 or Archana Koorthy (Managing Director) on 0432 161 933. Alternatively, you can email us at team@highschooldancecompetition.com.au.

Thank you,

Team HSDC





Tickets and Passes

You must have either a ticket or pass to gain entry into the venue – no exceptions will be made

Ticket and Voting Criteria

- Ticketing information and prices will be released ~1-2 months prior to the competition event.
- It is advised to buy tickets beforehand either online or from the 30 allocated tickets from your school, as ticket availability and prices on the event day are subject to availability.
- We encourage all teachers, parents and principals to buy tickets and support their schools by voting.
- We have had cases where schools have performed extraordinarily and received high scores from judges, however, have lost their position on the ladder due to lack of votes.
- Remember that voting contributes 40% of the score.
- **MORE tickets sold by the school = MORE votes = MORE chances of success!**

Performer Passes (cannot be used for voting)

- Performers are NOT required to BUY tickets*; they will be given a performer pass.
- Performer passes cannot be used for voting.

**If a performer pass is misplaced, individuals are required to buy a ticket to replace it. It will NOT be replaced by the HSDC management team. Performers without a pass or a replacement ticket will not be able to enter.*

Complimentary Passes (cannot be used for voting)

- A **maximum** of TWO COMPLIMENTARY PASSES will be given to each school. The school may choose to allocate these to teachers, principals or anyone else at the team's discretion.
- Schools are NOT eligible for more than two Complimentary Pass; all other team members must purchase a ticket for entry regardless of being a coordinator or helper etc.
- Voting with a Complimentary Pass is NOT permitted and will not be counted in the tallying process.



Rules and Terms of Participation

HSDC takes pride in presenting Australia's first Bollywood High School Dance Competition.

Please read all HSDC rules carefully, as failure to comply could result in disqualification. Once your entry is received it is understood that you have read these rules and conditions to the event.

The results are based on the judging panel score and audience voting and is FINAL. No teacher, parent, or student will question our judges or HSDC management concerning the result of any part of the competition.

1. All participating students must be currently enrolled at the school and be able to present their current school ID for inspection.
2. The school's responsible teacher and/or parent is responsible for ensuring that only currently enrolled students (Yr 7 – Yr 12) are selected for participation. Failure to comply will result in the student automatically becoming ineligible to take part in the competition.
The teacher in charge must sign the application form confirming that all participants are current students at the school.

3. The performing group MUST provide performance music by the submission deadline (12th August 2022) via email to team@highschooldancecompetition.com.au. Late music submissions will not be accepted. If you need any help, please contact our team ASAP so we can assess your situation.
4. Teams are responsible for bringing in their music track on a CD/USB in MP3 format on the day.
5. All dance routines must be appropriate for family viewing. If a judge or HSDC management feel that a routine or costume is too suggestive or inappropriate for our audience, the team may be disqualified, or have points deducted.
6. Contestants will be responsible for preparing and removing all props and a time limit of 45-seconds to set or break down props will apply. Any prop or set



that is deemed unsafe will not be allowed on stage. If you litter on the stage, you are responsible for cleaning the stage area.

7. Special lighting effects are subject to availability, please contact the team and notify your requirements. There is no house curtain available on the stage.
8. Participants must be ready to perform at stated time in the official program. 5 points will be deducted if contestants do not perform in scheduled sequence, you must be ready to perform at least 3 dance items before yours, unless permission is granted by the stage manager.
9. **ONLY participants and HSDC crew members are allowed backstage or onstage – no audience members, family, friends or school team supporters are permitted near the stage.**
10. All performers must be present at the awards presentation to receive their awards. No awards will be given at other times or mailed out.
11. Flash photography or videography is strictly prohibited. We also strongly suggest audience members NOT to video or photograph the performances as it may obstruct stage view. HSDC management and event security reserves the right to confiscate any equipment that is non-compliant. **Teachers, please inform parents and students of this rule, as it may result in disqualification. Official performance videos will be released for public viewing post-competition. You may take photos of the awards presentations only.**
12. Entries can be registered by filling in the application form, which is linked below in the information pack, see page 15.
13. All students must have consent from parents, and this must be signed before the group photo is submitted. Students who do not have consent or media consent will not be eligible to participate in the competition. The form can be located on page 15.
14. HSDC and management are not responsible for any property loss or injury to any persons participating in the event



15. HSDC reserves the right to change competition day, move competition location or cancel the event in the case of unforeseen circumstances.
16. HSDC reserve the right to refuse entry of participants or audience members.
17. We do not tolerate parents, teachers, participants, family or friends who conduct themselves unacceptably and offensively towards participants or our staff. This includes online etiquette – any evidence of cyberbullying or other inappropriate behaviour may result in severe consequences for the individual.

HSDC HAS A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY

18. Use of robots or fake accounts to increase likes, comments or shares on social media will not be accepted and may result in disqualification.
19. Any discrepancy in scores must be brought to the attention of HSDC management. Only school team managers will be permitted to approach the HSDC management concerning any discrepancies should they arise.
20. Any incomplete act will not be eligible for any prize/award.
21. The audio, video and any other digital media provided to HSDC must be in good quality and working order.
22. Prompting during a performance will result in a 20-point deduction. This must be brought to the attention of the HSDC management while it is occurring.
23. All contestants and the schools explicitly grant permission to the management of HSDC, to use their photographs and videos in advertisements, posters, news media, Facebook, website, other social media or to appear on local and/or National television to promote its competitions.
24. A 5-point deduction will apply to any act that runs from 15 to 30 seconds overtime, and a 10-point deduction may apply to any act that runs more than 30 seconds over time.
Performance duration: Maximum 5 minutes, Minimum 3 minutes.



25. Schools are subject to disqualification if the group limits are not met.

Group Limit: Minimum 4 performers – Maximum 25 performers

26. No correspondence will be entered into for any act that has had points deducted for overtime or any other reason.

27. The school and teacher in charge will ensure that all participants adhere to all health and COVID-19 related guidelines and restrictions.

28. Terms and conditions may change at any time, these changes will be communicated to all participants promptly. It is your responsibility to ensure these changes are observed and followed as required.

29. A minimum of 30 HSDC tickets need to be sold by each participating group.

Disclaimer: Participants and schools hereby release all HSDC directors, officers, or representatives from any claims for damages or injuries sustained while participating in any activity related to this competition. By registering for the competition, we (the participating group) also understand all rules stated including time limits are taken care of, and there is no refund on entries.

We request all the participants to take utmost care towards them and their team (including social distancing) while rehearsing, purchasing any material for this competition and creating the performance. Please agree to follow COVID-19 safety rules that have been placed by their local/state governments. Visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus> for more Victorian related information.

We request all the participating schools to understand that we will act as per the restrictions placed by the Victorian Government and if need be HSDC is able to remain flexible by either cancelling the event, postponing it or conducting an online event. If the event is conducted online, please acknowledge that there will be an alternative registration process in which your school will have to reapply to participate in the competition. If any of these changes must be made the HSDC team will be in contact with each school to update you as required.



Registration & Consent Forms

The registration and consent forms have been linked below.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/ZGMCVEpUZEPXSLHy9>

- Please note that we only accept one entry per school and this form must be completed for your school to participate in the competition.

Consent Form: <https://forms.gle/K2N7guUjJdRD7MnJ9>

- The consent forms must be filled out by every participant's parent/guardian. This can be done after the team has been registered and finalised. **However, it must be completed before submitting any photos/content to HSDC and the competition.**

What's Next?

Registered? Start getting ready for the competition! From choreography to costumes to music, there's so much to do! And if you need any help or have any questions at all, don't forget to contact the HSDC team!