

2018 DANCE FEST RULES & GUIDELINES

Please read carefully before completing your entry form.

*These rules and guidelines are essential for the smooth sailing and success of Dance Fest 2018
If you have any questions or concerns surrounding these, please do not hesitate to contact the Ausdance ACT Office*

1. Youth Dance Festival is open to all high schools and colleges within the ACT and surrounding areas approximately within one hour's drive from the border.
2. Each piece can be up to five minutes in length.
3. We have room for **60** works total.
The minimum number of performers is **8** per group and the maximum is **55** per group.
4. Schools may enter more than one group dependent on the staging limit of 60 pieces' total.
 - Year 7-10 schools and Year 11-12 colleges can enter two pieces
 - Year 7-12 schools will be limited to entering three pieces

IMPORTANT NOTE: To keep to the festival limit of 60 dance pieces, Ausdance ACT may have to disappoint a school wanting three entries so we can admit another school's single entry.

Ausdance ACT will only consider applications for extra groups per school under special circumstances e.g. Youth Dance Festival is part of the school curriculum and is assessed.
5. Dance Fest is an inclusive event. Our aim is to provide all students with equal opportunity to perform. As such we encourage schools with multiple groups to restrict student participation to one piece only.
6. Youth Dance Fest is about providing a creative and choreographic opportunity for students. Teachers can contribute and collaborate with students to create their piece. It is the role of the teacher to introduce and facilitate discussion surrounding the theme and guide their student choreographers and performers towards their final piece.

Ausdance ACT defines a teacher as anyone who is not a student of the participating school and is working with and directing students. This includes teachers employed at the school, any external teachers, designers, choreographers etc. who are paid or volunteer their time.
7. Choreography and music must be appropriate for a family event. Lyrics will be checked. Any dance moves deemed inappropriate or unsafe by the CDCM or Ausdance team may need to be amended.
8. All performers must attend technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals. This ensures there are no surprises or changes from rehearsal to show. If it doesn't happen at rehearsal it doesn't happen in the show!
9. Students introduce their school dance piece, this can be done by a non-dancing student from their school. Students can use poetry, drama, music, or whatever takes their fancy. Remember to make it good - it's the start of the dance. Student introducers need not attend the tech rehearsal however it is essential they attend the dress rehearsal. Introduction changes are not permitted after the dress rehearsal. We ask that the student who introduces the work not be in the first minute of the piece.
10. The participating teacher(s) will be the main communication link between the school/participating groups and the Ausdance ACT Office. Please make sure your contact details are kept updated. We send regular update emails in the lead up to Dance Fest.

Please make sure our Ausdance ACT email addresses are added to your school's IT safe list.
11. As per the Directorate of Education and Training excursion guidelines the teacher in charge is responsible for all participants from their school at all times. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of your students we require a minimum of two teachers or one teacher and one adult volunteer (working with vulnerable people checked) to accompany your school group for your evening performance.
12. Parents and friends are not allowed backstage to see students during the performance. Please make sure all teachers and students are aware of this rule. Teachers and performers will be checked in and identified before dress rehearsals and performances.
13. As producers of Youth Dance Fest, Ausdance ACT reserves the right to ensure that all participants and pieces meet the Youth Dance Fest guidelines and objectives. Failure to meet criteria could result in further action. Please be assured we will work with the teachers first before any action is taken.

Please note: Ausdance ACT may change the festival dates, information, and format at any time at their discretion.