



INDIAN CINEMATIC DANCE COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition is open to all KERA member colleges and is limited to one entry per college.
2. All participants must register on or before the cutoff date by registering online.
3. Cut off for registration is 30th August, 2026.
4. Participants can only be alumni or their spouses or children.
5. Teams must have minimum 5 and maximum 12 members. Each team can be all males or all females or both.
6. Age limit of participants in Juniors category should be below 21 years and for Senior category, above 21 years (as of 25th October, 2026).
7. Only one team is allowed from one college and participant/s from one team cannot be part of any other team.
8. Indian cinematic songs or their remix version (from Indian films or Indian album songs in any Indian language) only should be used.
9. The dance music can be one song or mix of songs.
10. The songs should not contain lyrics or steps inappropriate for family audience or violating the laws of the Country.
11. Costume and any props used should be in accordance with the UAE Law.
12. **Depiction of Religious Deities - The display, portrayal, pictorial representation, impersonation, or depiction of any God or Goddess in any form is strictly prohibited during the performance.** This includes, but is not limited to, costumes, makeup, masks, props, backdrops, visual projections, photographs, videos, or any other form of representation. If any team has doubts or requires clarification regarding the interpretation or applicability of this rule, they must contact the Committee well in advance of the competition date for guidance. The decision of the Organising Committee on such matters shall be final and binding.
13. Each team will have minimum of 4 minutes and maximum of 7 minutes to perform. Timer starts upon the first dance movement, start of music, or whichever comes first.
14. If performance falls short of 4 mins or exceeds 8 mins, there will be a deduction of 10% points in the final team score.
15. The final music file (in MP3/MP4 Format) should be sent to the Committee Convener/Coordinator through email on or before 18th October, 2026, to verify the content is in accordance with the Country's regulations and the files will be handled confidentially.
16. Audio clarity of the song shall be the responsibility of the participating teams.
17. The order of performance will be done through a lot system.
18. All teams should be available at the venue one hour prior and be ready for the performance up to 30 minutes prior to their slot.
19. Report to the Registration desk (one hour prior to the scheduled time) and you will be directed to the assigned area by a volunteer.
20. Dressing area may be shared by different teams. Please be courteous and display good sportsmanship at all times.
21. Please come dressed up in respective costumes for your performance. Separate dressing areas will be provided for Gents and ladies for 10 minutes for the final touch up with your own make up kit, 45 minutes prior to your slot.



22. The list of Participants along with their passport copies, Emirates ID and a photo should be sent to the convener/coordinator by 25th September, for taking necessary approvals from the authorities. The same documents will be used for the validation of participant's age in advance and cross verification at the Registration desk. Any manipulation of the same will result in disqualification.
23. Any team member who has to withdraw from the dance due to any reason can be replaced by a substitute by providing all the necessary documents latest by 18th October, 2026.
24. All teams will be given 1 minute for stage setup and another 1 minute to clear the stage after their performance.
25. If any team member/team representative tries to influence the judge/s, the respective team will be disqualified by the committee.
26. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.

Judging Criteria:

- The dance performance will be judged on the following:
- Choreography (creativity, originality, formations, transitions) – 25 Marks
- Synchronization & Team Coordination – 20 Marks
- Expressions & Stage Presence – 15 Marks
- Dance Technique & Execution – 15 Marks
- Musicality & Rhythm (timing, beat, song interpretation) – 10 Marks
- Costume, Makeup & Overall Presentation – 15 Marks

For further details, please Contact Ms. Mini Mohan (050 2036754) or Mr. Nirmal John (056 5778190)

NOTE:

Any team violating the rules & regulations will be automatically disqualified from the competition