



India Festival Tampa



Dance Rules (Non-competition) and Process

Following rules are applied on all divisions.

Eligibility

- Participants must be residents of USA. Visitors to USA are not permitted to participate.
- Participants can participate in maximum in two dances.
- Function is confined to amateurs only. Professional teams are not permitted to participate. A professional who directs/choreographs for a fee, may participate in his/her own team.

Team Requirements

- Any kind of Group dance is allowed.
- Maximum participants per team are limited to 20 members for all divisions.
- Minimum 8 participants are required in a team (if not specified in the dance specific rules)

Division

Teams can have out of age members.

Division	Description and Age limits
Minors	Age limits: 5 to 10 years on the day of India Festival 25% Team can be out of age.
Juniors	Age limits: 10 to 14 years on the day of India Festival 25% Team can be out of age.
High School	Age limits: 14 to 18 years on the day of India Festival 25% Team can be out of age.
College**	Age limits: 18 to 25 years on the day of India Festival 25% Team can be out of age.
Adults**	Age limits: 25 and older on the day of India Festival 25% Team can be out of age.



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Trophies and Awards

- Certificate of participation or trophy will be given to all participants.

Team Registrations

Steps to register for competition

- India Festival Tampa will only accept dance competition entries at India festival website.
<https://www.indiafestivaltampabay.com/choreographer-regi.aspx>
- Fill Team registration (online) form before last dates specified on India Festival website.
- **Late entries will not be accepted, no exceptions.**
- All communication regarding dance competition will be done through following email Entry@IndiaFestTampa.org.
- **Fill Participant Information before last date specified on India Festival website.**
- **Upload Song (MP3 Format) and group photo on the above link before last date specified on India Festival website.**
- You can withdraw your team entry before last date specified on India Festival website.
- **The Waiver of liability form on the last page of this document must be signed by all adult participants and by parents/legal guardian of all minor participants. This waiver form must be submitted to the India Festival cultural committee on or before the participants registration due date**

India Festival Cultural committee decision is final in case of any disputes, complaints or controversy arising for India festival event.

Song Selection

- Song must be uploaded to India Festival registration website prior to sue date in MP3 format.
- Traditional instruments that are appropriate for the song and dance form are encouraged.
- USB drive however, must be brought and kept with you on the day of competition just in case the MP3 does not work.
- Music with or without words is acceptable.
- The song must be minimum 4 minutes and maximum 6 minutes.



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- Song must meet appropriate Quality standards and will be reviewed by cultural committee.
- In case song does not pass quality standards, you will be notified in advance.

Props

- There is no limitation on props usages during dance performance.
- Teams should use appropriate props as per requirements of song and Dance
- Safety Code: No glass bangles, colors, confetti, grains, flammable items such as diyas/ lights or any other small/breakable objects allowed on stage/backstage or in dressing rooms. This safety code will be strictly enforced.

Costume

- Appropriate costume should be worn for Dance performance. It should reflect Dance category and regional culture.
- Changes of costume on or off-stage during performance are not allowed.
- Ghaghara and Chaniya lengths should be worn six inches below the knee as norm.
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Timings

- Duration of Dance performance should be limited to maximum 6 minutes.
- Only 2 minutes are allowed for stage preparation (includes general introductions) before performance, and only 1 minute allowed after performance to clean the stage.

Stage and Environment preparation

- No special effects: steam, disco balls, smoke, etc. are allowed.
- Props hanging from the ceiling will not be allowed.
- At no time will the hall/Stage lights be shut off or dimmed.



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Backstage Rules

- Team should be present backstage at least 45 minutes prior to its assigned time, regardless of schedule running on time or not.
- We will not come to dressing rooms to look for you. "No shows" will forfeit their chance to perform.
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Dressing Room usage

- A schedule will be provided at the gate of dressing room for its usage. Please maintain schedule so every team should have chance to get ready before their performance.
- Teams should stay in assigned Dressing room only.
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