



MTSA Competition Terms & Conditions

We are delighted to welcome you to the MTSA Competition! Please take a moment to read through the following terms and conditions carefully. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us—we're happy to help.

Participation Agreement By entering an MTSA Competition, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined below. This includes entry fees, time limits, and our strict policy of no refunds, credits, or transfers under any circumstances, including medical reasons or injury. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to these guidelines.

All competition rules are final. While we strive to create a fair and positive experience for all participants, once a rule has been broken, it will be enforced without further discussion. We kindly ask for your cooperation in respecting these regulations.

Entry & Payment

- Your entry is reserved upon registration but is only confirmed once full payment has been processed.
- All entries must be submitted by the stated deadline; we cannot guarantee availability beyond this point.
- A non-refundable deposit is required upon entry, even when reserving spaces.
- Late payments will incur additional fees, so please ensure all payments are made on time.

Chaperoning & Backstage Access

- Performers under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed chaperone.
- To maintain a safe and organised environment, parents are not permitted in changing areas or backstage.
- Each school is allowed two teachers or one chaperone side stage.

Changes & Admin Fees

- Any changes requested after entry processing will incur a £5 admin fee per adjustment.
- Once the competition programme has been finalised and sent out, no further changes can be accommodated.
- Cancellations can be made on the day of the event if necessary.

Liability & Conduct

- The MTSA team takes every precaution to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. However, we cannot be held

responsible for any injury, loss, or damages during participation.

- All schools and participants must have their own liability insurance.
- Schools/studios are responsible for the conduct of their students and accompanying parents.
- To maintain a positive atmosphere, any individual who disrupts the event or fails to follow competition rules may be asked to leave without a refund.
- Respect is paramount—verbal abuse towards staff will not be tolerated. Should you have any concerns, please direct them to the reception desk rather than the judges' table.

Competition Format & Structure

- MTSA reserves the right to adjust the schedule, merge age groups or genres, or change the venue if necessary.
- Solo sections must have a minimum of three entries to run.
- Duo/trios and group sections may be merged if fewer than three entries are received.
- By participating, you consent to photography and videography being used on MTSA social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, and Instagram).

Judging & Scoring

- To ensure fairness, communication with judges is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification.

- The judges' decisions are final.
- Scoring is based on the performance itself, not the teacher's choreography.

Registration & Wristbands

- All competitors must check in at the registration desk upon arrival to receive their wristbands.
- Failure to check-in may result in disqualification.
- If a competitor's name is not on the list, they will not be permitted to compete.
- Spectator tickets must be purchased in advance—there will be no ticket sales at the door.
- Teachers will collect wristbands upon arrival; parents or students may only do so if pre-approved.

Music & Performance

- Music must be uploaded online by the deadline—no music will be accepted on the day.
- All music must be age-appropriate and free from explicit language.
- No music is permitted for bows.
- Time limits will be strictly enforced.
- A backup copy of the music should be available on a phone or tablet.

Schedule & Timings

- A detailed schedule will be emailed 14 days prior to the event.

- Once the schedule is sent, no changes can be made.
- MTSA reserves the right to adjust the schedule, including modifying timings and categories.
- The event may run up to one hour ahead or behind schedule.
- Performers must be ready when called, as missed performances cannot be rescheduled.

Age & Grouping

- Proof of age must be provided upon request.
- Duo/trio and group ages are determined by the oldest performer in the group.
- Additional dancers cannot be added once a group has been entered. However, if a dancer is unable to perform, they may be replaced with another registered competitor—please notify MTSA in advance.
- Groups found to have unregistered dancers will be disqualified.

Performance Regulations

- Teachers are not permitted to participate in performances.
- Male performers will have a designated changing area separate from female performers.
- If special arrangements for changing areas are needed, please inform us in advance.

Event Policies & Responsibilities

- MTSA competitions may run ahead or behind schedule, so all participants must be prepared at all times.
- It is the responsibility of dancers and schools to monitor event timing.
- A WhatsApp group will be available to provide real-time updates for teachers and parents.
- Competition programmes will be available for download prior to the event.

Photography & Venue Etiquette

- A professional photographer will be present to capture memorable moments.
- Please keep changing areas tidy. Schools will be responsible for any damages or mess left behind and may be invoiced for cleaning or repairs if necessary.

Entry Fees & Withdrawals

- If a school wishes to withdraw after payment has been made no refunds will be provided, under any circumstances.
- Full payment must be received by the deadline to secure entry.
- If an event reaches capacity before the deadline, early closure may occur.

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cooperation and look forward to an exciting and inspiring event for all participants!