



THE DANCE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA

PERTUBUHAN TARIAN MALAYSIA

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THE DANCE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA
26TH SOLO CLASSICAL BALLET COMPETITION
2025

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PULAU PINANG ELIMINATION REGIONAL

DATE: 26TH - 27TH APRIL 2025

COMPETITION VENUE: ONE THEATRE HALL, STRAITS QUAY PULAU PINANG

MASTERCLASS VENUE: CENTRESTAGE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

KUALA LUMPUR ELIMINATION REGIONAL

DATE: 29TH MAY – 31ST MAY 2025

VENUE: SHANTANAND AUDITORIUM,
TEMPLE OF FINE ARTS KUALA LUMPUR

FINALS

DATE: 1ST JUNE 2025

VENUE: SHANTANAND AUDITORIUM,
TEMPLE OF FINE ARTS KUALA LUMPUR

A. **EVENT**

The Dance Society of Malaysia's (TDS) 26th Solo Classical Ballet Competition 2025.

B. **OBJECTIVES**

1. To search for talented dancers who are genuinely dedicated to excel in classical ballet.
2. To provide an opportunity for dancers to meet their peers and strive both for technical excellence and high artistic standards in a friendly atmosphere.
3. To pave a way for dancers to achieve a successful career in ballet.
4. To identify and select dancers to represent TDS locally and abroad.

C. **CATEGORIES**

- i. Category 1 Age 19 to 21 years (En Pointe) - Born in year **2004 to 2006**
- ii. Category 2 Age 16 to 18 years (En Pointe) - Born in year **2007 to 2009**
- iii. Category 3 Age 13 to 14 years (Demi-Pointe); Age 15 (En Pointe) – Born in year **2010 to 2012**
- iv. Category 4 Age 10 to 12 years (Demi-Pointe) - Born in year **2013 to 2015**

**** Age of competitor must comply with the age group as stated above.**

D. **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Must be a member of The Dance Society of Malaysia.
2. Must be a Malaysian citizen.
3. Must be within the age group under Rule C stated above.
4. - Category 1: RAD Advanced level (or equivalent) with a mark of 60% and above
- Category 2: RAD Intermediate level (or equivalent) with a mark of 60% and above
- Category 3: RAD Grade 5 (or equivalent) with a mark of 60% and above
- Category 4: RAD Grade 3 (or equivalent) with a mark of 70% and above
5. Competitors must produce a copy of their exam report.

6. Examination results will be given priority above letter of recommendation, which will be subject to review and approval on a case-by-case basis by the competition committee.
7. Recipients of the 1st Prize in the previous TDS competitions are NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in the same category again, but are eligible to compete in the next category.
8. Competitors must be present at all times required including enchainment class and coaching. Attendance must be strictly adhered to.
9. No special preference for order of appearance.
10. Competitors who are not allowed to compete:
 - Those who have signed a contract with a dance company.
 - Those whose contracts with a dance company have lapsed.

E. **PERFORMANCE & ASSESSMENT**

1. Judges will assess each competition in the following 2 stages.
2. **In 2 Stages** - **Elimination**
- **Finals**
 - Venue may be at different locations at each stage.
 - 1- or more competitors shall be selected from **Elimination** for the **Finals**.
 - Dates of elimination may not run concurrently with the Finals.
3. **Elimination**
 - Competitors shall attend Compulsory enchainment class **Demi Pointe & En Pointe** for Category 1 & 2 and a Compulsory class for Category 3 & 4 on **Demi Pointe**.
 - Female competitors shall wear leotard with pink / skin colour tights and bring along Demi Pointe and Pointe shoes.
 - Male competitors shall wear leotard or white T-shirt with black tights and ballet shoes.
 - Category 1, 2, 3 & 4 shall perform One Compulsory Classical Ballet variation to be selected from the official List (refer to Repertoire List) with the music given.
 - Appropriate costume for the Classical variation (min. requirement: long or short tutu).
 - Female competitors shall be **En Pointe for Category 1 & 2**
 - Category 3 Female competitors shall be :
 - Age 13 – 14 years old : Demi Pointe
 - Age 15 years old : En Pointe
 - Female competitors shall be on **Demi Pointe for Category 4**.

3. **Finals**

- Finalists shall attend coaching class for Finalists as indicated in schedule and dress code shall be as in Compulsory enchainment class.
 - Category 1 & 2 Finalists shall perform 2 ballet variations:
 - 1st variation shall be the Compulsory Classical Ballet variation as in the Semi Final
 - 2nd variation shall be a contemporary ballet selected from the official list (refer to Choreographed Variation List).
 - Compulsory Classical Ballet are to be performed ***En Pointe***
 - Choreographed variations are to be performed ***En Pointe or Demi Pointe***.
 - 2nd variation shall be strictly adhered to without any improvisation.
 - Appropriate costumes for the 2nd variation.
 - Category 3 Finalists shall perform only the Compulsory Classical Ballet Variation similar to the variation in the Semi-Finals ***En Pointe (Age 15 yrs) or Demi Pointe (Age 13 – 14 yrs)***.
 - Category 4 Finalists shall perform only the Compulsory Classical Ballet Variation similar to the variation in the Semi-Finals ***on Demi Pointe***.
4. The judges' decision will be final. No correspondences shall be entertained regarding their decision.

F. **ENTRY FEES**

1. Registration fee at a total of RM 450.00 (inclusive of 1 Compulsory Masterclass) for each Category 1, 2, 3 & 4 to be made to: **THE DANCE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA (Public Bank Bhd A/C No: 3216260903)**, and to attach the payment slip with the Registration Form on the TDS Website: www.tdsmalaysia.com.my
2. Additional fee of RM 150.00 for Finals entry for each Category 1, 2, 3 & 4 to be paid immediately upon announcement of results of Finals to qualify for participation in Finals.
3. Membership subscription must be done through our website www.tdsmalaysia.com.my prior to competition registration.
4. Tutor MUST be a member of TDS.
5. Each competitor must state the selected Compulsory Classical Ballet variation and the 2nd variation from the official List on the TDS website: ***tdsmalaysia.com.my***
6. The closing date for Pulau Pinang Regional competition is **25th March 2025, 23:59pm (Tuesday)**; the closing date for Kuala Lumpur Regional competition is **30th April 2025, 23:59pm (Wednesday)**. Late applications will not be accepted.
7. Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances, except for the reason of serious illness or injury, whereby a signed medical certificate or

doctor's letter must be produced. TDS will review the evidence and where agreed, will process a refund of 50%.

8. Entry fee will not be refunded except in the event that the competition is cancelled.
9. Registration Form **MUST** be submitted through the website stated above.
10. A confirmation of registration will be emailed to participants within 7 working days after the date of submission.

Additional Important Information

- i. All fees are to be made by bank transfer only to The Dance Society of Malaysia's bank account (**Public Bank Account no: 3216260903**) and the bank transfer receipt is to be attached with application through website: www.tdsmalaysia.com.my
- ii. Kindly indicate participant's full name in bank payment slip for reference and ease of payment verification.
- iii. No changes shall be made after the submission of form. Penalty of RM50 will be applied for each change.
- iv. **DVDs and CDs for competition are no longer provided.** Video and audio music for Compulsory Classical Ballet and Choreographed 2nd variation can only be viewed and downloaded through our website upon registration as TDS member.

G. PRIZES

<u>Category 1</u>	1 st	RM 1,200.00	<u>Category 2</u>	1 st	RM1,000.00
	2 nd	RM 800.00		2 nd	RM 800.00
	3 rd	RM 500.00		3 rd	RM 500.00
<u>Category 3</u>	1 st	RM 1,000.00	<u>Category 4</u>	1 st	RM 800.00
	2 nd	RM 800.00		2 nd	RM 600.00
	3 rd	RM 500.00		3 rd	RM 300.00

SPECIAL AWARDS

1. Attend Singapore Ballet year end performance 2025.
2. Attend Singapore Ballet Academy Workshop, December 2025.
3. Attend a week in the Australian Ballet School Workshop in January 2026.
4. Attend a week in Bangkok City Ballet in August 2025.

subject to change

H. **CONDITIONS**

1. Award winners are obliged to send a write-up of their experience with photos attached for the TDS newsletter.
2. Prizes may not be awarded if candidates do not meet the required standards.
3. Award winners may be required to represent TDS at workshop, summer ballet schools or competitions locally or overseas during the current year, when determined by TDS Committee. Accommodation and expenses to attend awards / workshops overseas, are to be paid by award winners. In the event the winners are unable to fulfil their obligations, TDS Committee will reserve the right to select an appropriate candidate as a replacement.
4. All Special Awards shall have a **ONE YEAR** validity period from the date of the finals, unless otherwise stated by the sponsors.

I. **DISQUALIFICATION**

Applicants will be disqualified if:

- i. Applicant does not follow the Rules governing the competition.
- ii. Application form is falsified in any way.
- iii. Application and enclosures are not submitted by the closing date.
- iv. Applicant is late for enchainment / compulsory class or competition.
- v. Competitors who are NOT PRESENT for any compulsory class and enchainment coaching.
- vi. Tutors of competitors who are NOT member of TDS.
- vii. Late comers.
- viii. Late payment for Semi-Finals/Finals.

The Committee of The Dance Society of Malaysia reserves the right to make changes to the Rules and Regulations without notice.