



The Dance Society  
of Malaysia

# 28<sup>th</sup> TDS Dance Competition *Sarawak Regional*

Rules & Regulations



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# Event Introduction

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## **Sarawak Regional** (Classical Ballet Solo Elimination Round only)

Date: 7th - 9th August

Venue: Auditorium Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce  
(TAZA) IPG Batu Lintang, Kuching Sarawak

## **Kuala Lumpur Regional** (Classical Ballet Solo, Contemporary Solo & Duo/Trio)

Date: 26th - 28th May 2027

Venue: D Theatre, Hextar World

## **Finals** (Classical Ballet Solo, Contemporary Solo & Duo/Trio)

Date: 29th & 30th May 2027

Venue: D Theatre, Hextar World

## *Our Mission*

The Dance Society of Malaysia's (TDS) main aims are to raise the standard and awareness of dance, especially ballet, in this country while at the same time providing a platform for talented young dancers to showcase their talents.



# Objectives

- To search for talented dancers who are genuinely dedicated to excel in dance with classical ballet training (or trained in classical ballet).
- To provide an opportunity for dancers to meet their peers and strive both for technical excellence and high artistic standards in a friendly atmosphere.
- To pave way for dancers to achieve a successful career in dance.
- To identify and select dancers to represent TDS locally and abroad.

# Eligibility

- Competitors must be a member of The Dance Society of Malaysia.
- Competitors must be a Malaysian citizen.
- Competitors must be within the age group under Categories stated.
- Tutor(s) of Competitors must be a member of the Dance Society of Malaysia
- Recipients of the 1st Prize under Ballet Solo category in the previous TDS competitions are NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in the same category again, but are eligible to compete in the next category.
- Competitors must be present at all times required including Masterclass and coaching. Attendance must be strictly adhered to.
- Competitors who are not allowed to compete:
  1. Those who have signed a contract with a dance company.
  2. Those whose contracts with a dance company have lapsed.

# Categories

## Classical Ballet Solo

Category	Age	Year of Birth	En Pointe / Demi Pointe
CAT 1	18 - 21 yrs old	2005 - 2008	En Pointe
CAT 2	15 - 17 yrs old	2009 - 2011	En Pointe
CAT 3	13 - 14 yrs old	2012 - 2013	Demi Pointe / En Pointe
CAT 4	11 - 12 yrs old	2014 - 2015	Demi Pointe
CAT 5	9 - 10 yrs old	2016 - 2017	Demi Pointe

Participants must strictly adhere to the age group requirements specified for the 28th TDS Competition – Sarawak Regional. Should a participant qualify for the Finals, eligibility will be determined based on their age as of the 2027 calendar year.

# Entry Fee

## **Membership Fees**

- All competitors must register as a TDS member before submitting registration for TDS Dance Competition.
- Membership fee as below:
  1. Junior Annual Membership fee (below 18 yrs old): RM30.00 per year
  2. Adult Annual Membership fee (18 yrs old & above): RM60.00 per year
  3. Lifetime Membership: RM480.00
- Tutor(s) of competitors must be a TDS member.
- Annual membership is valid for the duration of the calendar year, from January 1st to December 31st.

## **Ballet Solo**

- Registration fee of RM 450.00 (inclusive of 1 Compulsory Masterclass) for each Category.
- Additional fee of RM 150.00 (inclusive of 1 coaching session) for all qualifying Finalists of each respective Category to be paid immediately upon announcement of results in order to participate in Finals.

# Entry Fee

## ***Important Notes:***

1. Payment 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 via this link: ***Sawarak Regional Registration Form***
2. 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%.
3. Entry fee will not be refunded except in the event that the competition is cancelled.
4. Registration Form **MUST** be submitted through the link stated above.
5. A confirmation of registration will be emailed to participants within 7 working days after the date of submission.
6. No changes shall be made after the submission of form. Penalty of RM50 will be applied for each change.

# Important Datelines

Event	Date
Sarawak Regional Registration Due Date (Ballet Solo only)	30th June 2026
Sarawak Regional Music Submission Period	1st - 15th July 2026
28 <sup>th</sup> TDS Dance Competition 2027 KL Regional	26th - 28th May 2027
28 <sup>th</sup> TDS Dance Competition 2027 Final	29th - 30th May 2027

*The Committee of The Dance Society of Malaysia reserves the right to make changes to the schedule.*

## **Classical Ballet Solo** *(2 stages ~ Elimination & Final)*

- Ballet Solo competitors must perform a variation from the Classical Repertoire List provided on the TDS website: [www.tdsmalaysia.com.my](http://www.tdsmalaysia.com.my)
- Kindly refer to the shoes requirement in the age category chart provided above.
- For all Classical variations, slight modification and/or simplification of the original choreography is allowed.
- Significant changes made to a classical variation may result in point deduction or disqualification.
- All competitors must attend 1x Classical Ballet Masterclass.
- Finalists are to attend a coaching session with the Adjudicator.

### **For Sarawak Regional Elimination Round**

- Selected participants from the Sarawak Regional will advance as finalists to the Final in Kuala Lumpur
- No prizes will be awarded during the Sarawak Regional Elimination Round.
- Sarawak Regional finalists are to attend the Finalists Coaching Session and Finals in KL in 2027.

# Attire & Props

## Ballet Masterclass

- Female competitors must wear a leotard in one solid colour with pink/skin colored tights and soft ballet shoes. Leotards with patterns or multi-coloured designs are not permitted.
- Male competitors shall wear white leotard or white T-shirt with black tights and ballet shoes.

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## Finalists Coaching Session

- Finalists shall wear ballet attire or their costumes for the coaching session.

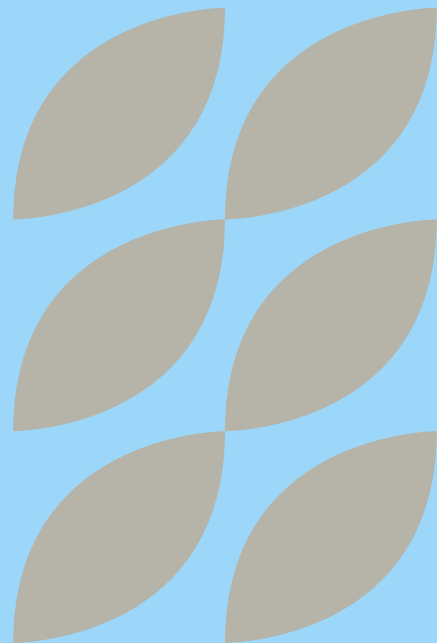
## Elimination Round & Final

- All Competitors are to perform their solo variation in costumes during the Elimination Round and Final.
- Appropriate costume for the Classical variation (min. requirement: long or short tutu for Female)

# Assessment

## Classical Ballet Solo

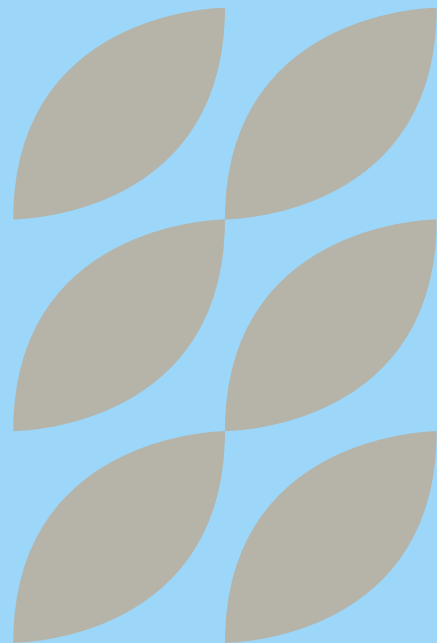
- Judges will assess the Ballet Solo competition in the following 2 stages:
  1. Elimination Round
  2. Final
- Dates of elimination may not run concurrently with the Finals.
- The judges' decision will be final. No correspondence shall be entertained regarding their decision.



# Music Submission

## Classical Ballet Solo

- After registration closes, the link and detailed instructions for music submission will be distributed via email to all participants.
- Competitors are required to submit their performance music via the provided link (will be send out after the closing date of registration) within the specified period stated in the 'Important Datelines' section above.
- Late submission or any changes made after the deadline will incur an administrative charge of RM50.
- Performance music submitted must be in MP3 format.
- Please ensure all performance music submitted is of high quality. Recordings should be free of background noise, clapping, or any other distractions.
- All music, costumes and performances must be age-appropriate. Choreography and lyrics containing suggestive content, profanity, violence or any form of offensive or inappropriate material are not permitted under any circumstances; may result in deduction of marks or disqualification.



# Prizes & Special Awards <sup>II</sup>

## Classical Ballet Solo

Prizes shall be awarded in the form of trophies, medals, certificates, or cash prizes, as determined by the placing and category.

Specific details and other special awards and scholarships will be outlined in the Awards and Special Award column, which will be officially published on the Dance Society of Malaysia's website.

## Special Awards

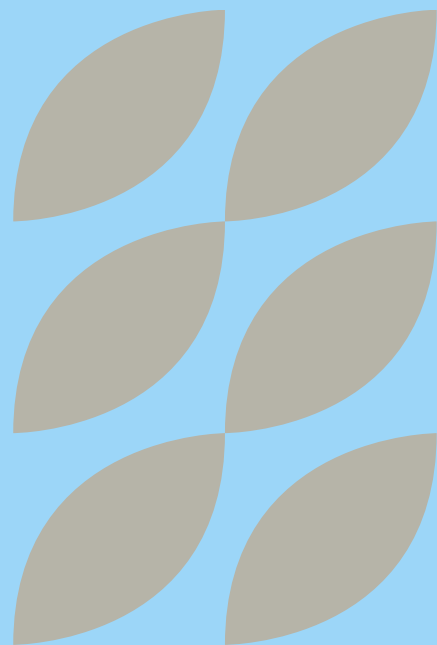
More scholarships will be announced soon. Stay tuned.

*The judges reserve the right to withhold any awards or prizes if performances do not meet the required standard.*



# Conditions

- Award winners are obliged to send a write-up of their experience with photos attached for the TDS newsletter.
- Prizes may not be awarded if candidates do not meet the required standards.
- Recipients of awards or scholarships are responsible for their own accommodation and travel expenses, whether within Malaysia or abroad.
- Candidates selected to represent TDS in an official capacity may be granted partial sponsorship, with the terms and amount to be determined and confirmed by TDS.
- All Special Awards shall have a ONE YEAR validity period from the date of the finals, unless otherwise stated by the sponsors.
- **Disclaimer:** By submitting your registration, you consent to photos and videos being taken and used for social media and publicity purposes, without the need for further notice or permission. Official photos and videos of the performance will be produced and made available for purchase.



# Disqualification

- Applicants will be disqualified if:
  1. Applicant does not follow the Rules governing the competition
  2. Application form is falsified in any way.
  3. Application and enclosures are not submitted by the closing date.
  4. Competitor is LATE or ABSENT for the masterclass, competition and/or coaching.
  5. Tutor of competitor is not registered as a TDS member.
  6. Late payment for Registration/Finals.
  7. Applicant has made significant changes to the classical variation.

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