



# WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS DANCE COMPETITIONS

Showcase and Hollywood Bound are **Australia's most prestigious dance competitions,** attracting talented dancers from across the country. These events not only highlight the incredible skills and creativity of the participants but also serve as a platform for emerging artists to gain recognition in the competitive world of dance. Each year, hundreds of performers showcase their hard work and dedication, all vying for top honors and the chance to advance their careers in the performing arts. With a focus on excellence, both competitions are celebrated for their high standards and the opportunities they provide for dancers to shine.





I am thrilled to share that in 2025, we will be taking the 2025 Dancer of the Year winners, as Team Australia, to Italy for the World Dance Movement. Following the tremendous success of our trips to Barcelona in 2017, and Italy in 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024, as well as Portugal in 2019, we are excited to continue offering these rewarding experiences. Transforming Dancer of the Year to reflect modern times has been one of our most innovative and fulfilling changes yet. Europe is currently the epicenter of dance, and you won't want your child to miss out on these incredible travel opportunities with us. This year, we will feature **five age groups:** Petite (8 and under), Junior (9 to 10 years), Pre Teen (11–12 years), Teen (13–14 years), and Senior (15 to 19 years).

Showcase/Hollywood Bound National Dance Championships has consistently led the dance competition scene in Australia since the mid-1990s. Throughout the years, Showcase/Hollywood Bound has distributed over 2.6 million dollars in cash awards and prizes. Our events are known for their professionalism, making them a cherished experience for countless generations of dancers who have participated. Showcase/Hollywood Bound is committed to providing the Australian and New Zealand dance communities not only with a high-quality event but also a fun and educational experience safe in a environment.





# **Over 60+ qualifiers**

As we adapt to the evolving landscape during the 2025 season, we are thrilled to offer more opportunities than ever to qualify for the January 2026 Gold Coast finals at "The Star Casino." With over **60 official locations** providing qualifications for Solos, Duo/Trios, Groups, and Dancer of the Year, along with online video submissions, every dancer will have a variety of options to choose from.

We are equally excited to return to the Star GC for our Nationals from **January 12–18, 2026**, marking 23 years since we first held Nationals at the Gold Coast Star Casino.



On behalf of my team, I want to express our gratitude for your ongoing commitment to Showcase, which has been so successful for over 30 years.

Best regards, Peter Oxford





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#### All your questions answered here for Showcase Nationals January 2026

#### How do we qualify to go to Nationals on the Gold Coast?

All Dancers and studios who are bringing acts to the Star Casino for the Australian Dance Championships must formally qualify and take part in any of the following to attend.

(1) Qualify at an officially listed qualifier partner that is listed on our website. For more info about how to qualify at your local competition please contact your local organiser. Showcasedance.com has a full list of qualifiers.

#### (2) Video Entries:

If you live in New Zealand or more than 100klms from an official qualifier, you are able to submit a video, Open May 20<sup>th</sup>, entries close June 20<sup>th</sup>, with videos uploaded by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Spots are limited.

To register your videos please go to Showcasedance.com and select online video entries in the registrations.

#### Do we need to do the same routines I qualified with?

You can do a <u>new</u> routine for that genre you have qualified or perform the one you qualified with, however you <u>cannot repeat</u> any routines at anytime in different categories <u>except Dancer of the Year you are allowed to Rpt a</u> <u>dance in this category only</u> or do a new routine.

#### Can we add in more acts for solos or duo/trios than we qualified with? PLEASE READ

**No**, dancers are only permitted to enter with what they qualified with at this time, we may open up to additional solos after the last closing zone date if space is available. But this rarely happens.

Solo Dancers can only compete **ONCE** in a category, you can't appear twice in the same section.

#### How do we qualify for Dancer of the Year ?

Any of the above ways will provide spots to qualify you for Dancer of the Year however each location will have a slightly different criteria set out by Showcase and agreed to by the local comps.

This will vary from local competitions being able to allot up to 3 spots per age group.

Hollywood Bound qualifiers having up to 10 spots per age group to take dancers to the Dancer of the Year.

Please make sure you know what the selection criteria is BEFORE you register at a qualifier, if you have your

heart set on being in Dancer of the Year always have a back up qualifier just in case.

Video entries: Dancer of the Year qualifiers will be chosen by the judges.

Dancer of the year performers must enter at least 2 categories at Nationals + DOTY

#### Ages for DOTY petite 8 under, Junior 9 to 10 years, Pre Teen 11-12yrs, Teen 13 to 14 yrs, Senior 15 to 19 years Proof of qualifying

When registering you will be asked to provide where you qualified, if this is not provided your entry will not be accepted or confirmed. <u>You are required to provide this information before you make payment.</u>

All entries are taken on a first come basis regardless of if you have qualified and will be zone allocated. We suggest the pre block of spots (refunds are only provided when you don't qualify that genre if pre block)

#### GROUPS:

Our aim is to make the whole experience as fun fulfilling & rewarding as possible for your studio.

In appreciation for your continued support, there is no limit on the amount of groups you can bring to the celebration of Dance Nationals at the Star Casino Gold Coast <u>however</u> you can only do a max of <u>2 group acts</u> in each category -age group, *IE 2 pre teen large group lyrical acts*.

#### **Registering for Groups:**

LARGE GROUP (12 or more performers) or SMALL GROUP (11 or less performers)

# All ages will be average age and the DCG software will work this out automatically, however please refer to the age group rules.

Please enter your groups all in <u>Diamond level</u>, or Ruby for a max of 4 Ruby groups per studio ages 7-10yrs Please refer to rules on age groups

#### Battle of the Star Show: Jan 18th (2pm-6.30pm Show)

This is a very exciting and prestigious show to be part of and all groups want to be part of this to perform in the show & to be crowned the overall Australian Dance Champion groups. <u>Please ensure your dancers do not depart</u> the Gold Coast till after the Battle of the Stars Show.



#### What level do we enter our solos/groups Ruby, Diamond, or Elite?

- All solos will start at the Diamond level unless you are competing in Dancer of the Year
- Dancer of the Year performers will be required to enter all their solos in "Elite" solos division
- A Solo Dancer can only enter <u>one</u> level for all their Solos.
- Ruby level is for <u>new</u> dancers to Showcase 7 to 10 years only and can only enter a max of 3 solos.
- Duo and trios will all need to be registered in the Diamond level
- All Groups to be registered in the Diamond level or max of 4 Ruby groups per studio ages 7-10yrs
- Mini & adult dancers will all compete as one level, please enter diamond level only.
- No changes to levels are permitted once the schedule is completed, it's your responsibility to enter the correct level.



### **Australian Dance Championships**

proposed schedule January 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

Date/ Day	Other events	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2
Monday Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Registration of particpants from approx 11am	Solos from approx 1pm	Solos from approx 1pm
Tuesday Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Workshops all ages, DOTY rehearals	Solos/ Duo Trios, Vocal/ singing Solos	Solos/ Duo Trios
Wednesday Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Workshops	Solos/ Duo Trios	Solos/ Duo Trios, DOTY
Thursday Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Fair Exhibtion	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups
Friday Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Fair Exhibtion	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups
Saturday Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Fair Exhbition The White Party	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups
Sunday Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Batte of the Stars Group Grand finals for groups and Dancer of the Year finals 2pm- 6.30pm		
Monday Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dancers and their families depart Gold Coast	Or Theme Park day	Or Shopping day

#### Important notes:

This is a **proposed schedule** and its final timetable is finalised once registrations are closed and a schedule is put together based on the number of acts received, solo age groups could be held over multiple days, it's not possible to hold one age group on the one day. We are unable to provide any age group sessions/days till the last zone is closed and a schedule is created.

We cannot accommodate requests for scheduling or provide details of what age group wil perform until all zones are closed and a schedule is then created.

We ask that all group performers and the Dancer of the Year (DOTY) participants do not depart from the Gold Coast till after Battle of the Stars and are available on Tuesday for opening act rehearsals

We invite dancers to be part of the Team in the area they qualified in while still representing their own studio. Please contact your local competition organiser for more information. This is going to be fun!

All rules and terms and conditions will apply for Showcase Finals and can be found on the Showcasedance.com Website, when registering this automatically confirms you agree to the rules and terms and conditions of the event.

For more information or if you have a question Please go to <u>https://www.showcasedance.com/contact</u> And activate the chat service

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### Important notes CHECK LIST When you register you have agreed to ALL the rules

- Soloist can only compete **<u>once</u>** in a category.
- Any discounts must be applied before you make final payment.
- Entries are to be completed and paid in full by your zone closing date <u>no late</u> <u>entries are accepted</u>.
- Solo dancers are only allowed to enter ONE level.
   Ie Diamond level, mini and Adult solos must register as Diamond level only
   <u>All Dancer of the Year solos must be all solos in Elite level.</u>
- Everyone must provide the details of where they qualified at the payment page of registrations all entries are verified. If an entry is rejected for not qualified a service fee of \$65 will apply before any refund. No refunds after Nov 5<sup>th</sup> for non-qualified acts.
- Solos and Duos can only enter the categories they qualified with.
- You are <u>not permitted</u> to register solos or duo/trios that have not qualified.
- <u>Do not add in extra solos, or duo/trios that have not qualified</u>.
- Do not put the routine length in unless you are purchasing extra time.
- Dancer registration is paid only once per dancer, any adjustments to registrations must be done before payment. We do not credit or refund if you pay the dancer registration more than once.

#### This part is important and forms the agreement.

• Its everyone's responsibility to read all the rules and terms and conditions <u>and you</u> <u>accept the terms and conditions when registering</u>, these are clearly listed on our Showcasedance.com website.

#### Please refer to your zone closing date to register your acts for the Showcase Finals

Pre Block only	From May 10 <sup>th</sup> till May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Registrations open, pre block your acts
Zone 1	Opens May 17 <sup>th</sup> Closes May 28th	Those who qualified in Jan, Feb, March & April
Zone 2	Opens June 1 <sup>st</sup> Closes June 20th	Those who qualified in May
Zone 3	Opens July 1 <sup>st</sup> Closes July 20th	Those who qualified in June
Zone 4	Opens Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> Closes August 20th	Those who qualified in July
Zone 5	Opens Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> Closes September 20th	Those who qualified in August
Zone 6	Opens Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> Closes Oct 20th	Those who qualified in September
Zone 7	Opens Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> Closes Nov 5th	Those who qualified in October

Zones will close off once we reach the quota, zone 1 max 400 acts, Zones 2 to 7 will be 300 acts per zone, Register as soon as your zone opens and make payment the closing date for your zone is only a guide and it could fill early.

#### Want to block spots with a deposit?

We allow everyone to pre block spots with a deposit with final payment and complete registrations to be completed at your zone closing date, we highly recommend this for everyone to lock in your spots and take part in the pre block option.

Pre block opens May 10<sup>th</sup> till May 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Q&A Pre Block for Showcase**

#### Is doing a pre block worth it?

YES.. This will guarantee your spots for Nationals and you are not subject to the 300 act max cut off for your zone. Just make sure you complete your final registrations when your zone opens. We have had dancers who did not pre block miss out as we filled the 300 quota early on their zones.

#### How do I pre block my acts for Showcase Finals

We ask that you go to the Showcasedance.com website the click on registration, set up your DCG account and then follow our step by step guide

#### Who can pre block their acts

All those who are in Zone 7 to Zone 7, you need to work out when you will be qualifying your first acts and this will be your zone.

#### How much does it cost to pre block my acts

The software will calculate approx. 50% of your acts based on the solo rate.

#### When does the pre block open and close

May 10<sup>th</sup> till 16<sup>th</sup> only. You need to go in and pre block and pay the deposit

#### I have pre blocked when should I make final payment

We ask that you prepare to make final payment as soon as your zone opens

#### What If miss the pre block

You will only be able to do a direct registration when your zone opens

#### I am zone 1 why can't I pre block my acts

Zone 1 will open after the pre block for the other zones.

#### I pre blocked my acts when do I receive my discount code

We will send everyone a unique one time 10% discount code once the pre block concludes for those in zone 2 to 7 you can only use this one time code when you make final payment for your zone.

#### I booked accommodation how do I get my discount applied

You need to contact us via the Showcase chat service and request to have your registrations adjusted and before you make final payment, allow us 72 hours to adjust for you

#### Who do I contact if I have a question about the pre block

Please contact us via the Showcase chat service.

#### Who do I contact if I have a question about the accommodation Please contact email bookings@showcasedance.com

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#### What are the office hours for Showcase during May to July

We will not be allocating set office hours during May to July, we will reply to you within 24 to 72 hours of your message and be checking the chat and emails every few days Please be patient.

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GOLD COAST

#### ~Showcase Australian Dance Championships 2026~ Event dates: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18th January, 2026 ACCOMMODATION REGISTRATION FORM Please email your completed form to <u>bookings@showcasedance.com</u> BOOKINGS OPEN FROM 9AM,THURSDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Surname:	Accommodation is paid in full for Star Grand Hotel at check in on arrival at the event in January 2026. <u>Apartments to be paid in full by</u>
First name: (name must be the person checking in to accommodation)	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> 2025, direct to the Star GC Please nominate method of payment: M/card  Visa
Dance Studio Name:	Credit Card Number (required to guaranteed your room)
Dancers full name	
Telephone (mobile)	Expiry 4 digits on back of card
	I authorise my credit card to be used as guarantee for accommodation. &
	the \$40 service fee per room <u>which confirms my booking, the \$40 will</u> be charged by Showcase
Email:	Cardholders Name:
Address:	Cardholders Signature:
	Is the above credit card for:
	Third Party Please fill in card holder details below:
Number of persons requiring accommodation	Cardholders Details: Cardholders Name:
<u>Adults</u> <u>Children</u>	Cordholdere Addresse
*No charge if children are sharing with parents. Max 2 adults/2 children (under 12yrs) per room using existing bedding or 3 adults (13 & over) <u>at the Star Grand hotel</u>	Cardholders Address:
A \$40 service fee per room/apartment will be charged by Showcase	Cardholders Telephone Number:
which also allows for one change up until NOV 30th, 2025. All bookings for Showcase guests will be handled directly by Showcase, for any enquiries for your booking please email bookings@showcasedance.com This charge confirms your booking	Cardholders Signature:
And you have accepted the booking terms.	I authorize my credit card to be used as payment for Accommodation.
I/We shall be arriving on:-	or Accommodation & Incidentals and for \$40 service fee by Showcase.
Day - Month - Year	Upon check-in your guests will be requested to provide a credit card for pre- authorization for incidental charges incurred during their stay. The \$100.00
And departing on:- / / / Day - Month – Year	pre-authorization will be released by their financial institution 5-7 business days after check-out. Alternatively, a \$200.00 refundable cash or EFTPOS bond will be required.
PLEASE NOTE: Check in time 3.00pm onwards – Check-out time 11.00am	Please note a credit card surcharge applies for room accounts on check-in
ONE BOOKING FORM PER ROOM/ APARTMENT	and check-out including the "credit" option on a debit card: 1.8% surcharge applies to all Mastercard, Visa, American Express & Diners Club credit card transactions.
I wish to book (tick ONE ONLY) 1 bedroom Apartment \$304 per night (min 5 night stay)	Room accounts include any items charged back such as restaurant charges
2 bedroom Apartment \$646 per night 3 bedroom Apartment \$664 per night (min 5 night stay) (min 7 night stay)	Cancellation Policy: You agree when booking your accommodation to the following
	<u>Up until November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025</u> , A charge, equal to one night's accommodation will apply for any rooms cancelled.
Star Grand Hotel room \$304 per night	From December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 onwards :100% cancellation fee applies. Includes reducing room nights are still counted as cancelled nights.
For Star Grand only Double (1 bed) Twin ( 2 beds)	Bookings are all subject to availability on a first come basis. You cannot drop room nights from Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 without charge.
Saturday night stay is \$50 extra per room/apartment per night	Only add nights, subject to availability.
Please note> Room configurations are listed on page 2 and Are not changeable, IE booking 1 bedroom apartment is a max of 2 people on existing bedding a rollaway for any room is on request	Showcase will not be responsible for any rooms not booked correctly for your needs including incorrect dates, room types. Please check your confirmation is correct. <u>Including dates and room type.</u>
Special requirements room requests, including, rollaway & Breakfast \$25 per person per night, Breakfast must be pre booked to receive the discount, PLEASE ADD IN HERE IF YOU WISH TO ADD BREAKFAST, (will be added to your room charges for all nights and paid at check in)	<b>PLEASE SIGN to complete your booking form</b> By submitting this form and paying the \$40 service fee along with the confirmation of my booking I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to all the terms including cancelation fees. And understand I cannot drop room nights <u>from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 without the</u> <u>cancellation penalty.</u>

Signed \_

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Date





#### Booking information accommodation 2026 January National finals YOU NEED TO READ THIS BEFORE MAKING A BOOKING

- Bookings open from **9am May 15<sup>TH</sup>**, **2025** (forms sent before this date/time will not be processed)
- Bookings forms can be sent to email: <u>bookings@showcasedance.com</u>
- All rooms/ apartments are subject to availability on a first come basis from May 15th , 2025
- Allow us up to <u>14 days</u> to confirm your room and contact you for credit card details
- All rooms are on a first come basis on when the emails are received from 9am May 15th
- Booking accommodation also <u>does not guarantee your spots at Nationals</u>. We suggest you don't book accommodation unless you are planning to pre blocked spots or have registered/secured your acts once qualified.
- The \$40 service fee charged by Showcase is your confirmation of your booking that we have made your booking and is listed on our group list.
- This is a group booking that has set out all clear booking prices and conditions on the form including the cancelation policies and dates of cancelation fees and not reducing room nights policy after December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, a booking confirmed is you accepting these conditions.
- All claims for the discount entry fees to Showcase for those guests who book a hotel room or apartment need to be processed before you make final payment of your entry fees. They will not be honoured or credited after full payment is made for entry fees.
- To claim the discount registrations entries please contact us at Showcase via our chat service with the dancers name and what surname the hotel/ apartment is booked under.
   Our admin staff will do a fee adjustment to reflect the discount and then alert you to make final payment in your Dance comp genie account. <u>Discounts also need to be claimed before your zone closing date.</u>

For <u>apartment bookings</u> le the <u>1,2 & 3 bedrooms</u> these must be paid in full direct to the Star GC no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the credit card you provide will be used for payment Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. <u>Star Grand is paid on arrival at hotel when you check in January at the Start of your stay</u> **Rooms** 

## Please check the number of people you have booked in your party to the number of beds that will be provided by the Star GC as follows.

1 bedroom apartment	1 queen bed ONLY	Max 2 people or 3 people if booking a rollaway
(The Residences)		(limited rollaways available and not guaranteed
		for every room must pre book)
2-bedroom apartment	2 queen beds ONLY	Max 4 people (limited rollways available and not
(The Residences)		guaranteed for every room must pre book)
3-bedroom apartment	3 queen beds & or up	Max 6 people <u>NO</u> rollways available for these
(The Residences)	to 4 single beds	apartments.
Hotel room	1 king or 2 double	Max 4 people le
(The Star Grand)	beds	2 adults 2 children or 3 adults plus option for
		rollaway bed (pre booked)

#### Terms and conditions:

Once a booking is confirmed and the \$40 service fee is applied, all terms are locked in for your accommodation booking and you have agreed to these when submitting a booking form. <u>Check your</u> <u>confirmation from us that its correct, with dates and room type & enough beds for your party.</u>

#### Who to contact:

Hotel / apartment booking forms & enquiries email <a href="mailto:bookings@showcasedance.com">bookings@showcasedance.com</a>

General enquiries for Showcase finals and to have entry fees adjusted.

https://www.showcasedance.com/contact and activate the chat service.

Bookings for hotel and Apartments will officially open at <u>9 AM on Thursday, May 15th.</u>

Please ensure that you submit your booking forms only from this date and time

As any forms received earlier will unfortunately be deleted and not processed.





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