

## 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 in a safe environment.



SHOWCASE  
AUSTRALIAN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# NATIONAL FINALS

SOLOS  
DUOS / TRIOS  
GROUPS  
DANCER  
OF THE YEAR  
BATTLE  
OF THE STARS

SINCE **30<sup>TH</sup>** 1994  
*Anniversary*  
THE CELEBRATION  
CONTINUES!

**JANUARY**  
**12-18 2026**  
**THE STAR**  
**GOLD COAST**

Registrations and  
accommodation bookings  
open from May 2025

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## 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 new routine for that genre you have qualified or perform the one you qualified with, however you cannot repeat any routines at anytime in different categories except Dancer of the Year you are allowed to Rpt a dance in this category only 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. You are required to provide this information before you make payment.

**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 **however** you can only do a max of 2 group acts 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 Diamond level, 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. Please ensure your dancers do not depart the Gold Coast till after the Battle of the Stars Show.

# Australian Dance Championships

## *proposed schedule*

### January 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

Date/ Day	Other events	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2
<b>Monday Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Registration of participants from approx 11am	Solos from approx 1pm	Solos from approx 1pm
<b>Tuesday Jan 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Workshops all ages, DOTY rehearsals	Solos/ Duo Trios, Vocal/ singing Solos	Solos/ Duo Trios
<b>Wednesday Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Workshops	Solos/ Duo Trios	Solos/ Duo Trios, DOTY
<b>Thursday Jan 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Dance Fair Exhibition	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups
<b>Friday Jan 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Dance Fair Exhibition	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups
<b>Saturday Jan 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Dance Fair Exhibition  <b>The White Party</b>	Solos/ Duo Trios	Groups
<b>Sunday Jan 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Batte of the Stars</b> Group Grand finals for groups and Dancer of the Year finals 2pm-6.30pm		
<b>Monday Jan 19<sup>th</sup></b>	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 will 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 <https://www.showcasedance.com/contact>  
And activate the chat service

## Important notes CHECK LIST

### **When you register you have agreed to ALL the rules**

- Soloist can only compete **once** 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 no late entries are accepted.
- Solo dancers are only allowed to enter ONE level.  
le Diamond level, mini and Adult solos must register as Diamond level only  
**All Dancer of the Year solos must be all solos in Elite level.**
- 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 not permitted to register solos or duo/trios that have not qualified.
- **Do not add in extra solos, or duo/trios that have not qualified.**
- 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 and you accept the terms and conditions when registering, these are clearly listed on our Showcasedance.com website.

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

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

We have included a guide on how to pre block

### **Accommodation bookings will open on May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please download and complete the booking form found on the Showcasedance.com finals page

## Showcase Australian Dance Championships

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION FINALS

**Ages:** Mini 6 years and under Petite 7-8 Years, Junior 9-10 Years, Pre Teen 11-12 Years, Teen 13- 14, Years Senior 15-19 years Adult 20 years and over. **Ages as at December 31st 2025**  
Ages are worked out on the DCG, average age for groups.

**Divisions:** Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Duo/Trio \_\_\_\_\_ Groups \_\_\_\_\_

#### List of Categories for Nationals

_____ Acrobatics _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Ballet _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Hip Hop _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Jazz _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Show Dance _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Lyrical Traditional _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Lyrical Commercial _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Contemporary Commercial _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Contemporary Traditional _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Tap _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Waltz Tap _____	solos only
_____ Slow Tap _____	solos only
_____ Fast Tap _____	solos only
_____ Open Category _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Song and Dance _____	solo, duo/trio & groups
_____ Vocal/Singing (any style) _____	solo
_____ Vocal/Singing musical theatre _____	solo
_____ Student Choreography _____	solo
_____ Mr/Miss Showcase of Dance _____	solo only (open category any style permitted)
_____ Production _____	Groups only
_____ Dancer of the Year _____	solos and by invitation only (no song and dance)
_____ Demi Character/ Variation _____	solos only
_____ Chinese Dance _____	solo, duo/trio & groups

*When entering online, you will be required to tick a box to accept to the terms & rules and agree to these as part of the registration.*

#### SHOWCASE AUSTRALIAN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

We hereby release all directors, officers or representatives from any claims for damages or injuries sustained while participating in any activity related to this competition, I also understand all rules, terms and conditions stated including time limits and I understand and agree as a condition of the event is that by registering acts online via the DCG these acts that the entries are **non refundable under the 100% cancellation policy**, including withdrawals for medical, covid 19 or injury. This policy is also for when an act is a no show or the dancer withdraws from the event or you change your mind not to perform. All dancers must be registered to take part in the event.

#### 2025 National Finals ENTRY FEES- Star Casino Gold Coast January 12-18, 2026

	Regular	Dancers/ teachers who are guest of the Star Hotel/ Apartments
Solo per act	\$110.00	\$85.00 (discount rate)
Duo/Trio (per act)	\$115.00	\$95.00 (discount rate)
Groups per act	\$140.00	<b>\$80 per act</b> when booking 20 rooms or more
Dancer of the Year	\$145.00	\$125.00 (discount rate)
Superstar Title Award (solos only)	\$25.00	
Dancer registration (Wrist Bands)	\$77.00 (per Dancer)	paid only once per dancer
Event Program	\$25.00	

Discount entry fees apply to Hotel/apartment guests for the dancer or teacher listed on the room booking And will only be applied when booked and staying at the Star Casino as a Showcase Guest for the finals. Please contact us to have the discount applied before you make final payment at registrations.

Discounts to entry fees are **not** applied after we receive full payment of entries and if you book your room after registering for the event and made full payment. Any cancelled rooms revert to full fee + a \$50 admin fee.

#### Time Limits *(purchase of extra time is only available at registration, cannot be added post registration)*

<b>Solos 12 &amp; under (Pre Teen and under)</b>	3 mins max (+ can purchase up to 1 min extra time)
<b>Solos 13 &amp; over (Teen and above)</b>	3 mins max (+ can purchase up to 1 min extra time)
<b>Duo/Trios</b>	<b>CANNOT PURCHASE EXTRA TIME FOR THIS ACT</b>
<b>Song and Dance Solos (All Ages)</b>	3 mins max (+ can purchase up to 1 min extra time)
<b>Vocal Solos All Ages</b>	3 mins max (+ can purchase up to 1 min extra time)
<b>Groups</b>	4 mins (+ can purchase up to 1 min extra time)
<b>Production Groups</b>	<b>CANNOT PURCHASE EXTRA TIME FOR THIS ACT</b>
<b>Dancer of the Year Nationals (all ages)</b>	<b>CANNOT PURCHASE EXTRA TIME FOR THIS SOLO</b>

# 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 1, 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](mailto:bookings@showcasedance.com)

## What are the office hours for Showcase during March, April and May

We will not be allocating set office hours during March, April and May, we will reply to you within 72 hours of your message and be checking the chat and emails every few days (excluding April 7-29). Please be patient.

**Our chat will open from March 7th**