



Asian Ballet Competition (ABC)

ABC 2019 Rules and Regulations

Aim of ABC

Asian Ballet Competition (ABC) is a high quality and fair competition aims to support the growth of ballet education in Asia. ABC offers a platform for young dancers in all levels to present themselves on stage, and learn from the valuable comments Jury members. ABC focuses on artistry, and rewards talented dancers with awards, medals and scholarships. To recognize the contribution of dance educators, ABC offers awards to excellent dance teachers and schools.

Date and location

ABC 2019 is held on 6th to 8th August 2019, at the Y Theatre, Youth Square, Hong Kong.

Age divisions

ABC is for dancers age 5 to 23. Age is defined by the age on 1st January 2019.

Solo

Children A	Age 5-6
Children B	Age 7-8
Pre-Competitive A	Age 9-10
Pre-Competitive B	Age 11-12
Junior A	Age 13-14
Junior B	Age 15-16
Senior	Age 17-23

Group

Children	Age 5-8
Pre-Competitive	Age 9-12
Competitive	Age 13-23

Competition category

Classical Ballet Solo

Contemporary Solo

Group Dance

Music

Classical Ballet Solo category

Candidate must select one piece from ABC 2019 Classical Ballet Solo Music List. Teacher may create choreography based on the ABC Age Appropriate Movement Guidelines. Female candidates age 15 to 23 may wear ballet pointe shoes or soft shoes. Candidates age 5 to 14 must wear soft shoes.

Contemporary Solo category

Candidate must select one piece from ABC 2019 Contemporary Solo Music List. Teacher may create choreography based on the ABC Age Appropriate Movement Guidelines. Female candidates age 15 to 23 may wear ballet pointe shoes or soft shoes. Candidates age 5 to 14 must wear soft shoes.

Group Dance category

Each group must have 4 to 16 dancers. The group must select one piece from the ABC 2019 Dance Group Music List. Teacher may create choreography based on the ABC Age Appropriate Movement Guidelines. Female candidates age 15 to 23 may wear ballet pointe shoes or soft shoes. Candidates age 5 to 14 must wear soft shoes.

Certificate of Participation

Each candidate receives a Certificate of Participation at the date of competition.

Candidate award

Best Performance Award Trophy	presented to top score candidate in each age division
Gold Medal Award	presented to candidates with score between 96 ~ 100
Silver Medal Award	presented to candidates with score between 86 ~ 95
Bronze Medal Award	presented to candidates with score between 76 ~ 85
Merit Prize	presented to candidates with score between 66 ~ 75
Encouragement Prize	presented to candidates with score between 55 ~ 65

Scholarship award

Scholarship awards are presented to dancers in solo categories who show high potential for dance training, to attend AGP Ballet Intensive Program (BIP).

Full Scholarship Award	recipient receives 100% sponsorship
Half Scholarship Award	recipient receives 50% sponsorship
Partial Scholarship Award	recipient receives 25% sponsorship

Teacher, school, and choreography award

Excellent Teacher Award	presented to the teachers of “Best Performance Award” or “Gold Medal Award” winners
Excellent Dance School Award	presented to the school with winners of “Best Performance Award” or “Gold Medal Award”.
Excellent Choreography Award	presented to any choreographer who demonstrates excellent choreography in Contemporary Solo or Group Dance.

Scoring

Jury members offer scores based on artistry, technique, and stage performance. Jury member involved in regular training to any candidate within 6 months prior to competition must declare and opt out to give scores to the said candidate. Scoring and award decisions by Jury are final and cannot be challenged.

Registration

Registration is open to ballet dancers of all nationalities, female or male, age 5 to 23.

Online registration at www.asianballetcompetition.com closes on 30th June 2019, Hong Kong time. Candidates must fill in all required information. Quota is limited. Acceptance is on a first-come-first-serve basis. ABC reserves the right to deny any registration at its discretion.

Fee

One piece of Solo entry fee is HK\$1,500; Two pieces of Solo entry fee is HK\$2,500, Group Dance fee is HK\$2,500 per group.

All fees must be settled by PayPal or credit card transaction at online registration. Registration fee is non-refundable.

Change of data

Change of personal data or dance piece selection after registration may be made without fee until 1st July. After 1st July, any change made must be approved by AGP Management and an administrative fee HK\$500 is charged each time.

Health condition

ABC values the physical and mental health of dancers. Candidates must provide true information regarding health condition, allergy, and injury history.

Travel arrangement

Candidates must be responsible for their own travel expenses, visa arrangement, and insurance against accident, injury, illness or loss.

Access for guardian

Each candidate/ group will receive one Guardian Pass at competition registration. Guardian Pass holder may enter warm up area to assist candidate, but may not enter backstage area. Guardian Pass is not an entry ticket to auditorium area. Guardians who wish to view performance must purchase separate audience tickets for auditorium.

Audience ticket

All audiences are required to purchase audience ticket to enter auditorium area to view performance. Tickets may be purchased online or at box office outlets of URB.TIX.HK. Ticketing information will be announced on website.

Stage dimension and lighting

Dimension of stage at Y Theatre is 11m wide and 10m deep approximately. Stage lighting is set as soft spotlight.

Right of photography, visual and audio recording

Only official ABC photographers and videographers are permitted to record visual and audio at the auditorium and warm up area of competition. Any offenders are required to exit the premise. ABC owns the right to all photographs, visual and audio recording of the performance and participation of candidates during competition. Candidates agree to waive all rights to all recordings made by ABC or by any authorized third party on behalf of ABC, and allow such recordings to be used by ABC or authorized sponsors and third party for any form of promotional and commercial purpose.

Legal responsibility

All candidates, guardians, audiences, and participants must agree to indemnify ABC from any legal action and/or cost resulting from any physical injury sustained during the participation in any activities in ABC. This Rules and Regulations is subject to Hong Kong law, and final decision is made according to the English version.