

GENERAL INFORMATION – AHUROA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Early Registration Postmark by February 15, 2026
Late Registration Postmark by March 01, 2026

Personal checks accepted until Feb 15th only.

Cashier's check and money orders accepted through Mar 1st

To:

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PRESENTATION CONTENTS Ahuroa should consist of the more elegant and refined dances in the Aparima and if it contains something in Waltz time, ten (10) bonus points will be awarded. Only women performers, thirteen (13) years or older, may participate. Each group may choose an exclusive, main song. First come, first served. This must be a separate presentation from the Aparima/ 'Ote'a category.

PERFORMANCE DATE The Ahuroa competition will be performed during the Maeva Merced Pageant and in between 25-34, Masters and Grand Masters solo categories on the evening of Friday, March 20th.

CHECK IN

Instructors/Directors or designated assistant must check-in their group at registration between 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm on Friday.

The group entry fee includes entry into competition for the minimum number of combined performers and musicians/ vocalists, and will also include one (1) adult chaperone pass per seven (7) dancers/musicians/vocalists, which must be designated as such on above list. Discounted \$10 tickets will be available for additional performers above the minimum. At check-in, directors will receive a packet containing their group's allotment of entry passes. This is for the day of performance only. Group Roster must match Group Participants list included on the application. Family and friends of competitors must purchase their own tickets.

CATEGORIES

There is no skill division between beginner/intermediate and advanced. All groups will compete on the same skill level.

Music Competition

This is an optional category for Beg/Int and Advanced groups who use live music. Judging will occur during the Aparima and Ahuroa segment, and "The Use of Tahitian Language/ Pronunciation/ Accompaniment" scores from the Aparima and/or Ahuroa score sheets will be part of the judging. Acoustic instruments will be given preference over electric instruments.

GROUP SIZE CRITERIA

Minimum of five (5) dancers and five (5) musicians/vocalists.

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There is no maximum limit.

DRESSING ROOM DEPOSIT

A separate check for \$100.00 **MUST** accompany the group entry application as a cleaning deposit for the dressing room area. The check **will be DEPOSITED** and money held until after the inspection of group dressing rooms on Sunday. The condition of the facility will determine if the deposit is to be returned. If so, a check will be written.

PHOTOGRAPHS

To be included in program, group pictures need to be emailed to Joanna Blakeman at jblakeman84@gmail.com no later than Feb 15th.

SCORING CRITERIA

100 Points Maximum		
Entrance, Transition, and Exit	10	Points Maximum
Group Unity/Timing	15	Points Maximum
Traditional Technique	15	Points Maximum
Group Personality and Stage Presence	15	Points Maximum
Costume	15	Points Maximum
Fact Sheet/Interpretation	15	Points Maximum
Use of Tahitian Language/Pronunciation/Accompaniment	15	Points Maximum

**10 Bonus points for Waltz Time*

AWARDS

First, second, and possibly third place will receive trophies and a cash award on Sunday.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – AHUROA COMPETITION

1. ENTRY FORM

To become a competing group, an entry form **MUST** be returned with the entry fee.

2. FACT SHEET

Each group will provide multiple copies [minimum of eight (8)]. Fact Sheets may be used for press releases as well as explanatory narrative to audience members. Be sure to indicate if the presentation will be in waltz time. See separate page describing the desired contents of the Fact Sheet.
****Due date for Fact Sheets is March 01, 2026. No exceptions and no emails please. May incur late penalty****

3. TIME LIMITS

Timing starts with either the first note of music or with the first dancer to enter the stage. Timing ends with either the last note of music or with the last dancer to exit the stage.

Minimum of five (5 minutes to a maximum of eight (8 minutes).

4. COSTUMES

A more formal and elegant style of dress should be worn befitting the interpretation of the music, song, story or theme. Head adornment and/or accessories are encouraged to be made of live flowers, shells, feathers and other naturally existing materials. **SILK, PLASTIC, FOAM FLOWERS OR ARTIFICIAL FOLIAGE ARE PROHIBITED. NO HOT GLUE.** Costumes should reflect the era of the performance piece and enhance the beauty of the performers. Musicians must wear matching costumes deemed appropriate for Tahitian Music.

5. ENTRY FEES

An entry fee must accompany the application form.

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<u>Ahuroa</u>	\$125.00	\$150.00
<u>Music Competition</u>	\$75.00	\$100.00

6. COMMUNICATION WITH JUDGES

Dancers, musicians or directors are not permitted to speak to or otherwise communicate with the judges about performers on their presentations before or during the competition until after the awards are announced on Sunday evening.

7. RULE INFRACTIONS

Any infraction of the rules will result in a twenty-five (25) point penalty.

FACT SHEET - GROUPS

SUGGESTED FOR JUDGES:

Length

Two (2) to Four (4) pages

Introduction

One (1) page introduction

Contents

Chronological breakdown of the presentation.

Lyrics to songs and chants, as well as their translations into English.

Information on costumes, such as materials used, the significance of their use, and any other aspects of the costumes deemed important.

Sources used to research the theme (if any).

FOR M.C. and/or PRESS RELEASES:

Length

One (1) or two (2) paragraphs

Contents

Simplified breakdown of the presentation.

*****Eight (8) printed Copies must be received by March 1st to fulfill fact sheet score. Presenting fact sheets to judges at the event is not allowed, no exceptions. These infractions will result in a 10 point penalty**

REGISTRATION – AHUROA COMPETITION

GROUP DIRECTOR: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail/Website: _____

Group Name and Translation (story behind name): _____

Group History/Background: _____

Main Song: _____

Other songs included in presentation: _____

Please include performer roster and any public relations information with registration form and entry fee.

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\$100.00 ____

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Total Amount Enclosed _____

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