



MTU Competition Guidance – Hawthorn Finale Weekend 2026

General Venue Rules

- Smoking is strictly prohibited on school grounds.
- Please ensure all rubbish is taken home with you.
- Chairs will be provided and allocated per troupe; these must not be moved.

Food & Refreshments

- Drinks and snacks will be available.
- The food stall will be hosted by the Infinity Twirlers in the Dining Hall.

Tickets & Entry

- All spectators must book via the MTU website and pay in advance.
- Tickets are non-refundable.
- Entry fee: £8.50 per person Weekend Pass **or** £5.00 per person individual day ticket
 - One free entry per troupe is allocated to the Troupe Leader.
 - All other Troupe Officials must pay the standard fee.
 - Children below Reception age do not require payment but must still have a free ticket booked.

Safeguarding & Attendance

- Troupe Safeguarding Officers must hold a list of expected spectators.
- The Troupe Fire Marshal must maintain a list of all attendees (spectators and competitors).

Access & Identification

- Wristbands will be issued by the Facilities Manager and team; these must be worn by all spectators at all times.
- Troupe Official lanyards will be issued on the day based on registered officials.
 - Only those wearing official lanyards are permitted to move outside the spectator area.

Seating Arrangements

- Troupes must sit in their designated areas (floor plan to be provided).

- Spectators are requested to remain in the hall where their competitor is performing until the presentations.

Photography & Filming

- Photography and video recording are only permitted for members of your own team, with consent.
 - Recording must take place from designated spectator areas.
 - Only one person may use these spaces at a time to avoid obstructing views.
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Event Timings – Spectator Entry

Saturday

- Dining Hall & Main Hall open: 12:30pm (competition starts at 1:00pm)
- Main Gym opens: 1:00pm (competition starts at 1:30pm)

Sunday

- Doors open: 8:30am (competition starts at 9:00am)
 - MTU Officials may enter prior to opening times.
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Competition Procedures

- Categories will be announced; twirlers must report immediately to the designated arena.
 - Each arena will be clearly labelled with event and age group details.
 - Arena Marshals will manage check-ins and maintain whiteboards for judges.
 - Twirlers must enter and exit the floor promptly and in an orderly manner, directly from and back to the waiting area.
 - Competitors will perform in the listed order.
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Presentations & Dress Code

- A small presentation will take place on Saturday for Lead Strutt / Strutt Poses heats.
 - Dress code: troupe tracksuit, T-shirt, or leotard.
- Sunday presentation:
 - All twirlers must wear troupe leotards.
 - Seating must follow the provided floor plan.
- Troupe Presentation Representatives must wear MTU sashes and troupe uniform.
- Participation and Merit Certificates will be presented alongside placement awards.

- Awards will be given for 1st to 6th place; recipients should stand and salute together.
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End of Day & Logistics

- Please return belongings to vehicles throughout the day where possible.
 - The Dining Hall, Dance Studio, and Main Hall must be cleared before presentations.
 - Prams are not permitted in the Main Gym during presentations.
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Additional Requests

- Each troupe is kindly asked to donate one raffle prize.