



# SummerFest

Dance, Food, Shopping...Masti

**Sunday May 19, 2019**

Sickles High School, 7950 Gunn Hwy, Tampa, FL 33626

## SUMMERFEST – DANCE COMPETITION RULES

### Overall Rules

#### Dance Categories

Competition will be held across following Dance Forms:

- Bollywood
- Bhangra
- Fusion

Non-Competition Categories:

- Indian Classical
- Folk

#### Age Groups

- Minor – 11 years and under
- Juniors – 11 to 14 years
- High School – 14 to 19 years
- College – 19 to 25 years
- Adults – Older than 19 years

There are **no age exceptions** for participants. A younger participant may part in an older age group, but an over age candidate cannot perform in a younger group. For example, a 14-year-old may compete in the High School Age group, but a 15 year old may not participate in Juniors.

#### Age Proof and Eligibility

- A copy of the birth certificate or a valid state issued id showing the age of the participant and picture must be submitted before the end date. No team/participant will be allowed to compete without submitting the age proof.
- 90% of all participants in a team must be ordinarily resident of Florida state. Visitors to USA are not eligible to be a part of the team.
- This competition is only for amateur participants and choreographers. Professionals and artists performing for monetary benefits are not eligible for this event.

#### Number of participants per team

For all dance categories including non-competition, team size must be between 8 and 20. Name and Age details along with Age proof for all participants must be emailed before the last date.

## Music

- One single MP3 file per entry must be emailed to [Summerfest.Tampa@gmail.com](mailto:Summerfest.Tampa@gmail.com).
- Music file must be sent before the last date.
- Team Lead must keep a backup copy of music file during the festival.
- Music can be a single song, instrumental music or a medley of songs.
- The complete music for the item must be between 3 and 6 minutes.
- All music will be screened for appropriateness and the team may be asked to change part or whole of it.

## Backstage and On-stage

- All teams must report back-stage at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time.
- Only volunteers with a badge (choreographers and assistants) will be allowed back-stage.
- Dressing room will be made available 60 minutes prior to the performance.
- All teams must vacate the dressing room along with all their costume and props with in 15 minutes after completion of the performance.
- Any props or costume items deemed as un-safe will not be allowed. This includes but is not limited to glass bangles, any type of fireworks, flammable items, smoke/ fog generating items.
- Not more than 2 minutes will be available for teams to set props and make formation prior to the start of performance.

## Judging

- All items will be judged by an independent panel of judges on the following criteria:
  - Choreography
  - Enthusiasm & Expressions
  - Creativity
  - Coordination among participants
  - Use of Props
  - Costume
  - Beginning and Closure
- At the end of judging, if there is a tie between 2 or more teams, the tiebreaker will be based on the scores in the following order –
  1. Enthusiasm and Expression
  2. Coordination
  3. Choreography
  4. Overall Impression (No Score, subjective decision by voting among judges)
- There will be an award for best costume in each category for minors, juniors and high-school age group.
- A people's choice award may also be awarded in all categories based on audience polling.

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In the event of a rule change, all the registered teams will be individually notified.

## Dance form specific rules

### Bollywood

- Music must be a single or a mix of tracks. Only Hindi Bollywood songs and tracks are permitted in this category.
- Use of appropriate props is permitted. Any props that could damage the stage or are deemed unsafe will not be allowed.

### Bhangra

- Music must be a single or a mix of Punjabi and/ or Hindi songs. Beats and instrumental music must be part of the track. Musical scores from films are allowed.
- Use of appropriate props is permitted. Any props that could damage the stage or are deemed unsafe (including Kirpan and sharp objects) will not be allowed.

### Fusion

- Fusion category will be a mix of two or more dance forms – Classical, Folk, Bollywood, Regional, Western, Oriental etc.
- Music must be a single or a mix of tracks. There are no language restrictions in this category. Beats and instrumental music must be part of the track.
- You may use regional language and English tracks if you wish.
- Creativity in Fusion will be a major judging criterion in this category.
- Use of props is permitted but carry less weight in this category.

### Other folk and Classical Dance forms

- If you wish to showcase an Indian classical dance form or any other folk dance not listed above, please let us know. These items will be presented in non-competition category.

## Scoring Guide

	Bollywood	Bhangra	Fusion
Choreography	20	15	15
Creativity	10	10	20
Enthusiasm & Expressions	15	20	15
Coordination among participants	15	15	15
Use of Props	10	10	5
Costume	10	10	10
Beginning and Closure	20	20	20