

# Rules & Regulations for BW's Choreography Competition 2025



## ENTRY

1. Entry forms must be completed via our google doc by Sunday 12th October 2025.  
Late entries will not be accepted.
1. The competition is only open to students from **BW Dance Works**.
2. Competitors can only make a maximum of 2 entries. Each entry is £8 each.
3. Our show this year is 'Jet Set.' Please think about appropriate routines and songs for an 'Around the World' theme when deciding.
4. Duets, Trios and Quads will be in an age-group based on their oldest dancer.

## CHOREOGRAPHY

1. Dancers must not use direct choreography from videos online.
2. Dancers must not use direct choreography from teachers.
3. Whilst all BW teachers wish to encourage everyone who enters, we cannot 'help' students with choreography but can give advice regarding costume, music and style of dance.

## TIME LIMITS / MUSIC

1. Dances in all age groups must not exceed 1 minute 30 seconds. The music may be stopped should it exceed the time limit, or points deducted from our judges.
2. Music must be cut to the correct length and sent in 2 weeks advance of the competition day. If you need help cutting music, please get in touch with [bethany@bwdanceworks.com](mailto:bethany@bwdanceworks.com).
3. Music must not contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Parents must check their child's music before the competition. Music may be stopped if it is considered inappropriate.
4. Our show this year is 'Jet Set.' Please think about appropriate routines and songs for an 'Around the World Theme' when deciding.
5. Please see list of songs that are out of use as they are already in our line up for our show.

## COSTUME AND APPEARANCE

1. Competitors should be properly attired and groomed for dancing with appropriate footwear and hairstyle. Elaborate costumes are not required.
2. Costumes should be age appropriate and cover underwear.
3. Props are allowed but must be safely cleared from the floor after your performance.
4. In the interest of safety, competitors should not attempt tricks which they have not been trained to perform.
5. Costumes can be hired from the 'BW Costume Store' on a first come, first serve basis at the rate of £5.50 per costume. Alternatively, there are many dance costume websites where you can buy your own or even just on amazon/ebay you can find lots. You don't have to buy anything expensive or extravagant.

## PHOTOGRAPHY / RECORDING

1. Parents are allowed to photograph or video their own children but must not stand on the dance floor or distract the dancers or judges. Absolutely NO flash photography.
2. BW Dance Works will photograph and video competitors. Photos may be used on social media / for publicity if we have permission on your class4kids profile.

## JUDGING / PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

1. Routines are judged on Technique / Content / Performance.
2. Certificates will be presented to every competitor at the end of each dance section.
3. All competitors are expected to stay to the end of the competition for the prize giving and to congratulate other competitors.
4. The independent adjudicators' decision is final. Additional or joint medals may be presented in sections at the discretion of the judging panel.
5. The overall winner will perform their choreography in our annual show on 14th of March 2026.
6. All competitors and audience members must show courtesy, encouragement, support and respect to all the other competitors and their friends/family.