



Rules and Regulations

DISCLAIMER: We know that established community groups and youth companies/organisations will enter this competition under their established name(s). While this is not prohibited, our aim for this competition is that it supports young people's personal creation and journeys, as opposed to the established choreographers/artists/leaders of the companies taking control. We still respect group leaders guiding their young people, but also strongly want to promote the existence of the next generation of creative leaders.

We permit a maximum of 2 teams from any one named company/organisation per team category.

About 4x4

4 x 4 Dance Championship is an exciting National dance competition created by Hakeem Onibudo of Impact Dance. The competition gives young people between the ages of 13-25 who have a passion for Hip-Hop and Street Dance the opportunity to enter one of two AGE categories and form a TEAM of 4 MEMBERS.

Teams will perform on the iconic:

4 x 4 Metre Squared Dance Space

The 4 MEMBERS then must create a "PIECE" of dance, which is performed at the Preliminary round on **Saturday 15th June 2024**, at Impact Dance, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8EP.

In each age category the maximum number of registered teams taken will be 25. The top 8 teams from each age category will then go through to the FINALS to be held at Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London, SW11 5TN on **Friday 2nd August 2024**.

These finals will consist of 2 rounds: the "quarterfinals" (8 teams), and the "final three" (3 teams). The winning team in each age category will receive a cash prize of £1600.00.

Entry and Eligibility Criteria

A team entering the 4 x 4 Dance Championship needs to have "four" members in their team to register.

There are two age categories:

- **Team Category A: 13-17 years old**
 - Anyone entering Category A: 13-17 years needs to be between ages 13 and 17 on the day of the preliminary round which is Saturday 15th June 2024.
- **Team Category B: 18-25 years old**
 - Anyone entering Category B: 18-25 years needs to be between ages 18 and 25 on the day of the preliminary round which is Saturday 15th June 2024.

Any individual between the ages of 13-17 can enter the older category (Category B: 18-25) but no one who is 18 to 25 can enter the younger category (Category A: 13-17). For example: a category B team can be made up of three 18-year-olds and a 16-year-old.

To qualify for the relevant team category (A or B), you need to fall within the age parameters on the day of the preliminary round. If you have a birthday after the preliminary round this is not an issue.

Proof of age will be taken after registration and the payment of the registration fee. No team will be allowed to perform at the preliminary round if they cannot provide proof of any team member's individual age.

Proof of age can be shown by either:

- **A passport**
- **Full OR Provisional driving license**
- **Copy of birth certificate**

(NOTE: a zip card OR railcard are not forms of ID)



Each team needs to pay a non-refundable registration fee of **£16.00** (£4.00 per person) to be eligible to compete. The fee needs to be paid in total within 48 hours of submitting the registration form. Failing to do this will result in your registration form not being valid and you having to re-register.

All Category A teams (13-17 years old) will be asked to have an adult team leader with them throughout the 4x4 Dance Championship process. The team leader will also need to be present with the team ALL DAY during the events.

You can only dance for one team in one age category. You cannot be in multiple teams for the competition.

All teams at the time of registration need to submit a TEAM NAME. This team name will be your name for the duration of the competition. The event organisers reserve the right to reject inappropriate or offensive team names. This includes and is not limited to any name that belittles gender, religion, or ethnicity.

Preliminary round

The preliminary round will be held on **Saturday 15th June 2024** at **Impact Dance, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP**. All teams need to be available for the entire day.

Teams

The maximum number of teams per age category is 25.

Once we have 25 teams registered, any additional teams will be placed on a waiting list. The only way they can get into the preliminary round will be if a registered team defaults and leaves the process before the day of the preliminary round.

Registration is set to close at **midday (12pm) Monday 6th May 2024**. However, once we reach the maximum number of teams per category (25) registration will close automatically.

Team Changes

4X4 Dance Championship does not permit team member changes from one round of the competition to another without just cause and approval by the event organiser. Team member substitutions once a competition event has begun are not permitted.

However, if injury or any other unforeseen circumstance the registered team needs to immediately contact event organisers. This can ONLY be done by emailing paige@impactdance.co.uk to discuss the options of whether they can remain in the competition.

The substitution/addition of a team member(s) without approval from event organisers is subject to disqualification from the competition.

Music, Criteria & Scoring

If your team has been successful in registering, the next phase of the competition will be to prepare a "PIECE" of dance for the competition in a space measuring:

4 by 4 metres (only)

This will be the size of the dance area for the entirety of the competition. Therefore, teams will need to mark out their own 4 by 4 metre square and create and practice their dance in this area.

For the preliminary round, 4 pieces of music will be made available to each team on: **Friday 17th May 2024**.

Each team must choose ONLY 1 piece of music out of the 4 pieces of music provided.

The brief is to choreograph to the entire piece of music chosen, and the piece of dance must encompass all four members.



Teams must use the whole piece of music and it cannot be altered in anyway. If your piece of music is altered or any effects are added, you will be disqualified from the competition.
(Each track will be approximately 2'30 secs in length)

The performance space will be a flat 4 metre by 4 metre square.
The four team members must always remain inside the 4x4 metre square. The whole team runs the risk of disqualification or point reduction if any team member steps outside of the 4x4 metre square.
As it is a 4x4 metre square, you are required to create your piece of dance in the "round". This means it can be observed from all 4 sides. There will be a total of 4 judges, and 1 judge will be at each side of the 4x4 metre square.

Do not create your work facing one way only-Think in the "ROUND!"

Full criteria and scoring for the competition will be sent to you on **Friday 17th May 2024** along with the 4 music choices. You will be judged on:

- Creativity and quality of choreography
- Level of performance
- Presentation
- Technicalities

Genre/Style

4 x 4 is part of the **Outrageous Behaviour Festival** which is created by Impact Dance in collaboration with **BAC**. Outrageous Behaviour celebrates and has roots in protest and revolution street dance and hip-hop culture. Therefore, all work needs to reflect street and hip-hop dance.

Day of the Preliminary round

Each team needs to be available ALL DAY for the preliminary round. Each registered team for the preliminary round will get a 5-minute tech to run their piece.

All teams will be lit in a generic open white lighting state. There will be no option to programme specific lighting states.

The teams will be judged by a professional panel of 4 judges. The judges will be using set criteria to score the teams. A judge will be placed at each side of the 4x4 metre square. Full criteria and scoring for the competition will be sent to you on Friday 17th May 2024 alongside the music.

The judges will be non-biased, and their decisions will be final. From the final number of registered teams (maximum 25) the top 8 from each category based on their scores will be taken through to the Finals on **Friday 2nd August 2024** at **Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London, SW11 5TN**.

Finals

The finals will take place on Friday 2nd August 2024 at Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London, SW11 5TN. The finals will be made up of 2 rounds: the "**quarter finals**" (8 teams), and the "**final three**" (3 teams).

Music for Finals

For the finals, each team will need to create two pieces of dance. (One piece of dance for the "**quarter finals**" and one piece of dance to prepare if they qualify for the "**final three**."

For the "**quarter finals**," 4 NEW tracks will be available for each team on **Tuesday 18th June 2024**.

Each team must choose only **1 piece of music** out of the 4 pieces of music given.

The brief is to choreograph to the entire piece of music chosen, and the piece of dance must encompass all four members. Teams must use the whole piece of music and it cannot be altered in anyway. If your piece of music is altered or any effects are added, you will be disqualified from the competition. Each track will be approximately 2'30 secs in length.



Each team will also be given 1 piece of music for the “**final three**”. This piece of music will be given at the same time as the music options for the “**quarter finals**.” All 3 “**final three**” teams will have the same music.

In summary, the 8 quarter-finalists in each category will need to prepare their **quarter final** piece and have their **final three** piece prepared if they get through to that stage.

Conduct and Disqualification

At all times participants of the 4x4 Dance Championship who may be identified as a team, team member or team leader shall conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, and professional manner.

4x4 Dance Championship reserves the right to disqualify/penalise any team members for failing to comply with any rules and regulations set out. In addition, exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct towards organisers, collaborators, judges, dancers, sponsors, or others associated with the event will result in disqualification. This shall include derogatory posts on social media.

4x4 Dance Championship supports a drug and alcohol-free environment that allows for safe, legal, and fair competition for all dancers and organisers. Any participant who appears visibly under the influence or intoxicated during the competition will be subject to disqualification from the competition.

If any of the pieces of music supplied are altered or any effects are added, you will be disqualified from the competition.

The substitution/addition of a team member(s) without approval from event organisers is subject to disqualification from the competition.

The four team members must always remain inside the 4x4 metre square. The whole team runs the risk of disqualification or point reduction if any team member steps outside of the 4x4 metre square.

Clothing and Props

Props that are not a key part of a team’s “costume” are prohibited (e.g. canes, banners, flags, chairs, tables etc.).

Removing pieces of clothing during the performances is permitted provided it is not offensive or out of character. Appropriate underwear must be worn by all team members, always. Clothing too short and/or too tight will be scrutinised and may be deemed inappropriate, especially for overexposure of certain areas of the body and/or age, appropriateness. Body oils, or other substances (powders etc.) applied to the body or clothing that may affect the clean dry surface of the stage and the safety of other teams are prohibited.

Health and Wellbeing

It is the responsibility of the team leader to report a team member’s injury or illness to the event first aiders/event organisers. If at any time prior to or during the competition a team member is ill, injured, or their physical or emotional condition is at risk by participating, they may be declared ineligible to compete.

Key Dates	
Date	Activity
Registration Opens	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
Registration Closes (midday)	Monday 6 th May 2024
Music for Preliminary round & Criteria (midday)	Friday 17 th May 2024
Preliminary round @ Impact Dance	Saturday 15 th June 2024
Music for Finals (midday)	Tuesday 18 th June 2024
Finals @ BAC	Friday 2 nd August 2024