

HHI AUSTRALIA | 2026 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRY INFORMATION SHEET

SCHEDULE

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

VICTORIA

Saturday, 11th April 5pm
Doncaster Secondary College Performance Centre
123 Church Rd, Doncaster VIC 3108

QUEENSLAND

Sunday, 12th April 5pm
Paul Bancroft Centre
Cleveland District State High School
149-169 Russell St, Cleveland QLD 4163

NEW SOUTH WALES

Saturday, 18th April 5pm
UNSW Science Theatre (F13)
University Mall, Kensington NSW 2052

A.C.T.

Sunday, 19th April 5.30pm
The B
253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

If there is no competition event scheduled in your state for 2026, details on how to qualify for Nationals is found on a separate sheet found on our website www.hhiaustralia.com/REGISTER

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday & Sunday, 9-10 May
UNSW Science Theatre (F13)
University Mall, Kensington NSW 2052

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

Please refer to and read carefully the most updated **HHI Official Rules and Regulations Manual** before preparing for the competition. It's your best guide on how to succeed in this competition.

An abbreviated Rules & Regulations manual is also now available on our website. It is a concise summary and covers all the essentials of the competition.

DIVISIONS STARTING 2026

There are now 2 sets of divisions:

(1) Home Divisions & (2) World Qualifier Divisions

HOME DIVISIONS

This is an HHI expansion that provides wider flexibility for dancers, crews, and studios to encourage broader participation and inclusion.

It's a qualifier for the National Championships but not for the World Championships. It serves as a pathway for growth and discovery, offering dancers and crews valuable experience, recognition, and an opportunity to perform on the HHI stage.

PICK YOUR HOME DIVISION	AGE	MEMBERS	TIME LIMIT	REGO FEE
Solo	10 & younger	1	1:30-2:45 mins	\$40
	12 & younger	1	1:30-2:45 mins	\$40
	14 & younger	1	1:30-2:45 mins	\$40
	17 & younger	1	1:30-2:45 mins	\$40
	18 & older	1	1:30-2:45 mins	\$40
Small Crew	Any age	2 to 4	1:30-2:45 mins	\$20 per dancer
Big Crew	Youth: 12 & younger	5 or more	2:00-4:00 mins	\$20 per dancer
	Senior: 17 & younger	5 or more	2:00-4:00 mins	\$20 per dancer
	Open Adult: open age	5 or more	2:00-4:00 mins	\$20 per dancer

HOME DIVISION RULE MODIFICATIONS

Here are rule modifications that apply only to the Home Divisions

- No nationality requirements. Dancers don't need to be a resident / citizen of Australia
- No participation limit. Dancers can compete in as many sections as they want in this division
- No limit on the number of younger members in your crew
- Props are allowed in all Home Divisions if they're safe, small, and handheld
- No limit on entering and exiting side stage during your performance
- No 30-second rule for the start and end of your routine
- No deduction for fall, trip, stumbles (it will only affect your Skill score)
- Dancers can do backstage crossovers during their performance (if the venue permits)
- You only need to keep 50% of original crew members when you advance from State Championships to Nationals. Besides that, there's no limit in adding, changing, or subtracting members
- Only half the judging panel need to be HHI certified judges
- A crew who has won an HHI championship in the past is not permitted to enter the Home Divisions. They can only compete in the World Qualifier Divisions.

SCORING CRITERIA

Total possible score: 10 points

- PERFORMANCE – 50% of the score or 5 points:
 - Creativity
 - Staging/Spacing/Formations/Level Changes
 - Showmanship
 - Style/Presence & Attire
 - Entertainment Value/Audience Appeal
- SKILL – 50% of the score or 5 points
 - Musicality
 - Synchronization/Timing
 - Execution/Controlled Mobility and Stabilization
 - Difficulty of Execution of Authentic Dance Styles
 - Use of Authentic Dance Styles

Check out the official Rules & Regulations Manual for full definitions of the criteria above

WORLD QUALIFIER DIVISIONS

This format is exactly the same as previous years

PICK YOUR WORLD QUALIFIER DIVISION	AGE	MEMBERS	TIME LIMIT	REGO FEE
Junior	12 & younger	5-9	1:25-1:35 mins	\$40 per dancer
Varsity	Ages 13-17	5-9	1:55-2:05 mins	\$40 per dancer
Adult	Ages 18 & older	5-9	1:55-2:05 mins	\$40 per dancer
Mini Crew	Any age	3-4	1:25-1:35 mins	\$40 per dancer
JV MegaCrew	17 & younger (up to 10% of the crew may consist of members who are 18 yrs old turning 19 within the calendar year of competition)	10-40	2:30-3:30 mins	\$40 per dancer
MegaCrew	Any age	10-40	3:00-4:00 mins	\$40 per dancer

Please complete your registrations as soon as possible to ensure your spot. Registration is completed once the registration form and registration fees are received.

Registration fees are strictly non-refundable but are transferable only in the same year if in any case of injury or any reason for substitution as long as it abides with the HHI Official Rules & Regulations.

CHECK-IN

Check-in for State Championships opens & starts at:

CREWS = VIC - 12:45PM	QLD - 12:45PM	NSW - 11:15AM	ACT - 2:00PM
SOLOS = VIC - 3:00PM	QLD - 3:00PM	NSW - 3:00PM	ACT - 3:30PM

The time above is when your crew / soloist is expected to turn up to the event. If there's an adjustment to this time due to the number of registered crews, the crew managers will be notified one week before competition date once all competing crews have registered.

Each competing crew is automatically allowed 1 crew manager. Soloists don't get a crew manager. For crews with 6 or more members they have the option to purchase an extra backstage pass for an assistant crew manager through the registration form. Crew managers are the only ones permitted to represent each crew at check-in. They don't have a designated seat but they can watch the show. They need to submit their Working With Children Checks (ie. WWCC / Blue Card / etc) as part of the registration form.

The crew managers will be given all entry wristbands and any other necessary information at check-in.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION, AGE, & NATIONALITY

A Proof of Identification, Age, & Nationality is required to compete. The accepted forms of ID are: (a) passport, (b) birth certificate, or (c) Australian driver's licence. These need to be attached to the registration form. Make sure that each crew member's ID matches their name entered on the registration form. Home Division competitors don't need to prove nationality.

WAIVER FORMS

Each performer is required to sign a waiver form for the event. A link will be sent to the crew manager / soloist via email after we receive the crew's registration form. All performers under 18 years of age need a parent / guardian to sign in their behalf.

ORDER OF PERFORMANCE

Order of performance will be in random order. This will be available at the check-in desk upon arrival.

SCHEDULE

Below is the current schedule of the State Championship events. If there are any major changes to this schedule, crew managers will be notified one week before competition date once all competing crews have registered.

VIC & QLD Events

12.45PM – Crew check-in starts
1.30PM-2.00PM – Crew Briefing
2.00PM-4.00PM – Stage Runs
3.00PM – Solos check-in
4.30PM – Doors open
5.00PM-6.00PM – Show starts
– Solos / Home Divisions
6.00PM-8.00PM – World Qualifier Divisions

NSW Event

11.15AM – Crew check-in starts
12.00PM-12.25PM – Crew Briefing
12.35PM-4.00PM – Stage Runs
3.00PM – Solos check-in
4.30PM – Doors open
5.00PM-6.00PM – Show starts
– Solos / Home Divisions
6.00PM-9.45PM – World Qualifier Divisions

ACT Event

2.00PM – Crew check-in starts
2.45PM-3.15PM – Crew Briefing
3.15PM-4.30PM – Stage Runs
3.30PM – Solos check-in
5.00PM – Doors open
5.30PM-6.30PM – Show starts: Solos / Home Divisions
6.30PM-8.00PM – World Qualifier Divisions

STAGE RUN

Crews need to standby side stage 10 minutes before their stage run time slot. Depending on which division and event size, crews will get between 2-5 minutes stage run time. All solos will collectively get a stage feeler, not an individual stage run. Times will be confirmed at check-in. Stage run / feelers are not compulsory. It is up to you / your crew to take advantage of it.

JUDGING PANEL & RESULTS

The judging panel will consist of qualified judges as stated in the HHI Official Rules & Regulations.

Results and scores will be publicly posted as soon as possible on the HHI Australia social media pages for transparency.

STAGE

Performing area varies per venue but is at least 9 metres wide x 7 metres deep.

ICE PACKS

It is highly recommended for each crew / soloist to bring their own ice packs at the event in case you need them. We cannot promise to supply ice packs for competitors.

DUE DATES (STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS)

1) Registration forms and fees

Victoria – Monday, 30 March

Queensland – Monday, 30 March

A.C.T. – Monday, 06 April

N.S.W. – Monday, 06 April

This is the Registration Form link > <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260198227769874>

This is also found on www.hhiaustralia.com/REGISTER

2) Music

Victoria – Friday, 03 April

Queensland – Friday, 03 April

A.C.T. – Friday, 10 April

N.S.W. – Friday, 10 April

Email music to hhiaustralia.music@gmail.com. The email title and label of your music track must include your crew / soloist name or it will not be considered.

The event organisers will be able to provide a service of checking music requirements if submitted by due date. Otherwise, it cannot be done and your crew / soloist may have a risk of deduction if there are any music issues in accordance to the Rules & Regulations. Failure to submit music by this date will also result in a late penalty fee (see 'PENALTIES' below).

All crews / soloists are also required to bring their final mix in a USB and mp3 player as back up on the day.

PENALTIES

Failure to submit completed Registration Form by due date - \$75 per crew / solo late fee.

Registration fee not received by due date - \$75 per crew / solo late fee

Failure to submit music by due date – \$75 per crew / solo late fee

Failure to submit completed Waiver Forms and Proof of Identification, Age, & Nationality by due date – Crew Member unable to compete

All penalty payments are due at check-in to enable the crew to compete.

VIDEO FOOTAGE

We may film and post your crew's performance on our YouTube / social media channels. If your crew goes through to the next round, we will not post your crew's video until after Nationals.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us on social media to keep posted.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HHIaustralia

Instagram: @HHIaustralia

Youtube: HHI Australia

2026 National Championship hashtags: #HHIaustralia #GoForGold2026

QUALIFYING TO NATIONALS

The number of crews / solos from State Championships that will qualify to compete at the National Championships will depend on the quality level of the competitors in each state. The judges will select the best ones in the country to advance. 1st place winners will automatically qualify.

All defending champions in the World Qualifier Divisions from the previous year will automatically go through to Nationals and do not have to compete at the State Championships. Please read conditions to this on the Official Rules & Regulations manual.

For the World Qualifier Divisions, the top 5 crews per division at Nationals qualify to represent Australia at the World Championships.

COMPETITION SHOW TICKETS

Show tickets will be available on www.hhiaustralia.com in February

CONTACT

HHI Australia is active on social media (Facebook and Instagram). However, please refrain from messaging us via these platforms as they are not the most reliable way to communicate important information. There are cases where messages are not successfully sent or received. Please use email only for important matters and all crew submissions. Avoid sending last minute queries as we may not be able to attend to queries sent the day of or the day before the competition.

For all registration enquiries, please contact us via email at hiphopinternational.au@gmail.com

Music submissions to hhiaustralia.music@gmail.com

All HHI World Championship information is found at www.hiphopinternational.com

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- 1) Online Registration Form submitted by due date
- 2) Registration Fees received by us by due date
- 3) Music labeled correctly and submitted by due date
- 4) Signed individual Performer Waiver Forms submitted online by due date. All competitors under 18 years of age need a parent / guardian to sign in their behalf