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Dance Quest – Code of Conduct

1. General Overview

Dance Quest is a family-focused, inclusive and professional dance competition dedicated to nurturing talent in a safe and encouraging environment. This Code of Conduct applies to all competitors, teachers, studio representatives, parents/guardians, spectators, and staff involved in any Dance Quest event. By entering or attending Dance Quest, you agree to abide by the following terms.

2. Code of Conduct

Dance Quest requires all attendees to adhere to this Code of Conduct. This includes, but is not limited to: dancers, parents, guardians, teachers, studio staff, adjudicators, vendors, spectators, and volunteers.

2.1 Expected Behaviour

All individuals must:

- Demonstrate respect, kindness, and good sportsmanship at all times.
- Refrain from any disruptive, aggressive, or inappropriate behaviour.
- Follow directions from Dance Quest staff, venue personnel, and adjudicators.
- Uphold the integrity and spirit of the competition by supporting all dancers equally.

2.2 Bullying, Harassment & Discrimination

- Bullying, harassment, intimidation, or discrimination (including but not limited to race, gender identity, ability, religion, or sexuality) is strictly prohibited.
- Any breach will result in immediate disciplinary action, including removal from the venue or permanent ban from future events.

2.3 Social Media & Public Commentary

- Dance Quest has a zero-tolerance policy for defamatory, negative, or harmful comments made publicly or privately, including via social media, messaging platforms, emails, or in person.
- Any person who makes harmful statements about Dance Quest, its staff, adjudicators, participants, or associated parties may be subject to legal action and permanent exclusion from the event.

- Feedback or concerns must be addressed respectfully and directly to Dance Quest organisers via formal communication channels.

2.4 Defamation, False Claims & Legal Protection

- Dance Quest reserves the right to defend itself and its representatives from any defamatory statements or false claims.
- Individuals or studios engaging in slander, libel, or malicious rumours may face legal consequences.
- By participating in or attending Dance Quest, you agree not to engage in or spread any statements that may damage the reputation of the event or its organisers.

2.5 Right to Refuse Entry or Participation

- Dance Quest reserves the right to deny entry, disqualify participants, or remove individuals or studios from the venue, without refund, if they breach this Code of Conduct or any other term outlined in this document.
- Continued violation or severe misconduct may result in permanent disqualification from all future Dance Quest events.

2.6 Parental & Teacher Responsibility

- Teachers and guardians are responsible for ensuring the behaviour of dancers and supporters in their care aligns with this Code of Conduct.
- A breach by a dancer may be treated as a breach by their studio or guardian.

3. Registration & Entry Requirements

- All entries must be completed via the Dance Quest registration portal by the stated closing date.
- Entry fees are non-refundable, except in cases where Dance Quest cancels a category or event.
- Age cut-offs and routine limits are detailed on the official website and must be strictly followed.

4. Adjudication & Results

- All decisions made by the adjudicators are final and are not open to dispute.
- Any attempt to influence or contact adjudicators regarding performance outcomes is grounds for disqualification.

5. Music, Costumes & Routine Content

- Music must be uploaded by the deadline.

- Costumes must be age-appropriate and not offensive or culturally insensitive.
 - Routine content must reflect the values of Dance Quest and must not include inappropriate gestures, lyrics, or themes.
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6. Photography, Videography & Media

- No unauthorised photography or videography is allowed inside the venue.
 - By attending or entering, you consent to Dance Quest using photographs or footage of participants for promotional purposes, unless a written opt-out is submitted prior to the event.
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7. Liability & Safety

- All participants enter at their own risk. Dance Quest, its organisers, venues, and staff will not be held liable for personal injury, theft, or loss.
 - Participants must warm up safely and be aware of their surroundings at all times.
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8. Dispute Resolution

- Any concerns or disputes must be addressed privately and professionally with the Dance Quest team via email or scheduled meeting.
 - Public complaints, social media rants, or hostile behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in the consequences outlined in Section 2.
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9. Amendments

Dance Quest reserves the right to amend this Code of Conduct at any time. The most current version will always be available on our official website.

We thank you for contributing to the positive, respectful, and inclusive environment that makes Dance Quest a standout event in the dance community. Your cooperation and professionalism ensure a rewarding experience for all.