



CANCELLATION POLICY

— PEARL OF BANGKOK 2027 —



CANCELLATION DEADLINE

Cancellations received on or before **10 January 2027** are eligible for a refund, subject to any applicable administrative or processing fees. Cancellations received after 10 January 2027 are non-refundable.



NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENTS

After the cancellation deadline, no refunds will be provided for dance entry fees, packages, admission tickets, gala dinner tickets, excursions, or any other event-related services, regardless of the reason for cancellation.

Dance entry fees may, however, be transferred as credit toward participation in any Pearl Collection event taking place within 12 months of the original event date. Such credit is non-refundable, has no cash value, and may be applied toward eligible dance entry fees only. Any difference in entry fees for the selected event will be payable by the participant.



NO-SHOW POLICY

Participants who fail to attend the event without prior cancellation will be considered a no-show, and all payments made will be forfeited.



CHANGES AND TRANSFERS

Requests to change or transfer registrations, entries, packages, or other purchased services must be submitted to the Organiser in writing. Approval of any change or transfer is at the Organiser's discretion and may be subject to availability and additional charges.



TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The Organiser is not responsible for costs associated with airfare, accommodation, visas, transportation, travel insurance, or other personal travel arrangements resulting from a participant's cancellation.



EVENT CHANGES OR FORCE MAJEURE

In circumstances beyond the Organiser's reasonable control, including natural disasters, government restrictions, public emergencies, venue closures, or other force majeure events, the Organiser reserves the right to modify, postpone, reschedule, or relocate the event. Any refunds or credits in such circumstances will be determined by the Organiser based on the circumstances and commitments already made to suppliers.



REFUND RECIPIENT

Where a refund is approved, it will normally be issued to the original person, studio, or entity that made the payment, using the original payment method where reasonably possible.



Submission of a registration and payment constitutes acceptance of this Cancellation Policy.

THE ORGANISER:
PEARL DANCE EVENTS MANAGEMENT LLC

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



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OFFICIAL COMPETITION

RULES

CELEBRATING ELEGANCE.
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1. REGISTRATION & GENERAL RULES

Entry Deadline: 1 March 2027.

Early Bird prices are valid until **10 January 2027**.

Shortly after registration, participants will receive an email with their purchase information. Participants should carefully check spelling, entries, levels, age categories and charges and report any necessary corrections as soon as possible. Changes may not be possible once the competition has started.

Entry is officially confirmed once the required registration information and all required payments have been received.

Upon arrival, dancers should report to the Welcome Desk at **Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok** to collect their packages.

Each competitor should be present in the ballroom at least **30 minutes** before their scheduled dance time. After receiving the heat sheet, competitors must check that their dances, levels and age categories are correct.

The Organizer is not required to stop or delay the competition when a couple fails to appear on the dance floor for its heat. A missed heat will not be refunded.

The Organizer cannot be held responsible for personal belongings left in the ballroom, changing rooms or other competition premises.

Participation is at the participant's own risk. The Organizer is not responsible for health problems or injuries occurring during the event.

If a couple does not comply with the competition rules—for example, by dancing figures above the permitted level—the couple will receive a warning in the first round. If a couple fails to dance a particular dance in a final, the couple will be placed last in that dance.

All times shown in the competition schedule are approximate and subject to change.

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2. SCHOLARSHIP & CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Pro-Am student entering a Scholarship or Championship must enter a minimum of:

5 SINGLE DANCES

in the corresponding style; or

4 SINGLE DANCES

for American Smooth.

3. PHOTO, VIDEO, TV & STREAMING RIGHTS

- All rights relating to commercial video, television and live-streaming coverage belong to the event's authorized official vendors.
- Photo and video material recorded during the Pearl of Bangkok may be used for commercial purposes.
- By registering for the competition or purchasing tickets, participants and audience members accept these terms.
- Commercial photography and video recording must be approved or licensed by the Organizer.

4. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The following couples may participate:

- **Pro-Am**
 - Professional & Student
 - Teacher/Amateur & Student
- **Amateur couples**

5. DANCE STYLES

International Standard: W, T, VW, F, Q

International Latin: C, S, R, PD, J

American Smooth: W, T, F, VW

American Rhythm: C, M, B, SW, R

Specialty Dances: Argentine Tango, Caribbean, Hustle, West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing and other dances selected by the Organizer.



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6. DANCE MUSIC & DURATION

For regular competitive dances, music will be played for approximately 1:00 – 1:30 minutes.

Viennese Waltz:
1:00 – 1:20 minutes

Paso Doble:
2 highlights

Showcase music duration is governed by the Showcase rules below.

7. PRO-AM CATEGORIES

The Pro-Am competition includes:

Single Dance

Multi-Dance

Showcase

Scholarship

Championship

During Single Dance events, female/follower and male/leader students compete separately unless the Organizer decides otherwise.

In Single Dance and Multi-Dance events, adjudicators mark the student.

8. PRO-AM SINGLE DANCE LEVELS

The following proficiency levels are available:

Newcomer

Bronze

Silver

Gold

Sublevels within these divisions may also be used.

9. PRO-AM MULTI-DANCE LEVELS

Two-, three-, four- and five-dance Challenge events are offered in:

Bronze

Silver

Gold

10. PRO-AM SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship events are offered as:

Closed

Open

- Scholarship events are not divided into proficiency levels.
- They are divided into age categories, and adjudicators mark the couple.

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11. PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP

- Championship events are offered as:

Closed

Open

- Championships are conducted without age categories.
- Adjudicators mark the couple.

12. PRO-AM AGE CATEGORIES

SINGLE DANCE & MULTI-DANCE

CATEGORY	AGE
A1	Under 19
A2	19 – 35
B1	36 – 45
B2	46 – 55
C	56 – 65
D	66 – 75
E	Over 75

SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY	AGE
A1	Under 19
A2	19 – 35
B1	36 – 45
B2	46 – 55
C	56 – 65
D	66 – 75
E	Over 75
Open	Open Age

13. COMPETING IN DIFFERENT AGE CATEGORIES

- A, B1, B2, C, D and E competitors may compete in their own age category and younger age categories if they wish.
- A1 competitors may also compete in A2.
- For Scholarships, B1, B2, C, D and E competitors may compete in their own age category and younger age categories.

14. SHOWCASE – ELIGIBILITY

- Any Pro-Am couple may participate in the Showcase competition provided its performance complies with the Showcase rules.
- Showcase is not divided by gender or age category.
- All participants compete together regardless of whether their performance is:
Standard | Latin American | Smooth | Rhythm |
Exhibition / Theater Arts | Other dance style
- Only one dance may be used for an entry in the Show Dance competition.

15. SHOWCASE TIME LIMIT

A Showcase performance may not exceed 4 minutes, including the couple's entrance onto and exit from the dance floor.

16. SHOWCASE LIFTS

Lifts are allowed.

17. SHOWCASE PROPS & LIGHTING

- Props such as chairs, sticks and other accessories are permitted.
- All couples perform using the same standard Showcase lighting setup.
- Additional or individual lighting effects are prohibited.

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18. SHOWCASE MUSIC

Showcase music must be provided to the DJ before the competition.

19. SHOWCASE ADJUDICATION CRITERIA

All criteria are of equal value:

- Choreography
- Complexity
- Technique
- Couple Dancing/Togetherness
- Character
- Musicality

20. SHOWCASE MARKING & RESULTS

- During preliminary rounds, adjudicators select the couples they believe should qualify for the next round.
- In the final, couples are ranked from 1st through 6th place after all finalists have completed their Showcase performances.
- A couple that violates the Showcase rules may be disqualified by the Chairman of Adjudicators.

21. SKATING SYSTEM

The Skating System will be used to determine competition results.

22. AWARDS

- After Single Dance and Multi-Dance competitions, couples will receive:

DIPLOMAS

ORGANIZER PRESENTS

- For Scholarship and Championship finals, all six finalists couples receive trophies.

The Organizer may also award additional prizes, special awards and nominations.

23. ADJUDICATORS

- Only international-level adjudicators holding international licenses will judge the event.
- During the competition, adjudicators are prohibited from discussing participating couples with the competitors or giving them comments or opinions.
- Adjudicators are also prohibited from discussing competing couples among themselves.
- Competitors may not approach adjudicators to request comments, explanations or opinions about their performance.
- Adjudicators cannot comment on their marks.
- Judges' marks are final and are not subject to discussion.

24. TOP TEACHER AWARDS

Minimum 200 entries with minimum 2 students

1st place	USD 2,500
2nd place	USD 1,500
3rd place	USD 1,000
4th place	USD 900
5th place	USD 900
6th place	USD 800
7th place	USD 800
8th place	USD 800
9th place	USD 800

25. TOP STUDENT AWARD

The Top Student Award is determined by the number of dance entries.

The student with the highest number of dance entries will be named Top Student.

26. TOP STUDIO AWARD

The Top Studio Award is determined by the number of competition entries submitted by each studio.

27. FINAL REGISTRATION RULE

A couple is considered officially registered only when the required registration form has been submitted within the required registration period and all required payments have been made.