International dance competition

“Tukums MINI Cup” 2026

21.-22. November

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Tukums, Latvia.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

COMPETITION SLOGAN:

Dance for joy and friendship.

GOAL:

- Promote unity and growth and popularize dance;
- Create a friendly competition format.
- Evaluate each dancer and each team.
- Provide motivation and a platform for dance.

ORGANIZERS:

Biedrība „Dejas izaugsme”; Tukuma profesionālās ievirzes deju skola “Demo”

PARTICIPANTS:

Educational institutions, dance schools, cultural institutions and independent dance studios, groups of various contemporary dance genres, clubs, independent solos and duets.

VENUE:

Tukums Sports Hall, Pauzera Street – 7, Tukums, LV – 3101, Latvia.

- Field dimensions: 12 x 12 m;
- Suitable dance floor;
- Entrance from both sides;
- The stage has NO backdrops;

REGISTRATION:

05.10.2026. - 06.11.2026.

OR

Upon reaching a certain number of participants.

SCHEDULE

<table>
<tr><th>SATURDAY
(21.11.2026.)
Tukuma Sporta Halle</th><th>SUNDAY
(22.11.2026.)
Tukuma Sporta Halle</th></tr>
<tr><td>BEGINNERS

HIP – HOP
SOLO | DUO |

Organizer music</td><td rowspan="2">SOLO | DUO | TRIO

MINI KIDS
CHILDREN 1 & 2
JUNIOR 1 & 2
ADULT

| modern & contemporary dance |
| show, pop and free dance |

THE BEST SOLO
THE BEST DUO</td></tr>
<tr><td>ADVANCED

HIP – HOP
SOLO | DUO |

Organizer music</td></tr>
<tr><td>STREET SHOW GROUPS

BEGINNERS | ADVANCED

MINI KIDS
CHILDREN
JUNIOR</td><td>GROUPS

BEGINNERS | ADVANCED

MINI KIDS
CHILDREN
JUNIOR

| modern & contemporary dance |
| show, pop and free dance |</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">The exact schedule will be published after registration.
The schedule may have a delay of -/+ 1 h.</td></tr>
</table>

PARTICIPANTS DIVISION INTO GROUPS

- **BEGINNERS** – dance experience less than 2 years;
- **ADVANCED** – been dancing for 2 years or more.

AGE GROUPS **If the number of participants in a given nomination is not sufficient, nominations may be combined.**	
MINI KIDS 1	Born – 2022 and younger (up to 4 years old)
MINI KIDS 2	Born in 2020 – 2021 (5 – 6 years)
CHILDREN 1	Born in 2017 – 2019 (7 – 9 years)
CHILDREN 2	Born in 2014 – 2016 (10 – 12 years)
JUNIOR 1	Born in 2012 – 2013 (13 – 14 years)
JUNIOR 2	Born in 2010 – 2011 (15-16 years)
ADULT	Born – 2009 and older (17+)

CATEGORIES BREAKDOWN:

CATEGORIES	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TIME LIMIT
SOLO	1	01:30 – 02:15
DUO	2	01:30 – 02:15
TRIO	3	01:30 – 02:15
GROUP	4 - 24	02:00 – 04:00 min
If the submitted music recording is longer than specified in the regulations, the organizers have the right to request a shorter version from you or not include the choreography in the entry.		

CLASSIFICATION OF DANCE STYLES	
MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY DANCE *A nomination created by combining modern and contemporary dance techniques. The performance may include lyrical elements, an emotional message, a story or an idea. Emphasis is placed on technical execution, quality of movement, musicality and body expression.*	**SHOW, POP AND FREE DANCE** *A nomination created by combining show, pop and free dance styles. The performance may use props, plot, expression. Emphasis is placed on stage charisma, energy, rhythmic precision and creative performance. The dance may be stylistically diverse.*

COMPETITION PROCEDURE

REGISTRATION

1. When downloading the file **TMC_pieteikums**, you must fill in all the required fields

2. If you are participating from one studio/school with several groups, you can add the other groups in the same document, on a different page.

3. After filling in all the required fields, send your application form to tukumakauss@gmail.com by 06.11.2026. 23:59

4. Send the music to tukumscupmusic@gmail.com by 13.11.2026. 23:59

AWARD CEREMONY

1. All dancers are awarded 1st – 3rd place.
2. The competition may also award sponsor prizes.

SCORING

(After the competition, the leaders will receive the jury's overall ranking table)

CRITERIA (evaluated on a 10-point scale, summing all 4 marks together):

- **Dance movement performance technique:** precision, synchronicity, sense of style, sense of rhythm, variety and complexity of techniques, strength, performance, expression, positions.
- **Composition:** change of drawings, plot image, overall choreography, modernity, surprise effect, originality, accurate representation of the idea, movement effect, use of space, musicality, laconicism.
- **Image:** costume (age appropriateness), age appropriateness of movements, makeup, stage culture - appearance, bowing, contact with the audience, safety, interestingness, group feeling, emotionality.
- **Show:** emotional, visual and external evaluation of the performance.

PARTICIPATION FEE

NOMINATION	REGISTERING IN ADVANCE (until 06.11.)	AFTER REGISTRATION (after 06.11.)
GROUP (Starting fee per dancer)	20€ (For 1 nomination)	25€ (For 1 nomination)
	For each subsequent start + 5€	For each subsequent start + 5€
SOLO (per entry)	20€	25€
DUO (participation fee for both dancers together per dance)	30€	40€
TRIO (participation fee for all dancers together per dance)	45€	50€
HIP – HOP SOLO / DUO	20€	25€
UNLIMITED PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION	45 €	50€

! If you need an invoice, please send your details in advance. We will also issue a strict accounting receipt on the day of the competition, if necessary.

PLEASE NOTE:

! If there are not 3 starting numbers in a nomination, the nominations can be combined accordingly.

! There may be a delay in the timeline.

! Registration until November 6th.

! Music submissions are due by November 13th.

! When filling out the application form, you must wait for confirmation of its receipt (by e-mail or by calling the specified phone number). The application will be accepted only if all the required information has been filled in accurately and correctly. *(Including the total amount of the participation fee and the length of the music).*

! If a registered participant is unable to attend the competition, **the organizers must be informed in advance**. **If the organizers are not notified before the competition day, the full participation fee must be paid for the registered participant, even if they do not attend.**

! Send music tracks in **MP3 format** to e-mail tukumscupmusic@gmail.com. Upon arrival, please check with the sound technician that your music track is working correctly. **Music tracks cannot be submitted on the day of the competition.**

! Adhere to the timetable (arrival, start end for a specific nomination, technical break specification according to the situation).

! **ALL COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CHANGE OF SHOES!**

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMPETITION IS LIMITED!

CURRENT INFORMATION:

www.tukumscup.com

instagram – @tukumscup

facebook – Tukums Cup

Spectator admission 5.00 EUR, for each day of the event.