



## RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. There are no gender restrictions and/or age requirements to participate.
2. No registration will be accepted once the deadline has passed.
3. Registration fee is non-refundable. It will only be re-imbursed if the competition is cancelled.
4. Once your registration is confirmed, a release of liability will be sent to you to sign. If you don't send it beforehand, you will have to sign it at the event. If this release is not signed, you will be disqualified.
5. Participants must indicate what style they will be performing (Egyptian, Turk, Khaliji, Saidi).
6. Participants must indicate what type of fusion will be interpreted (Flamenco, Tribal, Drama, Bomba etc.).
7. Separate categories will only be opened if there are more than 3 participants registered.
8. Participants are responsible for bringing their own music, props, wardrobe, make-up, etc.
9. **For individuals:** Musical pieces must not be longer than 4 minutes. **For groups:** musical pieces must not exceed 5 minutes. Groups should be composed of ***no less than 2 members and no more than 12***. All choreography will be timed. Penalties will be awarded if time is extended.
10. There will be a registration table located in the lobby. You must register yourself at this table at least an hour and a half before the competition. Failure to do so can cause you to lose your turn and not being able to participate in the competition.
11. All choreography will be presented in an elevated stage. No digital submissions will be accepted.
12. While waiting to perform, you must use a cover-up over your participation wardrobe. Failure to do so is an instant disqualification.
13. Any interruption to your presentation due to technical difficulties will be given the choice to restart their piece or continue from where it was interrupted. If an injury is the reason for the interruption, you will be provided with time to regroup before trying

to do your piece again. You must re-try your piece during the time of your category or time allotted. We reserve the right to stop any presentation due to evident injury.

14. Judges' evaluations of participants are confidential and will not be shared.
15. Talking to the judges about points awarded or evaluations is prohibited. Anyone being found doing so will be immediately disqualified.

## **JUDGE'S & ORGANIZERS' RULES FOR PARTICIPATION**

Organizers & Judges:

1. You cannot participate in the competition.
2. No judge is allowed to rate their student and/or group. This measure is to ensure fairness. The rest of the judges will rate the participant/group.
3. EYFA reserves the right to change a judge at any time. If at any point a change of judge is required, EYFA reserves the right to appoint a new judge (whether local or international).
4. There will be a total of four judges assigned to the competition.

## **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

Judges will consider:

1. Technique
2. Music (was the music selection proper to the style/fusion selected by participant)
3. Performance
4. Wardrobe & styling
5. Professionalism
6. Use of accessories/props
7. **For groups:** coordination, unity
8. Rhythm & transitions
9. If using Khaliji, Egyptian or Fusion Music, you are required to dance the style you selected.

Disqualifications will occur if any of the following were to happen:

1. Teams with non-registered participants.
2. If one of the reasons listed above is found by anyone of the EYFA Staff.

### **DISCLAIMERS**

1. All participants, vendors, judges, guest stars and any person involved authorize the Puerto Rico Bellydance Fusion Competition to use and sell all photos and/or videos taken during the event for all professional, promotional and educational purposes. All competitors renounce any claims, compensation, recourse or complaint.
2. All winning participants must use the proper name of the competition in their promotions.
3. The event will be recorded by our official videographer. There will be no other authorized party to record. Only the finalist's presentations in each category will be published on our YouTube page and official website. Any professional videographer or people with professional equipment found recording the event who is not our official videographer will be asked to leave the premises.
4. Cellphone recording & photography is allowed from the seating area of the public.