



Youthsava 2024

Rules and Guidelines

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE & TIME : Sunday May 19th, 2024, from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm.

VENUE: India Community Center, 525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas CA 95035

OFFICIAL RULES OF THE CONTEST

The official rules are as follows. All participants must honor these rules. Violations will be grounds for penalties and/or disqualification from the contest.

1. APPLICATIONS:

- Registrations will be online at <https://www.indiacc.org>
- Registration fees have to be paid in full to complete the registration process.
- Applications are considered on a first come first serve basis. ICC reserves the right to reject applications that do not meet the selection criteria.
- No songs can be repeated in a category by itself. This will be strictly on the first come first serve basis. Songs will be uploaded on the ICC's website as we receive them. Hence submit your songs at the earliest. (Any repetition will be reviewed by the ICC team – whether the entry will be qualified or not).
- Directors will be notified if they do not get their first-choice song. They will have the opportunity to choose a new song that has not been taken already.
- Directors must register their teams under their name. Teams may not be registered under participant or parents' names.
- Application Deadline: April 30th, 2024, no exceptions.
- A director will not be permitted to have multiple groups in any given category, however we will make the following exceptions: Directors can send more than one entry per category, if the dancers in the groups are different.
- One team registration included entry to the event for the following:
 1. Dance Director
 2. Participants
 3. Assistant Director
 - a. The Assistant Director would be the person responsible for the whole team, throughout the event.
 - b. Must ensure the entire team checks in together.
 - c. Must enter his/her phone number at the time of registration.
 - d. Must ensure that the team queues up well ahead of time.
 - e. This person could be the Dance Director as well.

2. GROUP RULES:

- Contest is for GROUPS - Minimum of 4 dancers and Maximum of 16 dancers.
- PENALTY: If the numbers of dancers are less than 4 or more than 16, on stage at any given time, that team will be disqualified immediately.
- NO SOLO PERFORMANCES ALLOWED in the competition. One dancer cannot dominate the show while others are dancing in the background most of the time.

3. CATEGORIES:

- Sub Junior category ages 4-8yrs a) Film b) Folk and c) Remix d) Classical
- Junior category - ages 9-13 yrs – a) Film b) Folk and c) Remix d) Classical
- Senior category - ages 14-18 yrs - a) Film b) Folk and c) Remix d) Classical
- Semi Classical Youth Fusion - ages 10-17 yrs
- Semi Classical Youth Adult- ages 18 yrs and above
- Director's Choice (THEMES : Glimpses of India | Darpan (Reflection) | Holi (Colors) Same Dancers cannot compete in more than one dance in the same category.
- Same dancers can compete in more than one category. However we strongly recommend that same dancers do not participate in more than one category for the following reasons –
- Costume changes could be a bottleneck adding to delays
- Complications for scheduling the lineup of teams.
- To allow for increased participation from the community

AGE EXCEPTIONS:

- Participants may be allowed to be out of the age group (older or younger) within a year of the limits of that age group.
- PENALTY: Should there be exceptions to age of participants beyond those stated above that team will be disqualified.
- Cross checking that all participants are within the age group is based on honor system. It is the team director/coordinator's responsibility to bring all exceptions to our notice. However if it is brought to our attention that a participant is under or over the age category that they have registered under, ICC holds the right to disqualify the entire team.

NUMBER OF TEAMS in each category:

- A category MUST have a minimum of 3 entries to be judged.

4. REPORTING TIME:

Groups are expected to report at least 1 hour prior to their scheduled reporting time. Check-ins start at 8:00am. Timings will be e-mailed once the registration closes and line up is confirmed.

5. LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE:

- Music/Performance cannot exceed 7 minutes.

- **PENALTY:** The team will be informed if the length exceeds 7 mins and also they could be disqualified.

6. MUSIC:

Teams must submit their music via a link where songs are to be uploaded on a google drive shared with ICC, no later than April 30th 2024. Nomenclature for the songs and the link to the google drive will be sent by March 31st. Please do not wait till the last minute to upload your songs. We do not allow live music.

7.SONG LANGUAGE:

- **Film category:** Songs should be a film song only; it can't be the remixed version of the song, even though it is used in the film. Contemporary songs and songs from private albums and/or remix albums will not be allowed in the film category.
- **Folk category:** Groups can use songs from any language provided it has folk beats.
- **Remix category:** You can use the remixed version of the film songs or you could create your own medley of songs. Medley also should not exceed 7 mins.

8. PROPS:

Props can be used as long as they take less than one minute of set-up and tear-down time. Props such as plants, pots and small chairs can be used.

Props cannot include flames, candles, weapons or sharp objects of any kind which may jeopardize the safety of dancers and others.

Themes, props and costume should be of an appropriate nature and not cheapen the dance as an art form.

No vulgarities or obscenities are allowed at this family event. Immediate disqualification of this person(s) will result in such occurrence.

All decorations, equipment, clothing, jewelry etc are the responsibility of the dance director and dancers. ICC is not responsible for any damage or loss of these items.

9. STAGE LIGHTING:

Full wash at all times. No special effects for any team.

10. JUDGING:

Each category will have at least 3 judges who are qualified individuals.



The judges score will be based on the following criteria:

Entry/ opening, creativity/innovation, formation, coordination (Synchronization), expressions/lip sync, choreography, costume, grace and exit/end.

11. ICC is not responsible for any injury to participants which may result during their participation in the contest.

12. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:

Prizes for the category will be given after the entire category is over.

13. All decisions of the judges, all rules and interpretations of ICC are final.

14. Rules may be changed at the discretion of ICC's selection committee/judges without notice. Dance groups may be disqualified before, during or after their performance, if found to be in violation of ICC's policies and rules for the contest.

15. **ICC LED Screen on the stage will not be available for use for any competitive category.**