

REGULATIONS FOR STREET DANCE SHOWCASE CATEGORY

UNITED SESSION 2026 V.3

§1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Street Dance Showcase is a crew category taking place as part of the UNITED SESSION event.
2. The category is designated for crews presenting original choreographies based on street dance techniques and their creative combinations with other forms of scenic movement.
3. The objective of the category is to promote:
 - street dance culture,
 - choreographic creativity,
 - performance quality,
 - compositional awareness,
 - artistic individuality of participants,
 - development of young creators and dance groups.
4. Participation in the category implies acceptance of these regulations.

§2 CATEGORIES

Street Dance Showcase takes place in the following categories:

- a) STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 12-17 (MEDIUM LEVEL),
- b) STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER),
- c) STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 30+.

§3 CATEGORY ORGANIZATION

1. Age Category Qualification Rule

The category placement of a crew is determined by the average age of all participants in the form, calculated in accordance with the rules specified in this paragraph.

2. STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 12-17 (MEDIUM LEVEL)

Crews whose average age is between 12.00 and 17.00 years inclusive qualify for the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 12-17 (MEDIUM LEVEL) category.

3. STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER)

Crews whose average age exceeds 17.00 years qualify for the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER) category.

This means that any average higher than 17.00 (e.g., 17.01, 17.40, 17.99, 18.00) qualifies the crew for the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER) category.

4. Participation of Underage Dancers in STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER)

The category title "18+ (MASTER)" refers to the average age of the entire crew, not to the minimum age of each individual participant.

Participation of underage dancers is permitted in the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER) category, provided that:

- the participant meets the minimum age specified in point 2;
- the average age of the entire crew exceeds 17.00 years.

This means that dancers aged 12–17 may also perform in the MASTER category if the average age of the entire team fulfills the criterion of this category.

5. STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 30+

Crews qualify for the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 30+ category if a minimum of 50% of the total lineup consists of persons who turn at least 30 years old in the calendar year in which the event takes place.

The STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 30+ category is separate from STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER).

A crew meeting the requirements for participation in the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 30+ category may be

registered in either the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 30+ category or the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER) category, at the discretion of the person submitting the registration, provided that it also meets the conditions of the MASTER category.

6. Rules for Determining Participant Age and Calculating Average Age of the Crew

- a) A participant's age is determined on the basis of birth year, i.e., the age the participant reaches in the calendar year in which the event takes place, regardless of the exact date of birth and date of the event.
- b) The average age of the crew is calculated by summing the ages of all participants in the crew and dividing the obtained value by the number of participants.
- c) The average age is not rounded up or down to full years.
- d) An average of exactly 17.00 years qualifies the crew for the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 12-17 (MEDIUM LEVEL) category.
- e) Any average exceeding 17.00 years, e.g., 17.01, 17.40, or 17.99, qualifies the crew for the STREET DANCE SHOWCASE 18+ (MASTER) category.

7. Registration and Category Verification

The preliminary qualification of the crew to the appropriate category is performed by the person submitting the registration based on the age of the participants and the rules set forth in these regulations.

The Organizer and judges reserve the right to verify the age of participants, the correctness of the average age calculation, and the compliance of the entry with the criteria of a given category.

In the event an incorrect qualification is determined, the Organizer reserves the right to reassign the crew to the proper category.

In cases giving rise to interpretative doubts, the final decision regarding category qualification belongs to the Organizer.

8. Crew Size:

The minimum number of participants in a crew is 3 persons.

The maximum number of participants is not limited, however, the size of the team should be adjusted to the technical conditions of the stage and safety regulations.

9. Presentations take place on a stage measuring 7m × 12m.

10. Performance duration must not be shorter than 2:30 and not longer than 3:30.

11. The Organizer reserves the right to change the performance order or disqualify any crew that fails to report for their performance at the scheduled time without prior notification directly to the organizers and hosts.

§4 STYLES AND TECHNIQUES ALLOWED IN THE CATEGORY

Choreographies based on techniques specified as follows qualify for the Street Dance Showcase category:

- Hip Hop, House, Breaking, Locking, Popping, Waacking, Vogue, Krump, Dancehall, Afro Dance, Afrobeats, Lite Feet, Commercial, Funk Styles.

Combining the above techniques with the following is permitted:

- contemporary dance, dance theatre, physical theatre, improvisation, floorwork, soft acro and acro, partnering, performance, experimental elements.

The condition is maintaining street dance as the dominant movement language of the presentation!

The use of props is permitted (provided they are easy to bring onto and off the stage).

Choreographies based exclusively on the following do not qualify:

- contemporary dance, classical dance, jazz dance, modern, gymnastics and acrobatics, theatrical actions lacking a dominant dance layer.

§5 MUSIC

1. The coach is obliged to send the audio track to the organizer along with the registration by the deadline specified by the Organizer in §8.
2. Each audio file should be labeled with the crew name and category.
3. Each coach is obliged to have at least two copies of the audio track saved on two independent USB drives.

4. The use of original music, remixes, and custom music mixes is permitted.

§6 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Presentations are evaluated by a competent Jury invited and selected by the organizers of UNITED SESSION.

The Jury evaluates presentations in the following areas:

1. **Execution Technique**

- movement quality, body control, movement awareness, synchronization, technical preparation.

2. **Choreographic Composition**

- use of space, choreography structure, variety of movement solutions, relationships between performers, clarity of composition.

3. **Creativity and Originality**

- authorial character of work, inventiveness, individual artistic language, innovativeness of solutions.

4. **Interpretation and Expression**

- connection with music, musicality, stage presence, authenticity of performance, communication with the audience.

5. **Overall Artistic Impression**

- presentation consistency, dramaturgy, performance aesthetics, strength of impact.

Decisions of the Jury are final and not subject to appeal.

§7 FAIR PLAY RULES

1. Participants and coaches are obliged to comply with fair play principles.
2. Participants are obliged to show respect towards:
 - other participants,
 - coaches,
 - Jury,
 - event organizers.
3. Behaviors that may endanger the safety of other event participants are strictly prohibited.
4. The Organizer has the right to exclude participants who violate safety rules or fair play principles.

§8 AWARDS

Between 3 and 6 presentations from each category are selected for the finals, and cash prizes are awarded:

1st place:

- 12-17 years old – 2,000 PLN
- 18+ – 6,000 PLN
- 30+ – 4,000 PLN

The Organizer may additionally award:

- Special Mentions,
- Partner and Sponsor Awards.

§9 REGISTRATION AND FEES

1. Registration for the Street Dance Showcase category will be accepted via the registration form starting September 10, 2026, on the official event websites.
2. Participant fee:
 - 120 PLN/person – Tier 1 from 10.09 to 10.10
 - 150 PLN/person – Tier 2 from 11.10 to 18.10
 - 180 PLN/person – Tier 3 from 19.10 to 23.10

For example, a 15-person Showcase crew in Tier 1: $15 \times 120 \text{ PLN} = 1,800 \text{ PLN}$ for registering the entire crew.

§10 FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The Organizer reserves the right to:
 - verify participant age,
 - verify registration category,
 - make schedule changes resulting from organizational reasons or number of entries.
2. The Organizer has the right to photo and video recording of the event and publication of promotional materials related to UNITED SESSION.
3. Entering the event is equivalent to accepting these regulations.
4. In matters not settled by these regulations, the decision is made by the Organizer.