



## WORLD OF DANCE MILAN 2024 RULES

### REGISTRATION PROCESS – AUDITION VIDEO

**Audition Video:** To participate in WOD Milano 2024, you must attach a video audition to the online participation request via a link. The audition video may be of your dance team's most recent performance or rehearsal video.

**Make sure that your video showcases the best of your team's abilities.** Unfortunately, we cannot accept dance class footage as an audition video. Entries that include dance class footage will be disqualified.

### DIVISIONS FOR WORLD OF DANCE MILAN 2024

<b>JUNIOR TEAM DIVISION*</b>	<b>STUDIO DIVISION</b>	<b>TEAM DIVISION</b>
Maximum 18 years old. Every crew must have minimum 5 dancers. Over 18 years old dancers not allowed.	Minimum 5 dancers. Open age category. This division is for dance studios and non-professional dancers.	Open age category. Minimum 5 registered dancers.


*\*[ In case there are less than 6 groups registered in this category, they will be transferred to the Team Division category while the Junior Team Division category will not be held.]*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are no dance style distinctions in our competition. World of Dance is open to all dance styles, come on stage and express yourself in the way you love the most.

### WOD SUMMIT COMPETITION E WOD FINALS COMPETITION INVITE & COMPETITION PROCESS


ALL TEAMS of 5 or more members will have the opportunity to compete at the World of Dance Summit Competition regardless of placement, score, or participation at a qualifying event.

At the World of Dance Summit Competition, there will be three rounds of competition in both the Jr. Team Division and Team Division before the event concludes with the World of Dance Finals Competition.

<p>The competition process for World of Dance Summit Competition will commence in the following round order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WOD Summit Opening Round</li> <li>• WOD Summit Challenger Round</li> <li>• WOD Summit Championship Round</li> <li>• The top ten teams from the Jr. Team Competition and Team Competition will compete in the “World of Dance Finals Competition”.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>WORLD OF DANCE FINALS</b></p> <p><b>TOP 20 TEAMS - FINALS</b> 20 TEAMS COMPETE FOR THE TITLE OF WORLD CHAMPION</p> <p><b>CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND</b> 10 ADVANCE FROM EACH DIVISION</p> <p><b>CHALLENGER ROUND</b> 5 ADVANCE FROM EACH DIVISION</p> <p><b>OPENING ROUND</b> 5 ADVANCE FROM EACH DIVISION</p>
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**How teams score in the bell curve at a qualifying regional event will determine which round they will start at.**

Teams of 5 or more in the Junior Team Division, Team Division, or from additionally approved divisions at a regional event, will be invited to compete in a specific round based on the following criteria:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Championship Round:</b> Team scores 90 or above in the bell curve.</li> <li>• <b>Challenger Round:</b> Team scores between 80-89.99 in the bell curve.</li> <li>• <b>Opening Round:</b> Team scores less than 80 in the bell curve.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>WORLD OF DANCE</b></p> <p><b>CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES</b> JR. AND TEAM DIVISION - QUALIFICATION FOR WORLD FINALS</p> <p><b>90+</b> → CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND</p> <p><b>80-89.99</b> → CHALLENGER ROUND</p> <p><b>BELOW 80</b> → OPENING ROUND</p> <p>BASED OFF YOUR SCORE AFTER BELL CURVE</p>
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Teams may also be placed into a specific round in either the Team Division, or Jr. Team Division per World of Dance discretion. Teams may attend additional qualifying events to attain a higher bell curve score.

World of Dance Summit Competition placement invites can be extended to two years if teams are unable to secure visa application appointments within a given competition season.



## WORLD OF DANCE SUMMIT COMPETITION PROCESS AND ADVANCEMENT

- **Opening Round:** Everyone that has competed at World of Dance qualifying event and has scored below 80 in the bell curve.
  - **Advancement to the Challenger Round:** Top 5 teams from the Jr. Team and Team Divisions will advance to the Challenger Round.

*\* Please note that if the opening round does not have the minimum of 10 teams competing in a specific division, the teams competing will be rolled up into the Challenger round.*

- **Challenger Round:** Everyone that scores 80-89.99 in bell curve, across all regionals - applied to Jr. Team and Team Divisions.
  - **Advancement to the Championship Round:** The top 5 teams from the Jr. Team and Team Divisions will advance to the Championship Round.
- **Championship Round:** Everyone that scores 90+ in bell curve, across all regionals - applied to Jr. Team and Team Divisions.
- **World of Dance Finals Competition:** Finals competition with top 10 Jr. Team Division teams and top 10 Team Division teams from Summit Competition. Top 3 get a title, trophy, and cash prize.

## REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

To make the registration request for WOD MILAN 2024, simply click on the appropriate link within <https://linktr.ee/woditaly> and fill it in in all its parts. Once you have completed the registration request, you will have to wait a few days to receive the response via email.

Once you have been accepted to compete, you will need to fill in all parts of the official PDF document which will be sent to you via the same email. Completing the PDF in all its parts is mandatory in order to confirm your registration. The payment methods for registration fees will be sent in the same email.

### Registration Requirements

Please fill out the online registration form carefully. Each field present is important, so please pay maximum attention when filling it. In the event that the age of your dancers does not fall within the category chosen during registration, this will lead to the disqualification of your group.

If you bring multiple crews and your dancers dance multiple times, they will pay a registration fee for each performance, also please let us know so that we can draw up the lineup correctly with respect for your crews and your dancers.

### **Payment Requirements**

The fee for WOD MILANO 2024 is **45 euros** for each dancer for each performance on stage.

**Each crew participating will be entitled to a single choreographer pass (only one).**

Registration must be confirmed with payment within one week of receiving the acceptance email under penalty of cancellation of the registration itself.

### **MUSIC**

To complete the registration process, you must send the music no later than **8<sup>th</sup> december 2024**. All music must be prepared in mp3 format at 320 kbps and sent to [italy@worldofdance.com](mailto:italy@worldofdance.com).

Email subject: Dancer or Crew name – name of the event [es. "My crew – wodmi24 "]

The file must be renamed with the name of the crew.

### **Music Screening Process**

Once your group submits music, the World of Dance team will review it to ensure it meets standards. No swearing or offensive language is permitted. World of Dance is a family event and all music will need to be cleaned up.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Music analysis will only take place if the music is sent by December 8th, 2024. All music received after this date will not be analyzed. If your group is asked to clean up the music more than twice, they may be disqualified from the event.

**Duration of music for all categories: Junior Team & Team Division** maximum 6:00 minutes. Studio Division maximum 4:00 minutes. It is not permitted in any way to exceed this duration even by 1 second.

The choreographer will still have to bring with him (on the day of the event) a USB stick with a copy of the same music. The music contained in the USB stick must necessarily be the same one approved by the World of Dance team. This copy will be requested **ONLY IF** there are problems with the music received via email.

If the music on the USB stick is different from the approved music, the crew will no longer be able to perform and will be banned from participating in World of Dance in the future. Do not try to elude the rules!

### **PRE-SHOW PACKET**

To prepare you for your performance we will send you a pdf presentation a few days before the event. The presentation will include: the times of the day, crew check-in, sample jury sheet and many other essential information for participating in the event. No performance schedules will be communicated in advance of the event date.

## JUDGE'S PANEL & SCORING SYSTEM

Curious to know how voting works? For each event the designated jury will decide the votes of the crews. The full judges panel is made of 5 judges and 1 head judge who will make all the calculations. All judges will meet the eligibility, training, skill level and requirements established for a World of Dance event.

All judges will follow the following voting criteria:

<b>PERFORMANCE</b> <i>Facials - Energy - Stage Presence – Showmanship</i>	20% (20 points out of 100 total points)
<b>TECHNIQUE</b> <i>Cleanliness of Routine - Dynamics in Movement - Execution - Foundations - Body Control - Musicality - Timing / Synchronization</i>	20% (20 points out of 100 total points)
<b>CHOREOGRAPHY</b> <i>Originality of Routine - Creativity in Routine - Concept - Variety of Routine – Musicality</i>	20% (20 points out of 100 total points)
<b>CREATIVITY</b> <i>Music Selection - Transitions - Theme - Staging/ Blocking</i>	20% (20 points out of 100 total points)
<b>PRESENTATION</b> <i>Costume - Performance Attire - Hair &amp; Make-Up Attitude - Facial Expression</i>	20% (20 points out of 100 total points)

the final vote of each crew will be calculated by discarding the highest vote and the lowest vote and calculating the arithmetic mean of the remaining votes.

### **Example:**

Judge 1 = 74 | Judge 2 = 80 | Judge 3 = 85 | Judge 4 = 78 | Judge 5 = 68

The votes of **Judge 3** (highest vote) and **Judge 5** (lowest vote) are discarded and the final vote is calculated as follows:

Judge 1 + Judge 2 + Judge 4 = 74 + 80 + 78 = 232 / 3 (number of judges) = **77,33 Final Score**

### DEDUCTIONS

- **UNAPPROVED PROPS:** -1 points from final score (unapproved set pieces may result in disqualification)
- **WRONG MUSIC LENGTH:** -0,25 points from final score for every second over the time limit
- **PROFANITY IN MUSIC:** -0,1 points from final score per curse word

## MAIN STAGE AREA & BACK STAGE SPECS

**Venue / Staging:** The dimensions of the stage will be approximately 12x8 meters, there will be no wings on the stage. Due to the nature of the location and the number of participants it will be impossible to provide private dressing rooms to the crews, however they will have space dedicated to crews to prepare before the performance.



We remind you that all crews will be responsible for their own objects, bags and clothing.

The location, World of Dance staff and all people working on the event will not be held responsible for losses or any theft or damage to items left unattended.

**Props:** Do you have props? They will have to go through our approval process. World of Dance staff will need to approve all props, please email us at [italy@worldofdance.com](mailto:italy@worldofdance.com) to request approval. All objects must be fireproof and must not cause damage to the stage in any way. The use of props not approved in advance will not be permitted.

**Tech:** Due to a very tight schedule, stage rehearsals will not be allowed.

## **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

World of Dance will hold an awards ceremony after Studio Division and another one after Team Division.

The winners will receive the event trophies in the case of first, second and third place in the ranking. Furthermore, the 1st place winners in each category will receive a prize:

Junior Team Division	500 Euros
Studio Division	300 Euros
Team Division	700 Euros

Prizes will be paid within 60 days of the event itself. Furthermore, in each category there will be 3 special prizes: Best Theme, Best Costume, Crowd Favorite.

For anything not expressly provided for by the regulation you can send an email to [italy@worldofdance.com](mailto:italy@worldofdance.com) for any clarifications.