

# Hip Op-eration

## Dance Academy

### World Championships

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## **What are the World Championships?**

The Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ World Championships is a global event giving all Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ Dance Crews around the globe the chance to unite, compete and socialise with one another. It will be the most exciting event of the year for all members of the Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ and the atmosphere will be electric.

## **When will the World Championships be held?**

The first Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ World Championships will be held as soon as there are enough Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ Dance Crew's around the world ready to compete against each other on a global scale. At least 40 Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ dance crews will need to express their keen interest to compete against other Academy crews to justify the a World Championship event going head.

## **Where will the World Championships be held?**

The country and town where the World Championships will be held will be announced six months before the event. The location for the World Championships will be chosen for a number of factors including accessibility to registered participants, being a fun and safe place to visit, value for money for participants, weather, facilities available and a place all participants will enjoy visiting.

## **What will happen at the World Championships?**

There will be an initial opening ceremony followed by Preliminary competition performances for each Division. Dance Crew's who get through the Preliminaries in their division will advance to the Semi finals. Dance Crew's who get through the Semi Finals in their division will advance to the Finals. After the Finals a closing ceremony will be held with lots of festivities. The World Championships may go over two days depending on the number of entrants.

In addition, all Dance Crew's will be eligible to go on a weeklong organised holiday trip of the country/region where the World Championships will be held. This holiday will be the trip of a lifetime and will include lots of exciting, fun social activities to ensure every person on the tour goes home feeling at least 30 years younger!

## **Who are the Judges?**

The Judges at the World Championships will include Billie Jordan, founder of the Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™, members of the Hip Op-eration Crew™ and other valued leaders within the international Hip Hop community.

## **What will Dance Crews performances be judged on at the World Championships?**

Dance Crews will be judged on their uniform, dance ability, attitude, facial expressions and the response they receive from the audience.

## **What is the mandatory criteria for Dance Crew at the World Championships**

Every Dance Crew competing at the Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ World Championships must:

- Perform to a two minute music track provided by the Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ specifically for use at the World Championships. These music tracks will be available 12 months before the World Championships.
- Be between five and 20 members strong (including mobility aid allowances i.e. count one walker, Zimmer frame or wheelchair as one person).
- Ensure every dancer in the crew is 55 years old or over as of 1st January in the same year the World Championships is being held.
- Wear the same uniform regardless of gender identification or dance position.
- Wear at least one item of Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ branded clothing or accessory item.
- Include at least two original non-Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ dance moves.
- Include Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ moves as outlined to the Instructor in their Instructors Course.

- Be on stage within 20 seconds of having the Dance Crew's name called by the MC.
- Exit the stage when asked to by the MC.

## **What are the Divisions at the World Hip Hop Championships?**

All dancers at the World Hip Hop Championships will need to be aged 55 years and over to compete. All Dance Crews will be placed into one of five divisions based on the average age of their Dance Crew members on 1st January in the year of the World Championships, as follows:

### **Division One**

Average age of Dance Crew: 55 to 64 years old

### **Division Two**

Average age of Dance Crew: 65 to 74 years old

### **Division Three**

Average age of Dance Crew: 75 to 84 years old

### **Division Four**

Average age of Dance Crew: 85 to 90 years old

### **Division Five**

Average age of Dance Crew: 90 years and over

The age of each dancer is calculated as the age they are on the 1st of January in the year of the Hip Operation Dance Academy™ World Championships event they are planning on entering. For example, a person who is 54 years old on 1st January in the year they plan on entering the Hip Operation Dance Academy™ World Championships will not be allowed to

compete. However, a person who is 55 years old on 1st January in the year they of the Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ World Championships will be allowed to compete.

### **How is the Average Age Calculated?**

The average age of a Dance Crew is calculated by adding up all the ages of the Dance Crew members and then dividing that total by the number of the people in the Dance Crew. Please note, in this calculation, only people, not mobility aids, are counted.

### **Can members of the public watch the World Championships?**

Absolutely. All members of the public, including non-competing dancers within the Hip Op-eration Dance Academy, are welcome to watch the World Championships. There will be lots of news media present at the Championships, so anyone not able to attend the World Championships in person, will be able to view it on the television or on the Internet.

### **Can people who are in a Dance Classes, but not in a Dance Crew, attend the World Championships?**

Yes - but they cannot compete unless they are in a Dance Crew and are aged 55 years or older. They are **not** permitted to go on the week long holiday trip at the end of the event as this is for Dance Crew members only.

## **How much will it cost to enter the World Championships?**

There will be a registration fee for every dancer to pay to enter the competition. This Registration Fee pays for the organising of the event and the venue costs and will be partly subsidised by people who buy tickets to attend the event. The registration Fee will be communicated when the location of the World Hip Hop Championships is announced.

Every Dance Crew will need to pay for their transport to and from the event, their accommodation, their food and their tourist activity costs. Therefore, it is important each dancer starts to save for this event well in advance. Fundraising or sponsorship activities may be another way to raise the funds needed to compete at the World Hip Hop Championships.

## **How does my Dance Crew qualify to compete at the World Championships?**

Your Dance Crew need to be able to perform a 2 minute dance routine on their own without an Instructor to qualify. At this stage, there are no Hip Op-eration Dance Academy™ Regional or National qualifying rounds - so all Dance Crews within the Academy are eligible to compete at the World level.