

Universal Dance Championship – South African Qualifier

As of September 2024 Elements of dance will be the sole sanctioned South African hosts for the “UDC Grand Finals” in Dublin, Ireland. As well as the “Unity for Passion Dance Fest” in Budapest, Hungary.

We are super proud of this new venture.

During November 2024 we will be accepting virtual entries on our website www.elementscentral.com. During entry process there will be an option to enter a link to entry performance, as well as an upload area where video can be uploaded.

During 2025 Elements of Dance will have live regional qualifiers in different provinces, concluding in a live National Championship at the end of the year where International teams will be chosen for 2026.

We have received special permission from the international board to host a Virtual National qualifier during 2024 for the 2025 International season. This Virtual event will be the 2024 National.

SA Qualifier

At the UDC-SA National qualifier (Nov 2024), contestants can qualify for three International opportunities.

1. UDC Grand Final in Dublin, Ireland – Live Tour October 2025
2. Odyssey of Dance – Virtual International Championship February 2025
3. Unity for Passion Dance fest in Budapest, Hungary June 2025



AGE categories:

6 & Under
7-9
10-12
13-14
15-17
18-24, 25-39, 40+ , 60+

Age for competitions is based on the age of the participant on the day of the event.
Duo/trio and teams, the average age of all dancers apply.

GENRES:

LYRICAL
JAZZ
ACRO DANCE
MUSICAL THEATRE
HIP HOP
OPEN
CONTEMPORARY
FREESTYLE
TAP

Mastery Levels:

*Novice
*Intermediate/advanced

Time limits:

Solo & Duo/Trio (2mins)

Groups/Teams (3mins)

FEES:

Registration - R105 per dancer.
Solo - R259
Duo/Trio- R208 pp
Group (4-9) - R188pp
Team (10+) - R128pp



1. UDC GRAND FINAL – Tour to Ireland

The UDC Grand Final will be hosted in Dublin, Ireland on 17-19 October 2025. This will consist of a three day event which will include Workshops from Industry professionals such as Briar Nolet and Derek Piquette (to name a few) as well as the spectacularly organized competition with professional adjudicators such as Abby Lee Miller (Dance Moms), concluding in a spectacular formal gala for awards.

The overall prize at the UDC Grand Finals is a fully paid free trip to New York City to attend workshops from industry leaders such as Broadway Dance Centre. This will be An absolutely amazing experience for any South African Dancer.

Genres, categories and time limits will be the same Internationally as Nationally.

Note: UDC Grand Finals in Ireland only accepts entries in Lyrical, Jazz, Acro, Hiphop, MT & Open.

Tour Package(Ireland): Price Estimate R54k pp (subject to change by January 2025)

South African Dancers will only be allowed to compete in the UDC Grand Finals should they form part of our SA Team touring to Dublin in October 2025.

Tour Package will consist of a 6 day trip which includes 4 days in Dublin Ireland and 2 days in Paris France.



Included in Package:	Not Included in package:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights from SA to Ireland – Ireland to France – France to SA • 4 nights Accommodation in Dublin Ireland • 2 nights Accommodation in Paris, France • All airport Transfers • Travel Insurance • Excursion in Dublin • Excursion to see Eiffel Tower in Paris. • Team uniform • International Team SA Jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visas (we do however have friends who can guide the precise correct procedures) • Entry Fees to the Championship • Spending money • Meals

UDC – Grand Final Entry fees in EURO

Registration	€10 pp - Estimate
Solo	€26 pp - Estimate
Duo/Trio	€16 pp - Estimate
Group/Team	€10 pp - Estimate
Improv	€10 pp - Estimate

Contestants will be limited to max 3 solos per dancer at UDC Grand Finals



2. Unity for Passion Dance Fest - Tour to Hungary

Join us on a ten day adventure!

During June 2025, qualified contestants will have the option to travel with us as part of the South African Team to compete in Unity for Passion Dance Fest in Budapest, Hungary.

This Prestigious event takes place over the course of 3 days.

Our tour will ensure we arrive in Budapest as a team two days before the competition to enable us to enjoy some of what Budapest has to offer as well as recover from flight before performing. The day after the competition concludes we will also be departing Budapest for a 3 night stay in Santorini, Greece before returning to South Africa.

Dance styles: Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Contemporary, Hiphop, Acro, Open

Tour Dates:

Departure from JHB: 11 June

Arrival back in JHB: 22 June

Competition dates: 13-15 June

Entry fees to the competition to be confirmed



Package Estimate cost **R48,000 – R53,000 to be confirmed January 2025**

Included in Package:	Not Included in package:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights from SA to Hungary – Hungary to Santorini – Santorini to SA • 4 nights Accommodation in Budapest, Hungary • 3 nights Accommodation in Santorini, Greece • All airport Transfers • Travel Insurance • 1 x Team Excursion • Team uniform • International Team SA Jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visas (we do however have friends who can guide the precise correct procedures) • Entry Fees to the Championship • Spending money • Meals

Important

Should you choose to Join us on the Hungarian Tour we will need your final decision by **January 5 2025**.

Payment Structure:

1st Payment – January 31st – R10 000 PP

2nd Payment – February 28th – R15 000pp

3rd Payment – March 31st – R15 000pp

4th Payment – April 31st - Balance



Barcelona Dance Xperience - Tour To SPAIN

The Barcelona Dance Xperience will be held in Lloret de mar, Spain and is one of the fastest growing European championships. They offer an all inclusive package which includes workshops, accommodation, transfers and meals.

This spectacular International Trip includes an extra four nights in Barcelona to enjoy the wonders of Spain.

Tour Dates:

Departure from JHB: 3 September

Arrival back in JHB: 13 September

Competition dates: 5-7 September

Package Estimate cost **R43,000 – R48,000 to be confirmed January 2025**

Entry fees to the competition to be confirmed



Included in Package:	Not Included in package:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights from SA to Barcelona, Spain – Spain to SA • 4 nights Accommodation in Lloret De Mar, Spain • 4 nights Accommodation in Barcelona, Spain • All airport Transfers • Travel Insurance • 2 x Team Excursions • Team uniform • International Team SA Jacket • Breakfast and Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visas (we do however have friends who can guide the precise correct procedures) • Entry Fees to the Championship • Spending money

Important

Should you choose to Join us on the Spanish Tour we will need your final decision

by **February 1st**

Payment Structure:

1st Payment – March 31st – R10 000 PP

2nd Payment – April 30th – R15 000pp

3rd Payment – May 31st – R15 000pp

4th Payment – June 31st - Balance



3. Odyssey of Dance – Virtual international Championship.

Contestants who qualify at the SA Qualifiers, but cannot afford to travel to Ireland, will have the option to compete in the Virtual International championship alongside dancers from Ireland, Hungary, France and America. This event will be VIRTUAL VIA VIDEO SUBMISSION and feature a panel of international dance adjudicators – **Including Abby Lee Miller.**

We are planning this championship to take place in February 2025.

Categories:

Lyrical – Contemporary – Jazz – Musical Theatre – Tap – Acro – Hip-hop – Specialty Acts – Open

Age categories same as SA Qualifier.

Fee structure: (In USD)

Registration - \$10 per dancer

1 Solo - \$35

2 solos - \$60

3 solos - \$80

Every additional solo - \$20

Duo/Trio - \$20 per dancer

Groups - \$15 per dancer



Star studded International Adjudication Panel

Rules:

- The 2024 Qualifier for the International championship in October 2025 will be a VIRTUAL BY VIDEO SUBMISSION event.
- There will be a panel of 4 International Adjudicators – these judges will have a week to watch and score videos.
- Adjudicators decisions are final.
- Max 3 solo items in same genre. Max 10 solos per dancer in total.
- **The UDC Grand Final in Ireland offers competition in the following styles only (Lyrical, Jazz, Acro, Hip-hop, MT, Open)**
- A soloist /duo/trio/group/team can only compete in a genre Internationally if they qualified for that genre Nationally.
- Groups can change members and choreography in-between Nationals and Internationals as long as the formation (duo/trio/group) remains intact, all dancers qualified for said formation type and genre remains the same as qualified in.
- Soloist can change choreography in-between Nationals and Internationals as long as the genre remains the same as qualified in.
- Only the genres a dancer qualified in can be entered into Odyssey of Dance Virtual International
- **Soloists who qualify in 3 or more official styles (Lyrical, Jazz, Hip-hop, Acro, MT, Open) can enter any style at the UDC Grand Finals in Dublin.**
- Freestyle items can be entered in the UDC Grand Finals in the Open category
- A score of 85% is needed to qualify for the UDC – Grand Finals in Dublin (live trip)
- A score of 75% is needed to qualify for Odyssey of Dance – Virtual International Championship

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