



International Ballet Competition  
亞洲國際芭蕾舞大賽

## Asian Grand Prix International Ballet Competition (AGP)

### 2018 Rules and Regulations

#### Mission

AGP is an educational journey for young ballet dancers in Asia-Pacific to present their talents, receive knowledge from international dance experts, and be offered scholarships and awards to develop a career in dance.

#### Age and divisions

AGP is for dancers age 7 to age 19, divided into Competitive Divisions and Pre-Competitive Divisions. Age is defined by 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

#### Competitive Divisions

Senior	Age 17 to 19
Junior B	Age 15 to 16
Junior A	Age 13 to 14

#### Pre-Competitive Divisions

Pre-Competitive 3	Age 11 to 12
Pre-Competitive 2	Age 9 to 10
Pre-Competitive 1	Age 7 to 8

#### Jury and tutors

AGP invites international dance experts and educators to be Jury and tutors. Details will be announced on AGP website at least 30 days before each competition.

#### Procedure of Competition

AGP Regional Competitions are held in different cities in Asia-Pacific. Top four prizes of each division in AGP Regional Competitions, and selected candidates from Video Audition, will be qualified to join AGP Final Competition.

#### AGP Regional Competitions

##### AGP Regional Locations

AGP Regional Competition will be held in cities announced on the website. Candidates take master class and present variations to Jury members. Selected candidates to AGP Final will be announced at the prize ceremony of each location. Information of locations, time and venue will be announced on AGP website at least 30 days before each competition.

##### AGP Regional Registration

Candidates must complete the online AGP Regional Registration Form, and settle the required fee by PayPal or credit card on or before the listed due date. Acceptance is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Registration closes once the division quota is full. Candidates may participate in more than one location, and combine with Video Audition.

##### AGP Regional Prizes & Scholarships

- AGP Regional Prize winners - 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> prizes winners of each division are qualified as selected candidates to AGP Final. Each winner will receive a certificate.
- AGP Regional Scholarships - offered to candidates age 7 to 19, who demonstrate potential and passion in dance.

## **AGP Video Audition**

### AGP Video Audition Information

Candidate may choose to participate in Video Audition to be qualified to AGP Final Competition. Entry date, upload method and result will be announced on AGP website.

### AGP Video Audition Registration

Candidates must complete the online AGP Video Audition Form, upload a video clip according to the specific requirements listed on AGP website, and settle the required fee by PayPal or credit card on or before the listed due date.

## **AGP Final Competition**

### AGP Final Date & Location

AGP Final Competition will be held at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in Hong Kong on 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Candidates take daily master class and present their variation to Jury members in Day 1 to Day 4. Finalists will be selected to compete on Day 5.

### AGP Final Registration

AGP Final Competition is open to selected candidates from AGP Regional Competitions, Video Audition, or by invitation only. To register, candidates must complete online Final Registration Form, and settle the required fee by PayPal or credit card on or before the listed due date.

### AGP Final Scholarships and Awards

- Asian Grand Prix Award - offered to candidates age 15 to 19 who demonstrate exceptional standard of artistry and technique in class and on stage during competition. Winner will receive a trophy, a certificate, and HK\$50,000 in cash.
- Youth Asian Grand Prix Award - offered to candidates age 13 to 17 who demonstrate exceptional standard of artistry and technique in class and on stage during competition. Winner will receive a trophy, a certificate, and HK\$30,000 in cash.
- AGP Final Scholarships - offered by national grade of international dance institutes, to candidates in Competitive Divisions age 13 to 19, who demonstrate high potential of becoming future professional dancers during competition. Each scholarship recipient will receive a Scholarship Travel Assist Fund HK\$5,000 by bank transfer upon confirmation of scholarship attendance.
- Gold/ Silver/ Bronze Medals – offered to candidates in each division, who demonstrate high standards of artistry and technique in class and on stage during competition. Each winner will receive a medal and a certificate.
- Best Hong Kong Candidate Prize – offered to a candidate trained by a Hong Kong dance school with highest score in each division, to encourage local participation. Each winner will receive a certificate.
- Sponsor Prizes - offered by sponsors to recognize candidate's potential in dance. Each winner will receive a certificate and a gift item.

## **General registration condition**

Registration fee is non-refundable. AGP reserves the right to deny any registration at its discretion. Any change of registered information including variation selection must be sent to AGP by email 30 days before competition, and approved by the AGP management. An administrative fee of HK\$500 will be charged for each change of information within 30 days or during stage competition.

## **Health condition**

AGP values physical and psychological health in dancers, which is essential to a long-term dance career. Candidates must provide true information regarding their condition of health by filling in a health questionnaire as part of the online registration.

### **Solo variation**

Each Candidate must perform **one solo variation** in each competition chosen from the AGP Variation List, and with music provided by AGP. Candidate may choose to perform the same or different variation in Regional Competition and Final Competition. Female candidates in Competitive Divisions, age 13 to 19, must perform in pointe shoes. Female candidates in Pre-Competitive Divisions, age 7 to 12, must perform in soft ballet shoes. Failure to follow these instructions will lead to disqualification.

### **Attendance of class, variation competition, and seminars**

Attendance of class, variation performance, and seminars listed on schedule for specific divisions and candidates is compulsory. Failure to attend compulsory activity will lead to disqualification from the competition.

### **Access for teachers and accompanying persons**

Competition tickets and Class Viewing Passes may be purchased online or at the specific locations listed on website. Availability and type of ticket and pass varies in each location.

Backstage entry is strictly for candidates only. Teachers and accompanying persons are not allowed to enter the backstage area.

### **Stage dimension and lighting**

Stage dimension varies in different location of AGP Regional Competition. Please refer to the information on website. Lighting on stage is set as performance soft spotlights.

Stage dimension of AGP Final Competition (Drama Theatre of Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts) is 13.8 m wide x 10m deep. Lighting on stage is set as performance soft spotlights

### **Right of photographs, visual and audio recording**

AGP assigns official photographer and videographer. AGP owns the right to all photographs, visual and audio recording of the performance and participation of candidates during competition. Candidates agree to waive all rights to all recordings made by AGP or by any authorized third party on behalf of AGP, and allow such recordings to be used by AGP or authorized sponsors and third party for any form of promotional and commercial purpose.

Photography and video filming by audience at the auditorium of AGP Competition is forbidden. Any offender will have his/her filming device confiscated by AGP staff.

### **Travel arrangement**

Travel visa, expenses to attend the competition, and insurance against accidents, injury, illness and theft, are at participants' own cost and responsibility.

### **Decision**

AGP board of directors has the right to all final decisions of the rules and regulations, and the results of competition. Decision of Jury on distribution of any award, medal, scholarship and prize is final and irrevocable. AGP Jury reserves the right to offer or not to offer any published award, medal, scholarship or prize if no suitable candidate is identified.

A jury member, who either has worked closely with a candidate or is associated with the school of a candidate, does not give mark to this specific candidate during the competition.

### **Legal responsibility**

All candidates and participants must agree to indemnify AGP from any legal action and/or cost resulting from any physical injury sustained during the participation in any activities in AGP. This Rules and Regulations is created in English and subject to Hong Kong law, and the content is subject to change. Translated versions in other languages are for reference only. In case of dispute, the decision of AGP remains final.