

# Miss Belly Dance South Africa®



## 2019 Rules & Information

### AGE GROUPS:

Age Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior – 45 years and over</li> <li>• Adult – 18 years and over (<i>from 45 years old - you have the choice to enter the Senior category OR the Adult category</i>)</li> <li>• Teen – 13 years to 17 years</li> <li>• Junior – 5 years to 12 years</li> </ul>

**\*\* Please note:** Goddess Divine Productions has the right to combine age groups should we not have enough contestants. Example: if we do not have enough “Senior” contestants, we will combine that age group with the “Adult” age group and they will compete together. The age group performance requirements and fee will be applicable.

### TITLE CATEGORIES:

Senior Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ TITLE (45 yrs and over) Compulsory Categories (2:00 – 3:00 min)	Fee
<p><b><u>Choreography:</u></b> 1 X Choreographed Solo of 2:00 to 3:00 minutes that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A section featuring your chosen style of belly dance (Modern Belly Dance <b>OR</b> Folkloric Belly Dance <b>OR</b> Fusion Belly Dance)</li> <li>• A props section featuring <b>one</b> prop of your choice (<i>no fire or candles allowed – you can use LED candles</i>)</li> <li>• A drum solo section</li> </ul>	R 400

Adult Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ TITLE (18 yrs and over) Compulsory Categories (4:00 – 5:00 min)	Fee
<p><b><u>Choreography:</u></b> 1 X Choreographed Solo of 4:00 to 5:00 minutes that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A section featuring your chosen style of belly dance (Modern Belly Dance <b>OR</b> Folkloric Belly Dance <b>OR</b> Fusion Belly Dance)</li> <li>• A props section featuring <b>one</b> of the following props: veil, fan veils, wings, cane or sword.</li> <li>• A finger cymbals section</li> <li>• A drum solo section</li> </ul>	R 500
<p><b><u>Improvisation:</u></b> You will be required to do a 1:00 to 2:00 minutes improvisational performance straight after your choreography performance</p>	

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Teen Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ TITLE (13 – 17yrs) Compulsory Categories (2:00 – 3:00 min)	Fee
<p><b>Choreography:</b> 1 X Choreographed Solo of 2:00 to 3:00 minutes that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A section featuring your chosen style of belly dance (Modern Belly Dance <b>OR</b> Fusion Belly Dance)</li> <li>• A props section featuring <b>one</b> of the following props: veil, fan veils or wings</li> <li>• A drum solo section</li> </ul>	R 400

Junior Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ TITLE (5 – 12 yrs) Compulsory Categories (1:30 – 2:30 min)	Fee
<p><b>Choreography:</b> 1 X Choreographed Solo of 1:30 to 2:30 minutes that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A choreography featuring your chosen style of belly dance (Modern Belly Dance only)</li> <li>• A drum solo section</li> <li>• NO props to be used</li> </ul>	R 300

### NON-TITLE CATEGORIES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUPS:

Non-Title Category Descriptions	INDIVIDUAL FEE	GROUP FEE (PER PERSON)
<b>Magnificent Modern Belly Dance:</b> Egyptian, Turkish, Lebanese, Western Cabaret, Egyptian Fusion, Turkish Fusion, Lebanese Fusion etc. <i>(not fused with other dance styles)</i>	R 150	R 120
<b>Sensational Props:</b> Any style of Belly Dance (including fusion) performed with any Traditional and Non-Traditional Prop. This category is all about the use of the prop. <i>(No Fire or Candles Allowed – you can use LED candles)</i>	R 150	R 120
<b>Divine Drum Solo:</b> Egyptian, Turkish, Lebanese, Western Cabaret, Egyptian Fusion, Turkish Fusion, Lebanese Fusion etc.	R 150	R 120
<b>Fabulous Folklore:</b> Ethnic and Folkloric dances from the Middle East such as Baladi, Shaabi, Saidi, Zaar, Melaya Leff, Ghawazee, Tanoura, Haggala, Fellahi, Khaleegy, Greek Tsiftetelli, Bandari, Iraqi Dance / Kawleeya, Debke, Turkish Rom etc.	R 150	R 120
<b>Fascinating Fusion:</b> Tribal Fusion, ATS®, ITS, Belly Dance Fusion <i>(fused with other dance styles /influences)</i>	R 150	R 120

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### Please take note of the below Title Category Time Limits:

- Senior Title: 2:00 mins – 3:00 mins maximum
- Adult Title: 4:00 mins – 5:00 mins maximum
- Teen Title: 2:00 mins – 3:00 mins maximum
- Junior Title: 1:30 mins – 2:30 mins maximum

### Please take note of the below Non-Title Category Time Limits (Individual & Group):

- Senior Non-Title: 2:00 mins – 2:30 mins maximum
- Adult Non-Title: 2:00 mins – 2:30 mins maximum
- Teen Non-Title: 2:00 mins – 2:30 mins maximum
- Junior Non-Title: 1:30 mins – 2:00 mins maximum

**\*\* Please note:** Goddess Divine Productions has the right to combine non-title categories should we not have enough contestants. Example: If we do not have enough "Folklore" contestants, they will compete in the same category as the "Modern Belly Dance" contestants. The judges will be notified and scoring criteria adjusted accordingly.

### CONTESTANT REGISTRATION DETAILS:

- **Registration opens Monday, 11 February 2019.**
- To enter, complete this form and email it to [goddessdivinefestival@gmail.com](mailto:goddessdivinefestival@gmail.com)
- **Registration closes at midnight on 7 July 2019.**
- Please note that Registration Forms have been split into **Individual Entry, Group Entry and Title Entry**. If you are entering all three then you will need to complete three entry forms. If you are only entering as an individual dancer in the non-title category, then you will complete the "Individual Entry form". Please contact me if you do not understand.
- Contestants must indicate which style they are performing and what prop they are using for every category they enter.
- Once the Registration form is received, we will send you a Confirmation Email with the banking details and your reference number required for entry into this competition. If you do not receive this email within 7 days of submitting your registration form it could mean that we did not receive your Registration form. Please send a WhatsApp to Natalie on 083 781 2766 to query this.
- **A 30% deposit** of the total amount due by you is required **to be paid upon receipt of the reference number**. Only once the 30% deposit is received will your competition entry be confirmed.

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- **The remainder amount due by you is required to be paid before 7 July 2019.**
- The deposit and any entry fees paid are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Should a contestant decide to pull out of the competition they will not be refunded.
- Group ages are based on the group **AVERAGE AGE**, here is an example of how to calculate the average age for a group entry -
  - Example: there are 6 dancers in the group, their ages are 17, 21, 16, 19, 13 and 13. You add all the ages up and that equals 99. You then divide that number by the number of dancers in the group. So, 99 divided by 6 = 16.5
  - The group average age is 16.5 and they would therefore fall into the teen age group for group categories.
- Please note that the age category that a contestant falls into is based on what age the contestant will be on the day of the competition.

### HOW THE COMPETITION WILL RUN:

- Once all entries are finalised, a schedule will be emailed to all contestants with the running order of the competition day and everyone's performance time slot.
- You will need to check in at the front desk at the time slot stipulated for your category to receive your competition number which you must pin onto your costume. **All your competition music will need to be handed in at registration. Note: you will not receive your CDs back.**
- Bring your proof of payment, reference numbers, release form and any other relevant documentation on the day of the competition.
- Please make sure to wear the correct competition number for each category you are entered into.
- **Each Category you enter will require 1 X CD with your song on it. Please ensure you have a Backup CD and USB with your music on.**
- **Please clearly mark the CD with your Name, Surname, Category & Entry Reference Number for that Category. Only 1 song per CD allowed! Please do not mark your CD with lipstick or nail polish!**
- Contestants must ensure they are on time and ready when it is their performance time slot. We will not wait for late contestants and will move on to the next contestant.
- There will be various prize-giving ceremonies throughout the day per age category / performance category. Please check the schedule / running order of the competition.
- **Contestants are to be in costume for the prize-giving** as photos will be taken and these photos will be used to announce the winners on social media, print media and our websites.

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### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Professionalism & Stage Presence
  - Overall appearance, poise & confidence
  - Expression & audience connection
- Technique
  - Posture, arms, hands, feet
  - Execution of movements
  - Transitions & turns
- Musicality
  - Synchronisation & musical interpretation
- Choreography
  - Creativity & originality
  - Dynamics, technical ability & flow
- Props
  - Execution of movements
  - Creativity & originality
  - Dynamics, technical ability & flow

### **COMPETITION RULES:**

1. No Entries will be accepted after the deadline date has passed.
2. The deposit and any entry fees paid are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Should a contestant decide to pull out of the competition they will not be refunded.
3. All contestants must sign a release form / indemnity form. If you haven't done so by the time you arrive, you will be asked to do so at the event. Should a release form not be signed you will be disqualified.
4. There is no gender restriction on the participants.
5. Groups constitute 2 – 12 persons per group.
6. All judges scores are final.
7. Please do not talk to judges about your performance or other related topics. You will be disqualified if you do so.
8. A category will only be open should there be 3 or more participants for the category.
9. The contestant must have the correct music to suit the style of their dancing and the category they are entering.
10. All choreographies must be choreographed by the contestant or their teacher / dance studio member / mentor (with the permission of the dance teacher / dance studio member / mentor).
11. Age appropriate choreography / music / costuming to be used. Penalties will be assessed for profanity, vulgarity and suggestive music, costuming and choreography.

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12. All dances will be performed on an elevated stage. Proper costume, appropriate for a family atmosphere must be worn. If not, you will be disqualified.
13. You must wear cover-ups over your costume when you are not performing. If you don't, you will be disqualified.
14. If you're under 18 years you must be accompanied by an adult while you are at the event. If not, you will be disqualified.
15. Competitors, Vendors, Judges and Guest Performers authorize the Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™, entities, associates and/or heirs to use or sell any or all photos or DVD's taken during the said competition, for the educational, promotional and professional purposes. Competitors release all rights, compensation recourse and complaints.
16. The judging panel will comprise a mix of international and local judges or just local judges. There will be a minimum of 4 judges. MBDSA does not guarantee that judges will be international dancers but does guarantee that judges will be highly reputable dancers.
17. Participants who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective categories will receive a medal or trophy.
18. Additional prizes such as vouchers, costumes, props, etc. are not guaranteed and should be considered a bonus. This competition is a community event and relies on sponsorship.
19. Contestants are allowed to watch the competition before or after their performance. We will not be held accountable should you miss your performance slot. The onus is on you to be on time and ready for your performance.
20. All winners in the competition will receive a diploma signed by all the Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ judges.
21. Competition feedback will be sent out to all participants within 3 months of the competition taking place. This is a time-consuming task so please be patient with us.
22. Title Winners may be required to perform in the Gala Showcase, please make sure you will be available.
23. Any competitor winning any category of the Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™, or any of the individual categories of this competition, agrees to use the title of that category correctly, for publicity purposes. (Example: Your Name, Year, Category. If you are unsure of how your title should be used, please contact Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ at [goddessdivinefestival@gmail.com](mailto:goddessdivinefestival@gmail.com) for clarification. Should you not represent yourself in an appropriate manor during your Title Year, your title may be taken from you.
24. The title winner may be asked to perform tasks during her year of reign – such as teaching workshops etc. She will conduct herself in a professional manor during her reign. Any and all travel arrangements are for her expense.

### **INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE:**

If the interruption is due to the fault of the equipment of our suppliers then individuals / groups may restart from the beginning or at the point of interruption. If interruption is due to the failure of the CD, the team may either continue or withdraw from the competition. We reserve the rights to stop the performance due to an obvious injury. In the case that an injury results in the interruption of the group's performance, the group will

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be allowed to re-group before performing their routine again. Performance must be repeated during the time allocated for their category.

### **REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION:**

Teams with illegal competitor(s) will be disqualified. Reason for disqualification included, but not limited to inappropriate choreography/music (at the discretion of The Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ officials), more or less performers / competitors than allowed on the floor, participants not listed on the official roster, and/or illegal competitor(s) listed on the official roster. If a team is found with unregistered competitors, the team will be disqualified. Groups registered and performing in the incorrect divisions may also be disqualified. Due to unforeseen circumstances, The Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ reserves the right to disqualify any individual or group.

### **VIDEOGRAPHY & PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY:**

1. All videography and photography at the event will be done by our nominated official videographer and photographer only.
2. No other method of filming or photographing will be allowed (including cellphones / iPads / etc.).
3. DVDs and Photos are to be ordered directly from Goddess Divine Productions. Details will be supplied to the contestants.

### **ORGANIZERS & JUDGES POLICY:**

1. Organizers and Judges may not enter the competition.
2. A judge may not mark her own student / dance studio members / professional troupe members or family members.
3. Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ has the right to change the judges advertised at any time. Should for any reason whatsoever, any or all of the judges are unable to attend this event, Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ has the right to choose a new local or international judge for the event as long as there is a minimum of 4 judges (local or international).

### **Natalie Clark ~ The Miss Belly Dance South Africa®™ Competition**

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