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Please check the rules again around 1 January 2027 for the latest version. The rules may still be subject to changes or updates.

RULES CREW COMPETITION | BREAK A LEG DANCE BATTLE 2027

Sunday, 21 February 2027

Registration opens: 5 October 2026 at 11:00 AM

⚠ **Spots are limited! Get your crew together and be ready when registration opens.**

Please note that completing the registration form does not automatically guarantee a place in the competition. All registrations will be reviewed by the Break A Leg Dance Battle team.

A crew's participation is officially confirmed only once their registration has been approved by Break A Leg Dance Battle and the participation fee has been paid in full.

Please read the rules carefully before registering.

RULES

Break A Leg Dance Battle embraces the authenticity of hip-hop in all its forms, and this is reflected in our Crew Competition.

Crews are judged on technical skills, creativity, musicality, originality and overall performance, with a strong emphasis on respecting and showcasing the foundations of hip-hop.

These foundations include styles such as breaking, popping, locking and boogaloo. This does not mean that other dance styles, such as waacking, krumping, house, vogue, Afro styles, dancehall and urban contemporary, cannot be incorporated.

Judges will evaluate how well crews master and incorporate different dance styles into their performance, while maintaining their own unique interpretation, creativity and authenticity.

BAL VALUES:

Break A Leg Dance Battle is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

Everyone is encouraged to be themselves and develop their creative talents in a supportive atmosphere. The following principles guide our community:

- Everyone is welcome.
- You are free to be who you are.
- Everyone should feel safe.
- Respect each other.

- We cheer for one another.
- There is no room for abuse, harassment or intimidation.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES:

Dance is a physically demanding activity and participation involves a risk of injury. All participants are responsible for taking reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety and for performing within their own physical abilities.

- Participants are expected to:
 - Warm up properly before performing.
 - Follow all safety instructions provided by Break A Leg Dance Battle and the venue.
 - Perform within their own physical abilities.
 - Immediately inform the organisation or event staff if they are unable to safely continue their participation.
 - Follow all building safety guidelines and protocols.
- To ensure safe and unhindered access to the stage, all stairs, aisles and passageways must remain clear at all times. Personal belongings and equipment must not obstruct these areas.
- All participants must follow the instructions of the event staff, stage manager and venue staff.
- Break A Leg Dance Battle is not responsible for the loss of or damage to personal belongings.
- By participating in the event, dancers and their responsible adults/guardians acknowledge the physical nature of dance and agree to take reasonable responsibility for their own safety.
- Break A Leg Dance Battle will take reasonable measures to provide a safe environment for all participants. Nothing in these rules is intended to exclude or limit any liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited under applicable law.

CREW REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

- A crew's participation is officially confirmed only once their registration has been approved by Break A Leg Dance Battle and the participation fee has been paid in full. Until both requirements have been fulfilled, the crew's place in the competition is not guaranteed.
- After completing the registration, crews will receive an invoice for the participation fee, which must be paid in advance.
- The participation fee is €20.00 per dancer and includes access to the entire event, including battles, workshops and all other activities.
- If payment is not received by the stated deadline, Break A Leg Dance Battle reserves the right to cancel the registration and offer the place to another crew.

- If the maximum number of participating crews has been reached, additional crews may be placed on a waiting list. Crews on the waiting list will be contacted if a place becomes available.
- On the day of the event, crews can collect their wristbands at the Registration Desk.
- Dancers may participate in both an Age Category and the Mega Crews category. An additional fee of €5.00 per dancer applies to participation in the Mega Crews category.

Crew participants who also wish to participate in one of the battles do not need to purchase a separate battle ticket, as the participation fee includes access to the entire event.

- Complimentary Tickets for Coaches & Chaperones:
Each registered dance school is entitled to a maximum number of complimentary tickets for coaches, choreographers and/or chaperones, based on the total number of crews from that dance school:
 - 1 or 2 participating crews: up to 2 complimentary tickets
 - 3 or more participating crews: up to 4 complimentary tickets
- Coaches and choreographers who also participate as dancers in the competition must pay the applicable €20.00 participation fee.
- Additional coaches, choreographers or dance school representatives may attend the event by purchasing a regular visitor ticket through the regular ticket sale at www.meervaat.nl.
- Please note: A dancer may participate only once in any Age Category.

VISITOR TICKETS:

- Want to bring your fans and supporters to cheer you on?
Visitor tickets will be available through www.meervaat.nl. The ticket release date and time will be announced at a later stage, so stay tuned for updates.
- By attending the event, participants and visitors agree to the use of photographs and video recordings taken during Break A Leg Dance Battle for promotional and/or communication purposes.
- Participation fees are non-refundable once payment has been received.

CLASSIFICATION RULES:

Category	Age****	Number of dancers per crew
Minis	Till 10 years old* **	Min. 6 dancers & max. of 20 dancers
Kids	Till 14 years old* **	Min. 6 dancers & max. of 20 dancers
Juniors	Till 17 years old*	Min. 6 dancers & max. of 18 dancers
Adults	18 years old and above*	Min. 6 dancers & max. of 18 dancers

Mega Crews	All ages	Min. 19 dancers & max. of 40 dancers
Parents - Fun Category	— no trophies, no prize money, just good vibes, big energy & lots of dancing	Min. 6 dancers & max. of 18 dancers

- The age of all dancers is determined as of 21 February 2027.
- A crew may compete in an age category if no more than 2 dancers fall outside the applicable age range, provided that the majority of the crew meets the age requirements of that category.
- For example, a Kids crew consisting of 10 dancers may include up to 2 dancers who are 15 years old, while the remaining dancers are between 11 and 14 years old.
- If you are unsure whether your crew meets the age requirements, please contact Break A Leg Dance Battle at breakaleg@meervaat.nl.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

- The judging panel consists of three judges.
- The judges will select the winners. The judges' decision is final, and no discussion or correspondence regarding the results will take place.
- The judges evaluate the performances based on the following criteria: composition, expression, energy, technical skills, execution, stage use, coordination, synchronicity, dynamics, mastery of dance styles, elements of hiphop foundations, choreography, creativity, originality, authenticity and innovative and of course overall entertainment value!
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced on the day of the event.
- Within two weeks after the competition, each participating crew will receive a jury report and the final rankings by email.

MUSIC RULES:

- The music length for Minis, Kids, Juniors and Adults must be between 2:00 and 2:30 minutes.
- The music length for the Mega Crews category must be between 3:00 and 4:30 minutes.
- Points may be deducted by the judges if the music does not meet the required time limits.
- Music containing foul or explicit language is not permitted in the Minis and Kids categories. Points may be deducted for violations.
- Music must be submitted via WeTransfer to breakaleg@meervaat.nl no later than 18 January 2027.
- The submitted music file must be in MP3 format.
- Always bring a backup USB stick, clearly labelled with your crew name. The music file on the USB stick must be identical to the file submitted via WeTransfer.

- Please keep the USB stick backstage during your performance. In the event of a technical issue with the original file, the backup file may be used.

STAGE & TECHNICAL SETUP:

- The stage area is approximately 15 meters wide × 12 meters deep.
- Props are permitted, but the use of liquids, powder, confetti, fire, smoke or similar materials/effects is strictly prohibited on stage.
- If you are unsure whether a specific prop is permitted, please contact Break A Leg Dance Battle in advance at breakaleg@meervaat.nl.
- No special lighting requests can be accommodated.
- Only authorised teachers, coaches and/or dance school representatives are permitted in the designated backstage areas.
- Crews must perform within the designated performance area and follow all instructions from the stage manager and event crew.

SAFETY & PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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WHAT CAN YOU WIN?:

TROPHIES:

Trophies will be awarded in all categories, except Parents Crew*:

1st Place — Trophy
2nd Place — Trophy
3rd Place — Trophy

PRIZE MONEY:

Mega Crew — €750
Adult Crew — €500
Junior Crew — €350

**Parents Crew is a special FUN CATEGORY — no trophies, no prize money, just good vibes,*

big energy & lots of dancing!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any inquiries or more information, feel free to reach out:

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EVENT DETAILS:

Venue: Meervaart
Address: Meer en Vaart 300, 1068 LE Amsterdam
Date: Sunday, February 21st 2027
Website: www.meervaart.nl | www.breakalegdancebattle.com

We look forward to your participation in the Break A Leg Dance Battle 2027!