

NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS 2026 CRITERIA FOR TAP DANCING



- A. Performers will be 15 and under 21 years as at 1st of October 2026.
- B. Each performer will compete in three classes during the preliminary rounds to showcase their ability.
 - 1. A Multi/Variable Tempo dance. This dance needs to have 2 or more Tempos which will be shown in the Music.
 - 2. An Own selection dance.
 - 3. All performers will participate in a Master Class, taken in the manner of an Audition, conducted by or for the Adjudicators. No audience observation will be permitted. The Master Class will be taken into consideration in determining the semi-finalists.
- C. There shall be a maximum time limit of 3 1/2 minutes for each dance, taken from the beginning to the conclusion of the music.
- D. There will be a semi-final of up to twelve performers who will repeat either B1 or B2, at the discretion of the adjudicators. The number of semi-finalists is determined as per the NYPA rules 7.1-7.2. Competitors will be chosen based on their marks in the Preliminary round(s).
- E. For the Final Award Concert six performers will be recalled, and shall repeat the item not performed at the semi-final.

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

Only enter the Nomination class if you are seeking a Nomination **AND** are committed to attending and competing at the National Young Performer Awards in Palmerston North 22-25 Oct 2026.
Please note: Registration will be on Thursday 22nd October following the Troupe Competition

SOCIETY NOMINATION

Each Society, which is a financial member of PACANZ, **may nominate up to two competitors**, who shall be selected by the adjudicator, based on a performance as outlined in A-D.

The adjudicator will determine that a competitor has displayed a sufficient standard of performance to competently represent that society at the National Finals.

The standard required will be at the absolute discretion of the adjudicator but will include:

- A demonstration of adequate preparation
- An authority of performance
- A performance with a level of maturity commensurate with a national final competition of this age group.

If the adjudicator considers that sufficient standard has **NOT** been reached by any competitor, then **NO** nomination will be made.

The Nominating Society is responsible for paying part of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards i.e. **\$80 inc gst per Nominee**

Each Nominee is responsible for paying the rest of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards i.e. **\$230.00 incl gst**