

## Dance Competition 2017-2018 Rules and Regulations

Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. Competition 2017-2018 will be held on December 27 through December 29.

**HCNYC Policy: all contestants pay the entrance fee to enter the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc.**

1. Must have at least 4 dancers in the group to compete.
2. All dancers in each group must be present on all three days of the competition. Failure to do so results in disqualification and no substitution of any dancers.
3. Must have at least 6 groups to receive prizes as designated or else prizes change.
4. **Must submit all competition applications in by 12/15/2017.**
5. There will be 3 rounds require: (first perform one "Traditional Hmong dance," second "Lao/Thai," and third can be free of choice.
6. Must have 3 songs (3 songs for the 3 rounds).
7. If there is a tie, the group will choose their best dance of choice to perform again.
8. Competitors must email their songs to **media.hcnyc@gmail.com** for back up, and provide their songs on CD in order of dance at the time perform. On subject line please put dance group name.
9. Time on stage shall not exceed 5 minutes (all acts will be timed)
10. Incomplete, ineligible forms will not be accepted. Please ensure all forms are legible and all spellings are correct.
11. Judges will make their decision based on artistic skills (dancing ability), technicality style, performance (presentation), Matching, and originality (overall talent). The judges' decision is final.
12. Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration Inc. committee have the right to photograph, film and/or sound record performances for promotional purposes in any publications, and other advertising media, without limitations.
13. Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration Inc., their officers, volunteers, directors, employees, sponsors, and agents are not responsible for any claims, any loss, and causes of actions, grievances, or damages.
14. Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration Inc., reserve the right to make any final decisions on all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, as well as the right to change, alter, and/or rearrange parts or all of these rules and regulations, including the prize package, at any time.

**If you are interested in competing for Hmong dance, please complete the entry form and mail or drop off at our office.**

**Entry forms that are incomplete, illegible or not including the entry fee will not be accepted. Please ensure you have read the Rules & Regulations.**

**Competitors will be notified by phone or email. Please ensure you have the correct contact phone number and a legible email address on your entry form.**

**Release and Media Consent Form**

Each and every participant (Officer and Player) must read and sign this form as an application to enter the **Traditional Dance Contest** of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. (HCNYC), from December 26, 2017 to January 01, 2018 in Fresno, California.

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, the participant, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the **Traditional Dance Contest** of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYC in Fresno, California.

I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with being on the premises where the competition is being conducted and with participating in the competition, including physical injury or even death, and hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said competition, knowing that conditions may be hazardous or may become hazardous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, which may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my participation in the competition.

I hereby forever release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue HCNYC, any of its Committee, coordinating staff, volunteers, directors, officers, employees, servants, agents, representatives, contractors, and sponsors (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in the competition, or while on or upon the premises where the competition is being conducted.

It is my express intent that this release shall forever bind the members of my family and spouse, my assignees, my heirs, my distributees, my parents, my guardians, my next of kin, and my legal representative, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge, and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

I hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur due to my participation or involvement in the competition.

I know that the **Traditional Dance Contest** is a festival activity of the Hmong New Year, which is a public event. I am aware that during my participation in the competition, any person or media or organization, including HCNYC, may be photographing or videotaping my image and/or audio recording my voice.

I hereby irrevocably grant to the releasees or any person or media or organization working with the releasees' authorization the absolute right and permission to photograph, videotape, audiotape, or otherwise record my image and/or voice during my participation in the competition to be copyrighted, used, published, or broadcasted intact or in part in any medium without restriction in conjunction with my real or fictitious name, for any purposes whatsoever, including but not limited to art, illustration, promotion, advertisement, or trade.

I also release, waive, and discharge the releasees from any and all claims arising out of or in connection with any use of the materials, caption information, and images described above, including any and all claims for libel, defamation, right of publicity, or invasion of privacy. I agree to hold harmless the releasees from and against any and all claims, demands, complaints, actions, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of, or be caused by the use of my image, or likeness, or voice on any and all media, including but not limited to television, radio, motion pictures, print medium, the Internet, or any other electronic/digital medium.

I understand and agree that no monies or other consideration in any form will become due to me, my family, heirs, agents, or assigns at any time for the recording or using of my image, likeness, or voice as a participant of the competition.

In signing this Release and Media Consent Form, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and understood it; that I sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; that no oral statements, representations, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements have been made; and that I execute this Release and Media Consent Form for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

For the participants under 18 years of age, a Parent or legal Guardian must also read and sign this form: I am a Parent or legal Guardian of a participant. I approve of my child participating in the Traditional Dance Contest of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYC. As Parent or legal Guardian, I release HCNYC, its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors from any and all liability, damages, or claims whatsoever for any injury or harm that may occur to my child while participating in HCNYC's Traditional Dance Contest. I agree that I will make no claim or demand against HCNYC, its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors if an injury or accident occurs during or travelling to and from HCNYC's Traditional Dance Contest and understand that HCNYC is not responsible for transportation. I will look to my own resources, insurance, or assets to pay all medical bills, damages, or losses whatsoever if an injury occurs. I verify that my child and I understand the significance of this Release and Media Consent Form. I hereby irrevocably consent to the unrestricted photographing, videotaping, or otherwise recording or broadcasting or publishing and other unrestricted use of my child's image, or likeness, or voice without limit, reservation, or remuneration by the releasees or any person or media or organization working with the releasees' authorization. I release all rights in the said recordings on behalf of myself and my child.

\*\*See list of name(s) on next page

**DANCE COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM 2017-2018**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participants	Age	Signature	Parent Signature if Minor
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Please copy and attach another form if needed for additional participants.

Prizes for Competition

**1st Place: 3,000    2nd Place: 2,000    3rd Place: 1,000**

\*\* Prizes are set for a minimum of 6 participating teams and subjected to decrease if fewer teams participate.

Registration Fee: Free

Judging Categories:

1. Artistic Skills (dancing ability)
2. Technicality Style (difficulty, timing, coordination)
3. Presentation (smiling, eye contact, etc.)
4. Matching (Music and costume match)
5. Originality (creativity within traditional style dance)

For information please contact:

**Mee Lee, Dance Coordinator: 559-269-6684 / meelee81@yahoo.com**

**Consent Form**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I/we have read the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. 2017-2018 Dancing Competition Application, Rules and Regulations thoroughly, and all related terms and conditions.

By signing this form, I/we hereby agree to the terms and give permission to the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. to release my/our bio(s), photo(s), and video(s) of my/our experiences before, during and after the competition in any future marketing and promotional manner Hmong Cultural New Year, Inc deemed fit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Group Lead Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Dance Coordinator Signature  
(Participants under 18 years old)

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Date