

RULES CREW COMPETITION | BREAK A LEG DANCE BATTLE 2026

SUNDAY March 1st 2026

Read the rules carefully!

Break A Leg Dance Battle embraces the authenticity of hip-hop in all its forms, and this is also reflected in our Crew Competition. Crews are judged on technical skills, creativity, musicality and originality, with a strong emphasis on respecting and showcasing elements from hip-hop foundations. These foundations include styles such as breaking, popping, locking and boogaloo. This does not mean there could be no influence from other styles like waacking, krumping, house, voguing, afro-styles, dancehall and urban contemporary. The judges evaluate how well the crew masters and incorporates these styles into their performance, in addition to their own unique interpretation and authenticity.

BAL VALUES:

Break A Leg Dance Battle is committed to providing a safe and welcoming 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 want to be.
- Everyone should feel safe.
- Respect each other.
- We cheer for one another.
- There is no room for abuse or intimidation.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES:

- **Safety First: Please avoid unnecessary physical risks**
Contestants acknowledge the inherent risks of physical injury in dance and performances and agree to assume those risks. By participating, they agree to not hold Break A Leg Dance Battle's staff responsible for any injuries or illnesses sustained while attending or performing at the event. Please follow our guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable competition experience for all dancers, parents, teachers and audience.
- **Building safety: Follow the guidelines and protocols at all times**
In the interest of safety and to provide dancers with unhindered access to the stage, all stairs, aisles and passageways must be kept clear at all times throughout the duration of the event. This is essential for the smooth flow of performers and creates a safe environment for all participants, staff, and audience. Any obstructions could pose a safety hazard and interfere with the performance, so we kindly request that everyone cooperates in keeping these areas free of personal belongings or equipment.

- **Break A Leg Dance Battle is not responsible for the loss or damage of personal belongings.**

PARTICIPATION FEE/TICKETS:

- Tickets for Crew Competition participants must be ordered through registration by sending an email to breakaleg@meervaart.nl. Participation fee is €20,00 per person (which covers entry to the whole event, including battles, workshops etc.) After completing the registration, participants can collect their tickets on the day of the event by the Registration Desk.
- Crew participants who want to join one of the battles, don't have to buy a second (battle)ticket.
- Dancers are allowed to participate in both an Age-specific category and the Mega Crews category. However, an additional fee of €5 applies for those participating in the Mega Crews category.
-Note: Dancers can only participate once in any Age-specific category.
- After completing the registration for your crew, a special guest list allows up to 2 coaches or choreographers per dance school to attend free of charge. If the coach/choreographer performs on stage, they must pay the €20,00 fee. Any additional coaches must purchase visitor tickets through www.meervaart.nl.
- Supporting fanbase who wants to come watch & support? Visitor tickets will be available starting December at www.meervaart.nl.
Exact date to be announced soon.
- By attending our event, participants and visitors agree to the use of photos and videos taken during Break A Leg Dance Battle.
- Refund policy: Registrations cannot be refunded once submitted.

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

- *In cases where 1 or 2 dancers fall outside the age range of their category, a crew may still compete if up to 15% of its members are either older or younger than the age limit. For instance, in the Kids category (up to 14 years old) with 10 dancers, if 2 members are 15, and the rest are between 11 and 14 years old, the crew may still compete in the Kids category. If in doubt, email Break A Leg Dance Battle at breakaleg@meervaart.nl.

****Exception:** Minis and Kids with more participants may remain in this category upon consultation. Break A Leg understands that participating in the Mega Crews at this young age is not always desirable. This is, of course, allowed (but not more than 22 dancers may be on stage).

JUDGING SYSTEM:

- The team of judges consists of three members.
- The judges will select the winners.
- The judges' decision is final, and no discussion of 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!
- Within two weeks of the competition, each crew will receive a jury report and the final rankings, by email.

MUSIC & STAGE 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 time requirements or guidelines.
- Foul language is not allowed in music mixes for the Minis and Kids categories. Points may be deducted for violations.
- Music must be submitted via WeTransfer to breakaleg@meervaart.nl before February 1st 2026.
- Music submitted must be in MP3 format.
- Always bring a backup USB, clearly labeled with your crew name. The music file on the USB must be identical to the one you sent us via WeTransfer. Keep this USB backstage during your performance, so that in case of any issues with the original file, we can use your backup.
- No special lighting requests may be given
- Only teachers and or dance studio representatives are allowed on the (back)stage area.

WHAT CAN YOU WIN?:

Each Crew Competition category will have one winner.

Prize details will be announced soon — stay tuned for more information!

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, March 1st 2026

Website: www.meervaart.nl | www.breakalegdancebattle.com

We look forward to your participation in the Break A Leg Dance Battle 2026!