

IRCC Diwali Festival of Lights 2026

Summary of Main Rules and Terms for Cultural Show Categories

This table summarizes the major participant rules from the uploaded IRCC Terms & Conditions documents. It is intended as a quick reference and does not replace the official rules.



Rule / Requirement	Kids' Entries	Adult Entries – Exhibition	Adult Entries – Competition	High School Pataka	Diwali Dhamaka
Entries open	August 1, 2026				
Entries close	October 10, 2026 (Some categories may close early in the event of an overwhelming response)				
Minimum participants	6	6	6	8	8
Maximum number of participants	25				
Age / Eligibility	4–18	25+	25+	Grades 9-12, maximum age 19	College/University students, ages 18-25
Exceptions to rule regarding participant age	None	None	None	25% of performing participants may be younger than Grade 9.	25% of performing participants may be younger than 18.
IRCC membership	Required	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Registration fee	None	None	None	\$100/team	\$100/team
Tickets to IRCC Diwali Festival of Lights	Complimentary tickets will be provided for performing participants.	All participants are required to buy their own tickets.	All participants are required to buy their own tickets.	Complimentary tickets will be provided for performing participants.	Complimentary tickets will be provided for performing participants.
Performance time	Max 4 min	Max 4 min	4–6 min	6–8 min	6–8 min
Competition/Exhibition	Exhibition only	Exhibition only	Competition – may be moved to exhibition category if insufficient entries received	Competition – may be moved to exhibition category if insufficient entries received	Competition – may be moved to exhibition category if insufficient entries received
Minimum number of entries required to make it a competition	N/A	N/A	5	2	2
Documentation Required	N/A	N/A	Government-issued ID Signed Waiver Form	Government-issued ID Signed Waiver Form	Government-issued ID Valid College ID Signed Waiver Form
Number of prizes	Each participant is given a medal of participation or a certificate.	N/A	1st, 2 nd and 3 rd prize	1 st prize – 2 teams or more 2 nd prize – 3 teams or more 3 rd prize – 5 teams or more	1 st prize – 2 teams or more 2 nd prize – 3 teams or more 3 rd prize – 5 teams or more
Prize amounts	N/A	N/A	1 st place: \$1,500 2 nd place: \$1,000 3 rd place: \$750	1 st place: \$1,000 2 nd place: \$750 3 rd place: \$500	1 st place: \$1,500 2 nd place: \$1,000 3 rd place: \$750
Community hours	50 hrs available	No	No	50 hrs available	No
One item per participant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Song repetition	May be rejected	May be rejected	May be rejected	No rule specified	No rule specified
Classical Dance Entries	Only 1 st 4 entries will be accepted.	At IRCC Board discretion.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Glitter / Confetti	Not allowed				
All rules and potential exceptions, qualification & disqualification of entries	At the discretion of the IRCC Board of Directors.				