



RULES & GUIDELINES OF THE 'ORI TAHITI NUI DUO COMPETITION – 2026 AT TAHITI PEARL BEACH RESORT – ARUE – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd 2026

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The 'ORI TAHITI NUI DUO COMPETITION 2026 is opened to mixed couples (*vahine/tāne*) or same gender, competing on Sunday 22nd November. The exact time of the session will be announced after 1st November (closing date for registrations).

D1 Only one category is opened in the DUO competition to artists with a minimum age of 16 years old.

D2 Registration procedures

D2.1 Registration for the competition must be made on November 1st, 2026 at the latest, either online ('[Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions](#)) or during the open days which will be held at the TAHITI PEARL BEACH RESORT hotel, the dates of which will be communicated on the [Facebook page](#) and the '[Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions website](#).

D2.2 The commitment form

The participation waiver form will be made available on the day of the competition and pre-filled with the participant's information (first name, last name, and date of birth). It must be reviewed and signed by each participant during registration to be able to enter the competition.

For minor participants, the form must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

D2.3 The registration fee is XPF 4,000 per couple.

Payment shall be made during the registration days at the TAHITI PEARL BEACH RESORT hotel, the dates of which will be communicated on the [Facebook page](#) and the '[Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions website](#)

D3 Registration and access to the DUO competition takes place on Sunday November 22nd, 2026. The exact time of registration and access to the competition will be specified after 1st November (closing date for registrations).

D4 Competition protocol

There is a competition if there is a minimum of 3 couples registered. If this quota is not reached, there is no contest in this DUO category. However, the registered couples (1 or 2) may participate in a demonstration. Only one passage will determine and decide between the couples in competition.

The results of the DUO competition, and prize-winning awards will take place in the Endeavor ballroom.

Important: The 1st DUO winners will present their performance during the 'ORI TAHITI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 Gala evening, which will be held at the « Tahiti Pearl Beach Resort » on Sunday November 22nd, 2026, starting at 6:30 PM.

D5 Competition music

The couples in competition can choose their own musical composition which must be submitted to the organizers **latest by November 1st 2026, for approval and for editing the soundtrack for the competition.** The *pehe* goes from 2min minimum to 2m30 maximum.

D6 Competition outfits

D6.1 Competition adornments

Adornments of the « 'ORI TAHITI NUI DUO » competition are composed of FRESH plants (foliage, drupes and flowers) DRY elements, FEATHERS, SHELLS, MOTHER OF PEARL SHELL, etc... at the artists' choice.

Head ornaments (crown, tiara, head-piece, various bunches of flowers on points, ear to ear or partial band, round bun or ponytail) **are mandatory**.

Matching neck and head adornments are encouraged. Ankles, wrists and arms ornaments with matching head adornment are allowed.

Belts and leg ornaments are strictly prohibited.

D6.2 Female DUO dancer costume is composed of a *pāreu* and a *tāpe'a tītī* in solid fabric, cotton, *faraoti* or tergal. The *tāpe'a tītī* may be adorned with or made of fresh plants and/or match the head or neck adornments. The *pāreu* is a rectangle of hemmed fabric, **LONG ENOUGH (under the knee) AND LOOSE AT THE ATTACHMENT TO ALLOW THE ARTIST TO MOVE WITH DECENCY**, not belted.

D6.3 Male DUO dancer costume is a *pāreu tā'amu tīhere* solid fabric, cotton, *faraoti* or tergal.
The *Maro* is prohibited.

D6.4 The fall of any part of the costume will be penalized.

D7 The JURY and assessment criteria

The jury is composed of 4 to 6 'Ori Tahiti personalities with recognized expertise. Each jury member has one vote. In the event of a dispute, the President has a casting vote. The jury is sovereign, and its decisions are irrevocable. Jury members will assess groups' performances according to the following criteria:

Costume, choreography, technique, rhythm mastery, artistic expression, symbiosis between the artists.

D8 Penalties of the competition

'ORI TAHITI NUI DUO COMPETITION - 2026 competitors undertake to read and respect the rules and regulations of the contest. For each breach, a 10-point penalty shall be deducted from the final score.

D9 Bad sportsmanship

Any competitor displaying poor sportsmanship during the competition will be immediately disqualified. Any competitor showing an attitude of poor sportsmanship at the announcement of the different results during the competition will be disqualified for future 'ORI TAHITI NUI COMPETITION editions.