



# RULES & GUIDELINES OF THE 'ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITIONS – 2025 AT LE TAHITI BY PEARL RESORTS – ARUE – NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

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The 'ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITIONS – 2025 are opened to individual dancers competing Friday afternoon November 21st for Child or *Tama*, beginning evening for youth or *Taure'a* and Saturday November 22nd for Adults or *Arioi*.

**IMPORTANT:** A participant in the 'ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITIONS – 2025 is excluded from the 'ORI TAHITI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2025.

## S1 The different categories of the competition:

- **Session 1 - Child or *Tama***  
*Hine Tamahou & Tamahou* 6-8 years | *Tamahine & Tamaroa* 9-11 years
- **Session 2 - Youth or *Taure'a***  
*Hine Taure'a & Tama Taure'a* 12-14 years | *Taure'a Hine & Taure'a Tama* 15-17 years
- **Session 3 - Adult or 'Arioi**  
*Toa Vahine & Toa Tane* 18-23 years | *'Aito Vahine & 'Aito Tane* 24-29 years
- **Session 4 - Adult or 'Arioi**  
*Hiva Vahine & Hiva Tane* 30-35 years | *Feti'a Vahine & Feti'a Tane* 36 years & over

## S2 Registration procedures

**S2.1 Registration for the competition must be made on November 1st, 2025 at the latest**, either online ([TAMA](#) / [TAURE'A](#) / [ARIOI](#)) or during the open days which will be held at the LE TAHITI BY PEARL RESORTS hotel, the dates of which will be communicated on the [Facebook page](#) and the ['Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions website](#).

### S2.2 The commitment form

The commitment form must be completed and signed by each participant (major or minor).

**If the participant is a minor, the commitment must also be signed by the parent/legal guardian.**

The commitment forms (be sure to choose the correct form: Minor or Adult):

- [MINOR - COMMITMENT AND WAIVER](#)
- [ADULT - COMMITMENT AND WAIVER](#)

Once completed, it will be returned by email to [register@oritahitinui.org](mailto:register@oritahitinui.org) and also presented on the day of the competition.

### S2.3 The registration fee is 2,500 F CFP to compete in one of the categories.

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

## S3 Registration and access to the SOLO competition

Schedules are subject to change depending on the number of registrations. Artists will be informed.

### S3.1 Session 1 - Child or *Tama*: Friday afternoon November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 PM.

- Registration from 2PM to 3PM for both *TAMA* categories
- **Competition starts at 3:30PM.**

### S3.2 **Session 2 - Youth or Taure'a: Friday November 21st from 5PM.**

- Registration from 5PM to 6PM for both TAURE'A categories.
- **Competition starts at 6:30PM.**

### S3.3 **Session 3 - Adult or 'Arioi - Toa & 'Aito: Saturday morning November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 from 7AM.**

- Registration from 7AM to 8AM for both TOA & 'AITO categories.
- **Competition starts at 8:30AM.**

### S3.4 **Session 4 - Adult or 'Arioi - Hiva & Feti'a: Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30PM.**

- Registration from 12:30PM to 1:30PM for both HIVA & FETI'A categories.
- **Competition starts at 2PM.**

## S4 **Competition Protocol**

The competition takes place if there is a minimum of 3 competitors by category. If this quota is not reached, there is no contest in the corresponding category. However, the registered competitors may, if they agree to it, be enrolled in an extended category. A category with 3 competitors participates directly in finals.

### S4.1 **The playoffs and the finals** present a series of 3 to 4 competitors.

In each category, 40% of the competitors participate in the finals.

Prizes are given at the end of each session in the ballroom Endeavour.

### S4.2 **The award-winners of the Toa, 'Aito and Hiva of the Adult or 'Arioi division participate in the OVERALL 'ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITION – 2025.**

**The competition** will be held at the beginning of the 'ORI TAHITI NUI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 dinner/Gala held at "Le Tahiti by Pearl Resorts de Arue" **on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:30PM.**

The 3 award-winners in each genre (*Vahine/Tane*) compete collectively in order for the jury to determine who will be the **2025 'Arioi Vahine and 'Arioi Tane.**

## S5 **Music for the competition**

The organizers prepare a selection of musical compositions consisting of traditional percussions or *pehe* (songs) for the competition. **Performance length is 1'00 to 1'30 for the Youth or Tama/Taure'a division and 1'30 to 1'45 for the Adult or 'Arioi division.**

These *pehe* are played live by the TAHITI ORA orchestra.

## S6 **Competition outfits**

### S6.1 **Competition adornments** of 'ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITION are exclusively made from FRESH plants (ornamental foliage, drupes and flowers).

**Important: a simple headdress (either head lei, tiara or small headband) with a MAXIMUM HEIGHT of 15CM is now obligatory. A penalty of 10 points will sanction the candidate displaying a head ornament exceeding 15cm in height.**

Matching neck adornments to the headdress are encouraged. **Necklaces/leis stop at navel.**

Ankles, wrists and arms adornments matching with head ornaments are allowed.

**Belts and leg ornaments are strictly prohibited.**

### S6.2 **Female Solo competition dance costume is composed of a pāreu and 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,** without a belt.

**S6.3** Male Solo competition dance costume is a *pāreu ta'amu tihere* in solid fabric, cotton, *faraoti* or tergal. The *Maro* is prohibited.

**S6.4** Loosing any part of the costume will be penalized.

**S7 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 soloists' performances according to the following criteria:

**Quality of the *fa'arapu* and *pā'oti*, technical mastery, rhythm mastery, stamina, artistic expression (harmony, overall beauty), costume.**

**S8 Penalties of the competition**

**'ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITION - 2025** competitors undertake to read and respect the Rules and Guidelines of the contest. For each ascertained breach, a 10-point penalty shall be deducted from the final score.

**10 points will be removed from the final scores for each violation of the rules that will be noted by the jury.**

**S9 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.

**S10 Winning tickets in *'Arioi* categories by a resident of French Polynesia**, give access to destinations served by Air Tahiti Nui. Such tickets are dependent on availability on flights in the various categories of fares, on the season, on seat occupancy rate, etc... **Additional miscellaneous taxes and fees shall be paid by the ticket winner.**

**Tickets won by foreign competitors** must imperatively be used to come back and compete in the **'ORI TAHITI NUI COMPETITIONS** of the following year.

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