

KANE Onam Thiruvathira Competition 2026

Rules & Regulations

- **Cash Prize: \$1,001 (First Place)**
- **Team Size: Minimum 6 - Maximum 12 participants**
- **Registration Fee: \$10 per participant**

1. Eligibility & Team Composition

- Each team must have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 participants.
- Participation is open to KANE members and non-members.
- A participant may only perform with one team in this competition.
- Each team must designate one Team Captain/Coordinator as the point of contact for all communication with the organizing committee.
- Minimum age limit for participants is 15 years; there is no maximum age limit.

2. Registration

- Registration fee is \$10 per participant, payable at the time of registration.
- Full payment (fee × number of participants) must be received to confirm the team's slot.
- Teams must submit the final list of participant names along with registration.
- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis; the organizing committee may cap the total number of teams depending on stage time available.
- The registration link will be shared shortly on our official social media page and website. Fees are non-refundable once registration is confirmed.
- Any change to the participant list after registration must be communicated to and approved by the organizing committee at least 3 days before the event.

3. Costume & Attire

- Traditional Thiruvathira attire is mandatory for all participants.
- Traditional ornaments, hairstyle with jasmine (mulla poo), and bindi are encouraged to maintain authenticity.
- All team members should ideally wear matching or coordinated attire for visual uniformity.
- Costumes must be modest and appropriate for a family and community stage program.

4. Music & Accompaniment

- Teams may use traditional Thiruvathira Pattu (live or recorded) approved for the performance.
- Teams must send their music track (MP3/USB or shared link) to kaneaudio1970@gmail.com at least 5 days before the event.
- Live singing/vocal accompaniment by team members is permitted in addition to or instead of recorded music; however, no extra points will be awarded for live singing.
- The use of Kaikottikali claps/rhythm as part of the performance is encouraged and traditional to the art form.

5. Performance Guidelines

- Each team will be allotted a maximum performance time of 10 minutes.
- Teams must report to the backstage/green room at least 30 minutes before their scheduled performance slot.
- Performance order will be decided by the organizing committee and will be informed in advance.
- Props are limited to a traditional lamp (nilavilakku) and/or floral arrangement (pookalam) at the center; no elaborate stage props or set pieces are permitted.
- Any choreography deviating significantly from traditional Thiruvathira form (e.g., fusion or filmy elements) may be marked down under "Adherence to Traditional Steps."

6. Code of Conduct & Disqualification

- Teams exceeding the allotted time may be marked down at the judges' discretion; the committee reserves the right to signal teams to conclude.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct, use of vulgar/inappropriate content, or non-compliance with these rules may result in disqualification.
- Judges' decisions are final and binding on all matters related to scoring and results.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to amend these rules if necessary, with prior notice to all registered teams.

7. Judging Criteria (Total: 100 Points)

Judging Criterion	Points
Rhythm, Synchronization & Timing	25
Choreography & Formations	20
Adherence to Traditional Thiruvathira Steps	15
Costume, Ornaments & Traditional Presentation	15
Facial Expression & Grace	15
Overall Impact, Stage Presence & Discipline	10
TOTAL	100

Notes:

- Scores will be given by an independent panel of judges familiar with traditional Kerala art forms.
- Each criterion will be scored by each judge; final scores will be averaged across the judging panel.
- Judges may deduct points for exceeding allotted performance time, incomplete team size during performance, or costume non-compliance.

8. Prizes

- First Place: Cash prize of \$1,001 to be handed over by the Chief Guest during the formal inaugural ceremony.