

# ENTERING ACROBATIC ARTS PIN EXAMINATIONS WITH ATOD

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# GUIDELINES

## Paperwork

### Step 1:

ATOD Financial Members are to complete the Examination Request Form when logging into the Members section of the ATOD website [www.atod.net.au](http://www.atod.net.au) and going to the Examinations link on the menu. You will be required to upload a copy of your Acrobatic Arts Accreditation with your request also. All Examination Requests for the year are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

It is important that you list Acrobatic Arts Pin Exams in the Grades to be Examined column, so we allocate an Acrobatic Arts partnered Examiner. You are not required to have a separate day for the Acrobatic Arts Examinations however if you did wish to do so you will still be required to meet the \$1000 minimum to hold the exam day.

### Step 2:

Login to the Exam Planner program <http://cloud.atod.net.au/> - if you do not have access to the program contact [exams@atod.net.au](mailto:exams@atod.net.au) for login details. Each Pin examination is 25mins plus a 15min write up time for Primary through to Level 6 Pin Exams. Teachers are to include this scheduled write up time after each Pin Examination when completing the Timetable in the Exam Planner Program, it is located where the breaks are.

When completing your timetable, it is recommended to schedule the Acrobatic Arts Pin Examinations after each other on your exam day as teachers will have the opportunity to meet with their examiner to discuss areas of success and areas for improvement. This meeting may take up to 30 minutes and teachers may ask questions regarding the Acrobatic Arts Pin syllabus only during this time. Scheduling the Acrobatic Arts Pin Examinations after each other will ensure your Acro teacher is available to meet with the Examiner. Teachers are to include this scheduled meeting time when completing the Timetable in the Exam Planner Program, it is located where the breaks are.

The exam fees for the Pin Levels are available in the Exam Planner Program under the Price List tab. The minimum payment of 2 will apply for each Pin Level and the maximum number for each examination is 4 candidates. Members of Associate level or above status will receive the 5% discount on the total of the examination fees as per usual for ATOD Examinations.

Exam Paperwork, receipt of payment plus Injury Release Form 1 must be submitted to [exams@atod.net.au](mailto:exams@atod.net.au) 4 weeks prior to your allocated exam date with the correct entry information for each student entering for the Pin Examinations. ATOD will then verify with Acrobatic Arts that the students have completed and passed the corresponding Level Examination with Acrobatic Arts prior to entering for the Pin Level through ATOD.

**\*\*\*Please note this will be a timely process therefore it is important that teachers submit their paperwork on time to avoid late fees.**

## Exam Day

### Exam Day Set Up

- A table should be set up for the examiner the same as for dance exams, tablecloth, chair, power board, water bottle plus glass.
- Mats.
- Yoga blocks and/or bricks are required (1) for each student in the appropriate size(s).
- The music for the choreography is supplied and played by the teacher. The music for the choreography can be played from the original app or the AcroDance Resource Centre.
- Mirrors should be covered

## Exam Attire

**Girls** - Students are required to wear a leotard and bike shorts with capri length or full footless tights. Hair must be neatly secured in a low bun or braid, no fringe. Numbers are to be pinned to the front of the student's leotard.

**Boys** - Students are required to wear a T-shirt / Tank top and shorts. Hair must be neat and not hanging over the face. Numbers are to be pinned to the front of the student's shirt.

**No jewellery or nail polish to be worn in the examination room – necessary medical jewellery permitted.**

## Exam Etiquette

Students should enter the examination room quickly and quietly and line up in number order to greet the Examiner with a bow and check numbers and paperwork correlate. The Entry Form order must not be changed once paperwork has been submitted, this is the order the students must present in the Examination Room.

Students are required to perform the skills asked of them while remaining respectful throughout the exam. At the completion of the exams the students should bow and thank the Examiner and the Music Operator before leaving the room.

The Music Operator should sit behind a screen in the Examination Room.

## Teacher's Meeting

Immediately following the last exam of the day, teachers will have the opportunity to meet with their examiner to discuss areas of success and areas for improvement for the Acrobatic Arts Pin Examinations. This meeting may take up to 30 minutes and teachers may ask questions regarding the Acrobatic Arts Pin syllabus during this time.

## Adaptive Acro Exams

In all cases where a teacher and/or student would like modifications to be considered in the exam, a medical certificate is required. This must be submitted with paperwork 4 weeks prior to the examination date. This will be noted for the examiner in the Acrobatic Arts report system indicating the name and level of the student and the nature of the modifications.

Teachers and students entering Adaptive Acro Exams have two options when entering their students in the Acrobatic Arts Pin Examination Process:

### Participation Only

Students who opt for "Participation Only" will enter the exam, and complete the elements, but will not receive a score on any of the elements. The participant will not be graded, but general comments will be provided by the examiner on a report card. The student will receive a certificate which will indicate "Participation" for the exam level taken.

### Marked against the Standard

Students who opt to be "Marked against the Standard" will enter the exam, complete the elements, and be marked against the standard on the Acrobatic Arts set scale.

Consideration will be made for the modifications made by the student, and the student will not receive deductions where a disability is the cause of the deviation from the standard. All other technical requirements will be expected "At Standard" and marked accordingly.

For more information on Acrobatic Arts' policy on Adaptive Acro Exams, please contact [admin@acrobaticarts.ca](mailto:admin@acrobaticarts.ca)

## Results

The results for the Pin Level examinations will be sent out with ATOD Examination results. Acrobatic Arts Exam Certificates and Pin medals will be provided by ATOD.

## Marking Scale

There are 17 marks available in each pin. Dancers need to receive a minimum of 12 marks to pass the pin. The exam requirements are marked as 'Pass' or 'Retry'.

- 10 points for skill technique: individually and within the choreography
- 2 points for musicality: rhythm and phrasing
- 3 points for performance: dance technique, expression and general effect
- 2 points for grooming and exam etiquette

## Refunds

The 75% refund of examination fees will still apply to students entering the Pin Level should they be injured or ill on the day and unable to present. A medical certificate must be provided with the Examination Refund Form which may be located when logging into the Members section and going to the Examinations link on the menu.