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AKCAF PONNONAKAZCHA 2026 MALAYALI MANKA COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

Eligibility

1. Open strictly to female members of AKCAF Association member colleges with official approval from the respective College PST.
2. Contestants must be at least 21 years old (age as of 4th October 2026).

Registration

- Participants must register online at www.akcaf.org.
- Participants must follow AKCAF official social media pages upon registration.
- Chest numbers will be allotted via a lot system, one hour prior to the event at the venue.

Document Submission – Prior to Preliminary Round

The following documents must be submitted at least 20 days in advance:

- Copy of valid passport
- Copy of Emirates ID
- Recent photograph

These documents will be used for:

- Age verification
- Official approvals
- Cross-verification at the registration desk

Falsification or manipulation of documents will result in immediate disqualification.



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Grooming and Preliminary Round

Participants must attend the mandatory choreographed grooming session for the Preliminary round at the AKCAF Association Office. The Preliminary round will be conducted on 04th October 2026 (Amity School Dubai, Al Qusais) and only shortlisted candidates will move to the final round on 11th October 2026.

Preliminary Round Includes:

- Choreographed Ramp Walk
- Self-introduction (only 40 seconds; exceeding time will result in negative marking)
- Social media voting criteria will be conducted prior to the Preliminary Round.

Attire

- Participants must wear Kerala traditional attire.
- Creative styling is allowed within the traditional theme.
- Props are not permitted on stage.

Grooming & Final Round

Finalists must attend all mandatory 3 choreographed grooming sessions at the AKCAF Association Office.

Final Round Includes:

- Self-introduction (only 40 seconds; exceeding time will result in negative marking)
- Choreographed ramp walk
- Interactive Q&A session



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Finale Instructions

Report to the registration desk 1 hour before the competition to collect chest numbers.

Report backstage 30 minutes before the start of the event.

Contestants should arrive dressed in costume and makeup.

Dressing areas will be provided for final touch-ups only:

- Limited to 15 minutes
- May be shared with other participants
- Bring your own makeup kit

Maintain courtesy, cooperation, and good sportsmanship always.

Other Rules

- Malayali Manka Committee Convenor & Coordinators are not allowed to participate.
- Any contestant found attempting to influence the judges will be disqualified.
- All backdrops, properties, Costumes and LED visuals etc. must remain strictly cultural, inclusive, and secular. Should not feature religious deities, faith-based iconography, faith-based songs, political emblems, or sub-community/caste identifiers. Strict compliance with UAE Media Council and Dubai CDA regulations is required.

Judging Criteria

Participants will be evaluated on the following:

- Overall Attitude – Grace, positivity, and professionalism
- Self-Confidence – Stage presence and assurance
- Elegance on the Ramp – Poise, posture, and movement
- Relevance & Styling of Attire – Creativity within traditional norms
- Presence of Mind – Spontaneity and clarity in interaction

The judges' decision is final and binding.

AKCAF Association and Ponnonakazhcha team reserve the right and permission to use Photographs and Videos of the participant shot from the venue, for its promotional and advertisement purposes.

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Note: Any team/individual violating the rules & regulations will be automatically disqualified from the competition.