

2009 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge

Amateur Competition



Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009

El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium
552 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008

Hosted by Phoenix USA Dance, #4033



General Information and Entry Form

Deadline for Entries: Feb. 10, 2009

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An Overview to Amateur Competitive Dancing

If you have never been to a DanceSport competition, the following brief explanation is designed to help you have a more informative and enjoyable time.

What makes a Dance Competition?

Dance skills:

A competition allows dancers to show and compare their skills with other dancers at a similar level. It consists of many events, each of which is targeted at a particular style of dance and skill level. Each competitor is required to perform one or more dances from a given division. As competitors move up the skill level, they are required to perform additional dances in their respective category. Not all skill levels or divisions are offered at all competitions.

In the United States, these are the following amateur competitive skill levels:

Open Categories: Novice, Pre-Championship, Championship Syllabus: Bronze, Silver & Gold (restricted figures)

Syllabus Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/>	Open Categories Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Championship <input type="checkbox"/> Championship <input type="checkbox"/>
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Dancers competing in the syllabus level events are only allowed to dance figures at the level or below which they are dancing. For example, a couple competing at Silver level may only dance Silver and Bronze figures. You can see the allowed figures in the Syllabus section of the national website, www.usadance.org.

Who can compete in a Dance Competition?

Any amateur dancer registered with USA Dance as a competitor or registered with an organization affiliated with an International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) member organization may enter into a dance competition organized by USA Dance.

What are the events?

USA Dance offers events in the following styles of dance:

International Style:

(Standard) Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep

(Latin) Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba, Paso Doble, Jive

American Style:

(Smooth) Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz

(Rhythm) Cha Cha, Rumba, East Coast Swing, Bolero, Mambo

Miscellaneous: Salsa

What are the music lengths per routine?

90-120 seconds, except for Viennese waltz and jive, which are 60-90 seconds.

How are the events judged?

During the events, from five to 11 or more judges will rank the dance couples based on their skills, presentation, and showmanship. Scores from all the judges are combined to obtain the final standings. Adjudication is both an objective and subjective process, and that is why several judges are used to ensure fairness.

How do you support your favorite dancers?

During the competition, you will be seeing some lovely and inspiring dancing. Applause is much appreciated anytime during the event. So don't be afraid to clap, yell and call out the number(s) of your favorites. We invite you to play "judge" during the competition and see if you agree with the judges' results. So sit back and experience the fun and excitement of the Phoenix DanceSport Challenge!

2009 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge: General Information

DIRECTIONS: El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008, (602) 231-0300

From the East: Take 101 North or South, to the 202 W (Red Mtn). Take exit 2 for 40th St toward 44th St, left at N 40th St. to Shrine Auditorium, right into driveway.

From the North: I-17 South to exit 200A, merge onto I-10 E toward Tucson, take exit 147A-B, merge onto AZ-202 Loop E, Take exit 2 for 40th St toward 44th St, right at N 40th St and right to Shrine Auditorium, right into driveway.

From Tucson: Take N Fwy (signs for Phoenix/I-10W) Take the ramp on the left onto I-10 W, (105miles). Take exit 153A, merge onto AZ-143 N toward Sky Harbor Airport, Take exit 4 for Washington St, Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Pueblo Grande Museum/Gateway Community College and merge onto E Washington St, Turn right at N 40th St., Go north to Shrine Auditorium turn left into driveway.

From Sky Harbor Airport: Head NW on E Sky Harbor Blvd. Keep right to stay on E Sky Harbor Blvd (signs for E Valley Cities/Departures/AZ-202-Loop/AZ-143/AZ-153/Terminal 4/E exit/Arrivals/North Side Terminal 3/Parking/44th St). Merge on AZ-153 N via the ramp on the left to 44th St, turn left at E Washington St, turn right at N 40th St., go north to Shrine Auditorium turn left into driveway.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

Phoenix USA Dance welcomes the general public to our event. General admission can be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We encourage the public to help support our efforts in making the Phoenix DanceSport Challenge an ongoing success.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

The rules and guidelines listed in the following paragraphs are not a complete description of all applicable USA Dance rules. Competitors are expected to know and abide by all current USA Dance rules. The current rulebook is available on the National USA Dance website at www.usadance.org.

ENTRIES

All competitors must be current members of USA Dance as DanceSport Athletes in good standing in order to compete. New competitors should register as a USA Dance member/DanceSport Athletes prior to the event: membership fees are \$60 for adults, \$20 for full-time students, and \$15 for under-18. Link to website: <http://usadance.org/>

Each couple must fill out an entry form, including both partners' names and signatures. A parent or legal guardian must sign for competitors under the age of 18. Competitors dancing with more than one partner should fill out a separate entry form for each partnership and submit together. No additional fees required for more than one partnership.

All competitors certify by signing the entry form that they are eligible under USA Dance rules to compete in the events and age groups they have marked on the entry form, and that they will comply with all costuming and syllabus rules applicable to the events they have entered.

Events will be run in four categories: 1) Pre-Teen, 2) Junior/Youth combined, 3) Adult, and 4) all senior categories combined. However, depending upon scheduling needs, the organizers reserve the right to combine/cancel events or add/delete categories due to number of entries.

In the Salsa Events, Adult/Senior will be combined for both the open (inter/adv) and newcomer divisions. Newcomer is a beginning dancer, first time competitor. The Under 18 Salsa will combine Pre-Teen/Youth. Note: for safety and liability constraints, the following rules are in addition to current USA Dance rules - you must have a foot on the floor at all times, no lifts, slashes or slides. These will be adhered to for this competition or you will be disqualified.

Entry deadline is February 10, 2009. Late entries are subject to the Registrar's approval. Please contact **Sherry Parmon at 480-857-4955 or email: sherry@phoenixusadance.org**. Only entries that don't affect the number of heats or rounds will be accepted. A late fee of only \$20 per couple will be assessed for approved entries postmarked after February 10th, and received before the day of the event.

CHECK IN

All competitors must report to the Registration Table and present a valid USA Dance membership card in order to pick up their packets and numbers. Competitors should be in the ballroom, ready to dance 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time for their events. Note that the "on deck" system will be used for all events. Competitors must check in with the Deck Captain when instructed by the Master of Ceremonies. Any competitor who does not take the floor when called will face disqualification from that event.

PROFICIENCY CLASSIFICATIONS Refer to Rulebook 4.5.2.

There are six general competitive classifications for each age group and style that relate to proficiency. There are two independent subsets of proficiency classifications - Syllabus and Open. Only syllabus figures may be danced in Bronze, Silver and Gold Syllabus levels. (noted below in the highlighted part of the table):

Syllabus	Open Categories
Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/>	Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Championship <input type="checkbox"/> Championship <input type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT NOTE – NATIONAL’S CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR’S DANCESPORT RULEBOOK:

4.5.3.7. Competitors may enter a proficiency level for which both partners are eligible to dance in, as well as the next higher level, except that: They may not compete in more than two consecutive proficiency level classifications in a particular style. And they may not compete in more than two consecutive age categories in a particular style.

Your proficiency level is:	<i>Maximum Number of Events for DanceSport Athletes</i>					
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Novice	Pre-Champ	Champ
Bronze	X	X				
Silver		X	X			
Gold			X	X		
Novice				X	X	
Pre-Champ					X	X
Champ						X

AGE CATEGORIES

Couples may compete in the age category for which they are both eligible. Age is determined by birth year, regardless of when your birthday occurs.

Age Category	Birth Year	Age	Notes
Pre-teen I, II	1998 or later	11 or less	
Junior I, II	1994 through 1997	12 – 15	Pre-teens may dance up
Youth	1991 through 1993	16 – 18	Juniors may dance up
Adult	1990 through 1975	19 – 34	Youths may dance up
Senior I, II	1955 through 1974	35 – 54	Both partners must be eligible
Senior III	1954 or earlier	55 or greater	Both partners must be eligible

SYLLABUS RESTRICTIONS Refer to Rulebook 3.9.

Syllabus steps may be from the USA Dance, NDCA, or IDSF syllabus or another published syllabus, such as DVIDA, Fred Astaire, or Arthur Murray. Couples dancing steps above their entered syllabus level will be warned, continued violation could result in disqualification. If you are not sure what syllabus level your routines match, please have your coach check them against one of the published syllabi, or enter Novice level since it does not have any restrictions. Costumes are not allowed in syllabus category except in Senior.

COSTUME RESTRICTIONS Refer to Rulebook 3.10. – 3.10.5.

Please refer to the costume restrictions in section 3.10 in the USA Dance Rulebook. Competitors, coaches, and parents must be responsible for ensuring that dancers are dressed in accordance with the rules. If you are unsure about an outfit, bring practice wear as a back-up. Competitors who fail to comply with the rules will be allowed to dance, but will not be judged. The rulebook may be downloaded from the National USA Dance website at www.usadance.org.

VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

USA Dance allows personal videotaping and photography. Video camera operators will be asked to the assigned area and not be allowed on the competition floor. Camera operators, please respect other spectators’ viewing space and do not interfere with the judges or other officials in any way.

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Man's Birth Yr: _____ USA Dance # _____ Lady's Birth Yr: _____ USA Dance # _____

Name: _____ Name: _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Address: _____ Address _____

City: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Email _____

Contact Phone #'s : _____ Studio or Teacher Name: _____

No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballrooms or other event facilities can be accepted by USA Dance, the City of Phoenix or the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium. Nor can USA Dance, the City of Phoenix or the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending the event; it being hereby stated that persons attending the event do so at their own risk. All persons attending this event, whether as spectators, DanceSport Athletes, officials, or guests of the organizers, shall be bound by the rules of USA Dance.

Gentleman's Signature (parent, if under 18)

Lady's Signature (parent, if under 18)

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD					AMERICAN SMOOTH				
Event & Dances	Preteens	Jr./Youth	Adult	Senior	Event & Dances	Preteens	Jr./Youth	Adult	Senior
Bronze W/Q					Bronze W/F				
Silver W/T/Q					Silver W/T/F				
Gold W/T/F/Q					Gold W/T/F/V				
Novice W/T/Q					Novice W/T/F				
Pre-Champ W/T/F/Q					Pre-Champ W/T/F/V				
Championship W/T/V/F/Q					Championship W/T/F/V				
INTERNATIONAL LATIN					AMERICAN RHYTHM				
Event & Dances	Preteens	Jr./Youth	Adult	Senior	Event & Dances	Preteens	Jr./Youth	Adult	Senior
Bronze C/R					Bronze C/R				
Silver C/S/R					Silver C/R/SW				
Gold C/S/R/J					Gold C/R/SW/B				
Novice C/S/R					Novice C/R/SW				
Pre-Champ C/S/R/J					Pre-Champ C/R/SW/B				
Championship C/S/R/P/J					Championship C/R/SW/B/M				

Event & Dance	Adult / Senior	Event & Dance	Adult / Senior	Event & Dance	Pre-Teen/Youth
Open Salsa		Newcomer Salsa		Under 18 Salsa	

Place an "X" in desired event(s) eligible. Refer to 4.5.4.6. in Rulebook For Salsa - Choose only one

Key: (W=waltz, Q=quickstep, F=foxtrot, T=tango, V=viennese waltz, C=cha cha, R=rumba, S=samba, P=paso doble, J=jive, B=bolero, M=mambo)

	<u>Price (per dancer)</u>	<u>How many dancers?</u>	<u>Sub-total</u>
Adult / Senior Competitor	\$25	X _____	= \$ _____
Student Competitor	\$20	X _____	= \$ _____
Age (18 & Under) Competitor	\$15	X _____	= \$ _____
Additional Late Fee (after 2/10/09)	\$20		+ \$ _____

Note: Your entry fee includes admission to event.

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GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

**Competitors dancing with more than one partner should fill out separate forms for each partnership and submit together.
No additional entry payment required.**

Please make checks payable to **USA Dance # 4033**

Mail in entry form with check to: **Sherry Parmon, Chapter VP, 956 W. Citrus Way, Chandler, AZ 85248**

Phone: 480-857-4955 Email: sherry@phoenixusadance.org

2009 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge Preliminary Time Schedule

This Preliminary Time Schedule is subject to change. Please see entry form for exact events being offered. Social dancing will be offered during the event as time permits.

- 9:30 – 10:30am** **Doors open for Check-in and Warm-up for competitors**
Competitors will have access to practice floor when available.
- 10:30am** **Doors open to Public. General Admission - \$10. Students \$5 w/I.D.**
- 11:00am** **Competition Begins**
Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus for All Styles and Ages.
Youth Salsa Event
- 2:00pm** **General Dancing / Formation Team Exhibition**
- 2:20pm** **Back to Competition**
Open Salsa Event – Adult/Senior Combined
Novice through Championship Open Division for Adult/Senior
- 7:00pm** **Thank you and Good Night**

Visit our website for latest schedule information: www.PhoenixUSAdance.org

For any questions, please feel free to contact Felix Ray at (623) 551-2324 or email:
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