

AMERICAS' CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS™ - 2008 Contest Rules

General:

1. The Americas' Classic Championships is open to all eligible contestants.
2. All categories are traditional male / female, lead / follow couples.
3. Costumes are acceptable in all categories except Strictly Swing, Pro-Am and Jack & Jill's.
4. This is a Swing Dance Competition and all recognized swing styles are allowed, including Whip, Push, West Coast Swing, Shag, Lindy Hop, Imperial, Swingout, Jitterbug, Steppers and others.
5. Dancers may not dance with the same partner in more than one Swing division. An individual is not permitted to dance twice within the same division. Exception, the Pro-Am divisions.
6. Americas' Classic Championships will provide music for the Jack & Jill, Strictly Swing and Pro-Am Divisions. Music for all other divisions must be provided by the contestant.
7. At least one (1) contestant from each entry must attend the dancers meeting. See the contest schedule for the assigned meeting times. NO PROXIES ALLOWED.
8. Dance Order: Will be determined at mandatory dancers meeting. Competitors meeting to take place, Friday Afternoon for Friday Competitors; Saturday, for Saturday competitors; Sunday, for Sunday competitors. See schedule for exact times.
9. Music Time Limitations: All routine divisions, excluding Teams, have a music time limitation of no less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.

10. Qualification for Amateur Dancers:

You must have never danced in a Non-Pro, Intermediate, Open or higher Class category, in Classic, Showcase, Strictly Swing/Just Dance style or equivalent categories, or as a Pro in a Pro-Am, in any style of dance. Jack & Jill competitions **are not** excluded. You cannot have ever taught any style of partner dance. This division is **not** open to all levels.

11. Qualification for Intermediate Dancers:

You must have never danced in a Rising Star, Open or higher Class category, in Classic, Showcase, Strictly Swing/Just Dance style or equivalent categories, or as a Pro in a Pro-Am, in any style of dance. Jack & Jill competitions **are not** excluded. This division is **not** open to all levels.

12. Qualification for Advanced/Rising Star Dancers:

All contestants may dance in this Class level except those who qualify as Professional Class dancers. Dancers must not have placed top 3 in a national competition in Classic, Showcase, Strictly Swing/Just Dance style or any equivalent categories. This division is **not** open to all levels.

13. Qualification for Professional Dancers:

This division is intended for those that teach and/or compete as the primary source of their income.

14. Definition of a LIFT:

That point when both feet are off the ground, and weight is not self supported.

15. Definition of a DROP:

The point at which the head goes below your partner's waist and weight is not self supported.

16. Definition of an AERIAL:

The point at which one partner is off the ground due to the other partner and not maintaining contact with their partner.

17. All rules will be strictly enforced.

18. Entry Deadline:

1. Saturday Competitors: Saturday morning 9AM. Sunday Competitors: Sunday morning 10AM. Sign-ups to be held at Registration desk located outside Grand Ballroom. There is no limit to entries to any divisions. If there are fewer than five (5) entries in any division, the Americas' Classic Championships reserves the right to combine or cancel that division.

Americas' Classic Championships also reserves the right to have any and all lead/follow categories run in a heated format in lieu of prelims or spotlight format for time restraints.

2. Each entry/waiver form (**Excluding Teams, Pro Am Strictly Swing and Jack & Jill**) must be accompanied by a \$50.00/per couple, per contest, fee. Deadline for pre-registration December 15th, 2007. December 16th, 2007 and at the Door, Registration fee is \$60.00/per Couple, Per Contest..

Teams: Entry/Waiver form must be accompanied by \$150.00 entry fee by December 15th, 2007. December 16th, 2007 and at the door, registration is \$175.00/per team.

Pro Am Strictly Swing Divisions: Entry/Waiver form must be accompanied by a \$25 per couple, entry fee. Deadline for Pre-Registration is December 15th. December 16th, 2007 and at the door, registration fee is \$30.00.

All competitors are required to purchase a weekend ticket and must be included or have verification of purchase with your entry form.

You must sign up by designated time. This is a Mandatory Dancers Meeting. See schedule for exact times. Discounted Entries may be submitted via mail postmarked no later than December 16th, 2007 to: Americas' Classic Championships, 7300 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, TX 76112-3525. Visa and Mastercard accepted. You may also fax your waivers with credit card info to: (817) 457-3269.

Novice Division: (Routine Division)

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)
2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 80% that style.
3. There are no Lifts, Drops or Aerials allowed.
4. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.
5. Costumes are required.

Novice Strictly Swing Division:

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)
2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 90% that style. It is a lead/follow category and no choreographed routines are allowed.
3. No lifts, drops or aerials and no planned entrances or exits allowed.
4. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships. The music will be selected at random and couples will be given no prior music information.
5. No Costumes Allowed.

Intermediate Division: (Routine Division)

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)
2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 80% that style.
3. There are no lifts, Drops or aerials allowed.
4. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.
5. Costumes are required.

Intermediate Strictly Swing Division:

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)
2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 90% that style.
3. This is a lead/follow category and no choreographed routines are allowed.
4. No lifts, drops or aerials and no planned entrances or exits allowed.
5. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships. The music will be selected at random and the couples will be given no prior music information.
6. No Costumes Allowed.

Rising Star Division: (Routine Division)

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)
2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 60% that style.
3. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.
4. Judging and time of routines begin with first choreographed movement with or without music.
5. Lifts, weight supported moves and aerials are allowed.

6. A maximum of 5 weight supported moves are allowed with no minimum requirements.

7. Costumes are required.

Advanced/Rising Star Strictly Swing:

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)

2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 90% that style.

3. This is a lead/follow category and no choreographed routines are allowed.

4. No lifts, drops or aerals and no planned entrances or exits allowed.

5. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships. Music will be selected at random and the couples will be given no prior music information.

Professional Classic Division: (NASDE)

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)

2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 80% that style.

3. There are no lifts or aerals allowed.

4. Breakaways should not exceed 8 beats.

5. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.

6. Costumes are required.

Professional Showcase Division: (NASDE)

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)

2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 60% that style.

3. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.

4. Judging and time of routines begin with first choreographed movement with or without music.

5. Costumes are required.

Mixed Pro-Am Division: (Routine Division)

1. Any dancer that qualifies may enter this category. (See General Rules)

2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 80% that style.

3. There are no Lifts or Aerals allowed.

4. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.

5. Costumes are required.

Pro-Am: Male & Female (Novice Level)

1. The Pro partner may dance with up to five (5) different Am partners.

2. The amateur partner must not qualify as a Intermediate, Rising Star, Open or higher level dancer.

3. The Pro can qualify as either Rising Star, Open or Professional level dancer.

4. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 90% that style.

5. This is a lead/follow category and no choreographed routines are allowed.

6. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships. The music will be selected at random and the couples will be given no prior music information. It will be approximately 112-124 bpm.

7. No Costumes Allowed.

Pro-Am: Male & Female (Intermediate Level)

1. The Pro partner may dance with up to five (5) different Non Pro partners.

2. The Intermediate amateur partner must not qualify as a Rising Star, Open or higher level dancer.

3. The Pro can qualify as either Rising Star, Open or Professional level dancer.

4. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 90% that style.

5. This is a lead/follow category and no choreographed routines are allowed.

6. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships. The music will be selected at random and the couples will be given no prior music information. It will be approximately 112-124 bpm.

7. No Costumes Allowed.

Masters Division: (Routine Division)

1. Both partners must be at least 50 years young at the time of the contest.

2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 60% that style.

3. Lifts, drops and aerals are allowed but not required.

4. Music Time Limitations: No less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes.

5. Costumes required.

6. There are no other restrictions.

Masters Strictly Swing :

1. Both partners must be at least 50 years young at the time of the contest.

2. This is a Swing category and dance content must be 90% that style.

3. This is a lead/follow category and no choreographed routines are allowed.

4. No lifts, drops or aerals and no planned entrances or exits allowed.

5. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships. Music will be selected at random and the couples will be given no prior music information.

6. No Costumes Allowed.

Slow Whip:

1. THIS IS A TRADITIONAL WHIP / PUSH COMPETITION.

2. Music will NOT be pre-released.

3. Music will range from 50-80 bpm.

4. No apart dancing other than free spins.

5. Couples will dance approximately two (2) minutes to music provided by Americas' Classic Championships.

Teams Division:

1. Each team must have a minimum of four (4) couples.

2. There is a limit of 10 team entries.

3. Each Team must dance at least 2-1/2 minutes of Swing.

4. Each team must dance a minimum of 3 minutes. Each team is allotted a maximum of 5 minutes from the time it is introduced until it must be totally off the dance floor.

5. Costumes are required.

Jack & Jills:

ALL Jack & Jill' entry fee for individuals is \$15+\$1 (WSDC fee) = \$16.00

Novice Jack & Jill:

1. Anyone that qualifies may enter this contest.

2. You must sign up in person. No proxies.

Intermediate Jack & Jill:

1. Anyone that qualifies may enter this contest.

2. You must sign up in person. No proxies.

Advanced Jack & Jill:

1. Anyone that qualifies may enter this contest.

2. You must sign up in person. No proxies

Pro Jack & Jill

1. Anyone that qualifies may enter this contest.

2. You must sign up in person. No proxies.

