# USA DANCE, Inc. Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033 2015 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge

**All Amateur Competition** 



# Saturday, March 21st, 2015

# El Zaribah Shrine Center

552 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street / Phoenix, AZ 85008

**Hosted by Phoenix USA Dance, #4033** 



# **General Information and Entry Form**

Deadline for Entries: February 20, 2015

Details and registration forms may be found on the chapter website. http://phoenixusadance.org/

### 2015 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge

## **An Overview to Amateur Competitive Dancing**

#### What makes a Dancesport 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 in 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:

Closed Syllabus Categories	Open Categories
Bronze * Silver * Gold	Novice * Pre-Championship * Championship

Dancers competing in the <u>syllabus level events</u> 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 <u>Syllabus section</u> of the national website, <u>www.usadance.org</u>.

Dancers competing in <u>open level events</u> may dance figures from any syllabus level, as well as innovative variations, as long as these moves comply with the rules and regulations of USA Dance.

#### Who can compete in a Dance Competition?

Typically, 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 competition organized by USA Dance. At this particular competition, we are open to **ALL AMATEUR DANCERS**, regardless of membership or affiliation.

#### What are the events?

Phoenix DanceSport Challenge offers events in the following styles of dance:

#### International Style:

Standard - Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot, Quickstep Latin – Samba, Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

#### American Style:

Smooth - Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz Rhythm - Cha Cha, Rumba, East Coast Swing, Bolero, Mambo

#### Social

Merengue, Hustle, Nightclub Twostep, Salsa, West Coast Swing, Bachata

Ballroom Jack & Jill: Standard/Smooth combined – single dances: Waltz, Foxtrot Rhythm/Latin combined – single dances: Chacha, Rumba

#### What are the music lengths per routine?

Typically 90-110 seconds, except for Viennese Waltz and Jive, which are 60-90 seconds.

#### How are the events judged?

During the events, three to five judges will rank the couples based on their technical 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 as an audience member?

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 applaud, cheer, and call out the number(s) of your favorites. Make yourself a part of the fun and excitement of the Phoenix DanceSport Challenge!

# 2015 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge: General Information

<u>DIRECTIONS:</u> El Zaribah Shrine Center – 552 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street / Phoenix, Arizona 85008 / 602.231.0300 \* SEE MAP ON WEBSITE \* - Between the 202 and Van Buren on the west side of 40<sup>th</sup> Street

#### SPECTATOR TICKETS

General admission may 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 support our competitors and help make the Phoenix DanceSport Challenge a success.

- General admission price is \$10.00 for 12 and up. 11 & under free. CASH Preferred.
- Parents or caretakers of juvenile competitors, as well as coaches, will be expected to purchase a spectator ticket.

#### **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The rules and guidelines listed in the following paragraphs are <u>not</u> 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 <u>www.usadance.org.</u>

#### **ENTRIES**

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 them together to ensure no conflicting entries. No additional fees are required for more than one partnership.

All competitors certify by signing the entry form that they are eligible under USA Dance guidelines 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. Signature also denotes a release form liability for injury, theft or any mishap towards the El Zaribah Shrine facility, the City of Phoenix or the Phoenix USA Dance Chapter.

<u>Events will be run in THREE age categories</u>: 1) Pre-Teen/ Junior /Youth combined, 2) Adult, and 3) 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.

The social dance category events are open to two age categories (18 and under / 19 and up - both partners must meet age requirement), with no skill level restriction. Costuming is allowed, and street clothes are acceptable. "Good taste" criteria will remain in force at the judges' and committee's discretion. Social categories will be limited to the <u>first 25 couples</u> (per dance) who enter. The Jack & Jill events will also be limited to the first 25 male / 25 female participants.

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 rules will be adhered to for this competition or you will be disqualified.

Entry deadline is February 20, 2015. Late entries are subject to the Registrar's approval and will be charged a late fee. Please contact registrar Beth Kahn at (480-329-3127) or email: <a href="mailto:beth@phoenixusadance.org">beth@phoenixusadance.org</a>. A late fee of \$15 per person will be assessed for approved entries postmarked or received electronically after the deadline date.

#### **CHECK IN**

All competitors MUST report to the Registration Table and present a valid identification 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 prior to their heat. Any competitor who does not take the floor when called will face disqualification from that heat. Upcoming heats (including callbacks) will be visible on a large screen TV near the ondeck area.

Food in the Ballroom: Sealed beverage containers will be allowed in the ballroom. There will be a designated food / dining area which we encourage people to use. Food may be taken into the ballroom, though we ask that you are careful to avoid spillage and alert the organizers immediately should one occur so it can be cleaned to avoid floor damage or hazard to competitors and spectators.

**Snack Bar hours – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** 

Dinner Package – reserved / pre-payment / \$25 pp – 5:00 – 7:00 PM – see details on registration form

#### PROFICIENCY CLASSIFICATIONS

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

Maximum Number of Events for Dances						Sport Athletes		
Your proficiency level is:	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	Age	Notes		
Pre-teen (I, II)	11 or less	(2004 and younger)		
Junior (I, II)	12 – 15	These categories will be	Pre-teens may dance up to Junior/Youth level	
Youth	16 – 18	combined (1997-2003)		
Adult	19 – 34	(1981-1996)	Youths may dance up to adult level	
Senior ( I, II,III)	35 & up	These categories will be	Both partners must be eligible	
		combined (1980 and older)	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, and 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. *Rhinestone costumes are not allowed in syllabus categories, except in Senior age divisions*.

#### **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, as long as it does not interfere with the competitors or the viewing pleasure of spectators. Video camera operators will be asked to utilize an assigned area and are not be allowed on the competition floor. Camera operators, please respect other spectators' viewing space and <u>do not</u> interfere with the judges, other officials or competitors in any way. No flash photography may be used (except by designated personnel for purpose of chapter archiving) for the safety of the dancers.

# USA Dance, Inc / Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033 2015 Phoenix Dancesport Challenge REGISTRATION FORM

Please Fill In Electronically or Print Legibly				
Gentleman's Birth Year:	Lady's Birth Year:			
Name:	Name:			
Address:	Address:			
City:	City:			
State: Zip:	State: Zip:			
Email:	Email:			
Phone:	Phone:			
Gentleman's Signature (or parent/guardian if under 18)	Lady's Signature (or parent/guardian if under 18)			
Neither the Organizers, USA Dance, the City of Phoenix, nor the El Zari, premises during this event. Furthermore, the Organizers / Facility cannot be	bah faciility is responsible for the loss or theft of personal property left on be held liable for any injury sustained by persons attending or participating – their own risk.			

While this is a non-sanctioned event, all competitors are expected to abide by the USA Dance rules and regulations pertaining to closed and open categories, and costuming protocol. Both partners must meet the age category criteria.

#### ACCOUNTING

	Fee Per Person	# of Dancers or Tickets	Subtotal	
Adult / Senior Competitors (non-student or 19 and up)	\$50			
Junior / Youth / Collegiate Competitors (student or 18 & under – with ID)	\$40			
Pre-Teen (11 and under)	\$20			
Spectator Tickets (11 & under - free)	\$10			
Dinner Package	\$25			
Late Fee (if registration received after Feb 20 2015)	\$15			TOTAL
Entry fee includes all applicable dance categories and	d full day admis	sion to the competition	on	\$

## Make Checks payable to Phoenix USA Dance #4033.

Mail entry form and payment to: Beth Kahn, Competition Registrar 2812 E. Villa Theresa Drive / Phoenix, AZ 85032

Dance	Key:
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QS = Quickstep VW = Viennese Waltz

# **CLOSED / SYLLABUS CATEGORIES**

 $Competitors\ will\ be\ expected\ to\ abide\ by\ the\ USA\ Dance\ rules\ and\ regulations\ governing\ CLOSED\ /\ Syllabus\ dance\ categories\ .$ 

Indicate the desired dances and age ca	itegor	y(ies)	per pro	oficiend	cy:			
American Rhythm								
CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances	CC	R	SW	В	М	PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Newcomer								
Bronze								
Silver								
Gold						40.0	40.0	
CLOSED Multi-Dance Scholarship						18 & under	19 & over	
Bronze Multi-Dance			CC / F					
Silver Multi-Dance		С	C / R /	SW				
Gold Multi-Dance		CC	/ R / S	W /B				
Indicate the desired dances and age co	tegor	y(ies)	per pro	oficiend	:y:			
American Smooth								
CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances	W	Т	FT	VW		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Newcomer								
Bronze								
Silver								
Gold								
CLOSED Multi-Dance Scholarship						18 & under	19 & over	
Bronze Multi-Dance			W/F	Γ				
Silver Multi-Dance	W/T/FT							
Gold Multi-Dance		W/	T / FT	/ VW				
Indicate the desired dances and age ca	tegor	y(ies)	per pro	oficienc	cy:			
International Latin								
CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances	SA	СС	R	PD	J	PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Newcomer								
Bronze								
Silver								
Gold								
CLOSED Multi-Dance Scholarship						18 & under	19 & over	
Bronze Multi-Dance			CC / F	₹				
Silver Multi-Dance		S	A / CC	/ R				
Gold Multi-Dance		SA	/ CC /	R/J				
Indicate the desired dances and age ca	teaor				:v:			
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Newcomer	† <u></u>	<u> </u>	- ••	- •		1 1,01,101		
Bronze								
Silver								
Gold								
CLOSED Multi-Dance Scholarship						18 & under	19 & over	
Bronze Multi-Dance			W/Q	S				
Silver Multi-Dance	W / FT / QS							
Gold Multi-Dance	W/T/FT/QS							

# **OPEN CATEGORIES**

Competitors will be expected to abide by the USA Dance rules and regulations governing OPEN dance categories.

Indicate the desired age category(ie American Rhythm	s) per proficiency:			
OPEN Multi-Dance		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
	CC / R / SW	FI/JI/ICII	^	- 3
Novice Pre-Champion	CC / R / SW / B			
Champion	CC / R / SW / B / M			
Champion	CC / K / 3W / B / W	18 &	19 &	
OPEN Scholarship		under	over	
All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level				
dancers are eligible per the consecutive level				
ruling. Competitors must perform all five	/- //- /			
dances during the heat.	CC / R / SW / B / M			
Indicate the desired age category(ie	s) per proficiency:			
American Smooth				
OPEN Single Dances		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Novice	W/T/FT			
Pre-Champion	W/T/FT/VW			
Champion	W/T/FT/VW			
•		18 &	19 &	
OPEN Scholarship		under	over	
All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level				
dancers are eligible per the consecutive level				
ruling. Competitors must perform all four				
dances during the heat.	W/T/FT/VW			
Indicate the desired age category(ie	s) per proficiency:			
International Latin				
OPEN Multi-Dance		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Novice	SA / CC / R			
Pre-Champion	SA / CC / R / J			
Champion	SA / CC / R / PD / J			
		18 &	19 &	
OPEN Scholarship		under	over	
All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level		unacı		
dancers are eligible per the consecutive level				
ruling. Competitors must perform all five				
dances during the heat.	SA / CC / R / PD / J			
Indicate the desired age category(ie	s) per proficiency:			
International Standard				
OPEN Multi-Dance		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Novice	W / FT / QS			
Pre-Champion	W/T/FT/QS			
Champion	W/T/VW/FT/QS			
		18 &	19 &	
OPEN Scholarship		under	over	
All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level				
dancers are eligible per the consecutive level				
ruling. Competitors must perform all five				

#### **SOCIAL DANCE CATEGORIES**

Social Dance Events are open to all levels of dancers, without proficiency restriction.

The first 25 couples who register will be allowed entry (per dance).

You may enter as many of the social dance categories as you desire (pending open slots).

Social Dances	18 and Under	19 and Over
Merengue		
Hustle		
NightClub Twostep		
Salsa		
West Coast Swing		
Bachata		

#### **JACK & JILL DANCE CATEGORIES**

Jack & Jill Dance Events are open to all levels of dancers, without proficiency restriction. The first 25 gentlemen and first 25 ladies who register will be allowed entry (per dance). You may enter as many of the social dance categories as you desire (pending open slots). Partnerings will be determined at random on the day of the competition.

Jack & Jill	Gentleman	Lady		
Rhythm / Latin				
ChaCha				
Rumba				
Smooth / Standard				
Waltz				
Foxtrot				
These are "no age restriction" events				

#### DINNER PACKAGE

Includes: Chicken Entrée Pasta, Salad and Dessert

\$25 per person

Available 5:00 – 7:00 PM (competition will remain in session) Reservation and pre-payment requested to ensure accurate catering.

Please indicate number of meals requested on the accounting section of your registration form.

# USA DANCE, Inc. Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033 2015 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge TENTATIVE Schedule



### This is a TENTATIVE schedule and subject to change.

Please see entry form for events being offered. General dancing will be offered as time permits during the competition.

8:00 AM Doors open to the Public and to Competitors for registration and warm-up General Admission - \$10.00

- Children 11 and under – free

8:45 AM Ballroom will be cleared prior to the start of competition

9:00 AM Competition Begins

**Session One: (AM)** 

- Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus for Smooth and Standard

Session Two: (Midday / early afternoon)

- Ballroom Jack and Jill Categories

- Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus for Rhythm and Latin

- Social Dance Categories

**Session Three: (evening)** 

- Novice through Championship Open Divisions for all styles

**End of Competition:** When the Music Stops!



Visit our website for updated schedule information as the date approaches: <a href="http://phoenixusadance.org/">http://phoenixusadance.org/</a>

For any questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Ericksen at 602-618-4079 or email: <a href="mailto:Chuck@phoenixusadance.org">Chuck@phoenixusadance.org</a>