

USA DANCE, Inc.
Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033
2013 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge
All Amateur Competition



Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

Red Mountain Multigenerational Center
7550 E. Adobe
Mesa, AZ 85207

Hosted by Phoenix USA Dance, #4033



General Information and Entry Form

Deadline for Entries: February 23, 2013

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

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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 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:

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

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.

Dancers competing in open level events 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:

Salsa, Nightclub Two-step, Hustle, West Coast Swing, Merengue

Ballroom Jack & Jill: Standard/Smooth combined – single dances: Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot

Rhythm/Latin combined – single dances: Chacha, Rumba, Swing/Jive

What are the music lengths per routine?

Typically 90-120 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 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 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!

2013 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge: General Information

DIRECTIONS: Red Mountain Multi-generational Center / 7550 E. Adobe / Mesa, AZ 85207 / 480-644-4800

*** SEE MAP ON WEBSITE ***

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 help support our efforts to make the Phoenix DanceSport Challenge a success.

- General admission price is \$10.00 for 12 and up. 11 & under – free. Cash only.
- Parents or caretakers of juvenile competitors, as well as coaches, will be expected to purchase a spectator ticket.
- Admission to the evening social dance must be purchased separately at the door that evening. Cash only - \$5.00.

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

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 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.

Events will be run in FOUR age 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.

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. These categories will be limited to the first 25 couples (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 23, 2013. 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: beth@phoenixusadance.org. A late fee of \$15 per person will be assessed for approved entries postmarked after the deadline.

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.

NO FOOD IS ALLOWED IN THE BALLROOM. This is the policy of the facility and we wish to respect it. Tables for dining are available in the hallway just outside the ballroom area.

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 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	Age	Notes	
Pre-teen (I, II)	11 or less	(2001 and younger)	
Junior (I, II)	12 – 15	These categories will be combined (1995-2001)	Pre-teens may dance up to Junior/Youth level
Youth	16 – 18		
Adult	19 – 34	(1979-1994)	Youths may dance up to adult level
Senior (I, II,III)	35 & up	These categories will be combined (1978 and older)	Both partners must be eligible
			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 do not 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.

2013 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge – Amateur Entry Form

Man's Birth Yr: _____

Lady's Birth Yr: _____

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Address: _____

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Address: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Phone # : _____

Phone #: _____

Neither the organizer, USA dance, the City of Mesa, or the facility is responsible for the loss or theft of personal property left in changing rooms, ballroom or anywhere on premises. Furthermore, the organizers/facility cannot be held liable for any injury sustained by persons attending this event. All participants do so at their own risk.

Gentleman's Signature (parent, if under 18)

Lady's Signature (parent, if under 18)

Please place an 'X' in the appropriate box(es).

American Rhythm

<i>Syllabus / Closed</i>		<i>PT</i>	<i>Jr/Y</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>S</i>
Bronze (C,R)					
Bronze (SW)					
Silver (C,R,SW)					
Silver (B)					
Gold (C,R,SW,B)					
Gold (M)					
<i>Open</i>					
Novice (C,R,SW)		NA			
Prechamp (C,R,SW,B)		NA			
Champ (C,R,SW,B,M)		NA			

International Latin

<i>Syllabus / Closed</i>		<i>PT</i>	<i>Jr/Y</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>S</i>
Bronze (C,R)					
Bronze (SA)					
Silver (SA,C,R)					
Silver (J)					
Gold (SA,R,C,J)					
Gold (PD)					
<i>Open</i>					
Novice (SA,R,C)		NA			
Prechamp (SA,R,C,J)		NA			
Champ (SA,R,C,PD,J)		NA			

American Smooth

<i>Syllabus / Closed</i>		<i>PT</i>	<i>Jr/Y</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>S</i>
Bronze (W,T)					
Bronze (FT)					
Silver (W,T,FT)					
Silver (VW)					
Gold (W,T,FT,VW)					
<i>Open</i>					
Novice (W,T,FT)		NA			
Prechamp (W,T,FT,VW)		NA			
Champ (W,T,FT,VW)		NA			

International Standard

<i>Syllabus / Closed</i>		<i>PT</i>	<i>Jr/Y</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>S</i>
Bronze (W,Q)					
Bronze (FT)					
Silver (W,Q,FT)					
Silver (T)					
Gold (W,Q,FT,T)					
Gold (VW)					
<i>Open</i>					
Novice (W,Q,T)		NA			
Prechamp (W,T,FT,Q)		NA			
Champ (W,T,VW,FT,Q)		NA			

Dances: C=chacha, R=rumba, SW=swing, B=bolero, M=mambo, W=waltz, T=tango, FT=foxtrot, VW=Viennese waltz, SA=samba, PD=paso doble, J=Jive, Q=quickstep

Age Categories: PT=Preteen, Jr/Y= Junior/Youth, A=Adult, S=Senior

**Competitors dancing with more than one partner should fill out separate forms
for EACH partnership and submit together.**

No additional entry payment required other than per person registration fee.

Deadline for Entries: February 23, 2013.

*All Entries received after the deadline date of February 23rd will be charged a late fee of \$15 pp,
and may or may not be added into the competition at the committee's discretion.*

*** See Page Two for Social / Club Dance categories and Jack & Jill registration.**

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Registration Form / Page Two

Competitors:

Gentleman: _____

Lady: _____

SOCIAL DANCE CATEGORIES:

A maximum of 25 couples will be allowed entry into each dance heat on a first come, first entered basis.

These are open categories with only TWO AGE categories and NO SKILL LEVEL restriction.

Costuming will be allowed – “street clothes” are acceptable. “Good taste” guideline, along with USA Dance costuming rules, will be observed. ALL dancers must wear dance shoes or non-marking soles.

Social / Club Dance	PreTeen/Junior/Youth	Adult / Senior
<i>Please put an X in the appropriate category(ies)</i>		
Salsa		
Nightclub Twostep		
Hustle		
West Coast Swing		
Merengue		

JACK & JILL CATEGORY:

Dancers may enter more than one Jack and Jill dance category. Partners will be determined by random selection just prior to the heat. A maximum of 25 females / 25 males per dance category will be allowed and will be accepted on a first come, first entered basis. These categories have NO AGE RESTRICTION and NO SKILL LEVEL RESTRICTION.

Jack and Jill		Lady	Gentleman
<i>Please put an X in the appropriate box(es)</i>			
Standard / Smooth	Waltz		
	Tango		
	Foxtrot		
Latin / Rhythm	Chacha		
	Rumba		
	Swing / Jive		

SUBTOTAL for SYLLABUS and/or OPEN CATEGORIES:

(Note: Your single entry fee includes all applicable dance categories and full day admission to the competition.)

Category	Price per dancer	# of dancers	Subtotal	
Adult / Senior competitor (non-student or 19 and up)	\$40			
Junior / Youth / Collegiate competitor (student or 18 and under – with ID)	\$30			
Preteen (11 and under)	\$0			
Late Fee (if submitted after Feb 23)	\$15			
			TOTAL =	

Please make checks payable to **USA Dance # 4033**
 Mail entry form with check to: **Beth Kahn, Competition Registrar**
P.O. Box 10341 / Tempe, AZ 85284
Phone: (480-329-3127) Email: beth@phoenixusadance.org

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TENTATIVE Time Schedule



This Preliminary Schedule is subject to change.

Please see entry form for events being offered.

General dancing will be offered as time permits during the competition.

- 9:00 AM** **Doors open to the Public and to Competitors for registration and warm-up**
 General Admission - \$10 / Children 11 and under – free
- 10:00 AM** **Competition Begins**
 Session One: (AM and early afternoon)
 - Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus for Rhythm and Latin
 - 2-3 social dance categories (TBD)
- Session Two: (afternoon)**
 - Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus for Smooth and Standard
 - 2-3 social dance categories (TBD)
 - Novice through Championship Open Divisions
 - Ballroom Jack and Jill Categories
- 6:00 PM** **Ballroom closed for dinner break and re-set**
- 7:00 PM** **Ballroom open to general public for social dance event**
 (Requires separate ticket purchase - \$5.00, cash, at the door)
- 10:00 PM** **End of Event - Thank You and Good Night**

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

For any questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Ericksen at 602-618-4079
or email: Chuck@phoenixusadance.org