

**USA DANCE, Inc.**  
**Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033**  
**2016 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge**  
**All Amateur Competition**



**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

**Sun Devil Fitness Complex - West**  
13351 N. 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Glendale, AZ 85306

**Hosted by Phoenix USA Dance, #4033**  
**Co-Hosted by Devil DanceSport at ASU**



**General Information and Entry Form**

**Deadline for Entries: Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**All participants must have an active social or competitive USA Dance membership.**

Details and registration forms may be found on the chapter or o2cm website. <http://phoenixusadance.org> or <http://register.o2cm.com?event=PDC>

# 2016 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 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](http://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?

At the Phoenix USA Dancesport Challenge, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACTIVE USA DANCE MEMBERS. You may apply for membership via [www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org) or contact the Phoenix Chapter at [www.phoenixusadance.org](http://www.phoenixusadance.org). Details for membership signup may be found with the registration forms.

#### 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:

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

#### 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!

## **2016 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge: General Information**

**LOCATION: Sun Devil Fitness Complex West – 13351 N. 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Glendale, AZ 85306**

**\* SEE MAP ON CHAPTER 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 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**

Per a new USA Dance National directive – **ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE ACTIVE USA DANCE MEMBERS** (social or competitive level) in order to participate. Membership is available online at [www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org) or contact the Phoenix Chapter for information. Details are available with the registration forms.

The rules and guidelines listed in the following paragraphs are not a complete description of all applicable USA Dance rules. The current rulebook is available on the National USA Dance website at [www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org).

**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.**

Food and sealed beverage containers may be taken into the ballroom and we ask that you are careful to avoid spillage. Should one occur, please alert the organizers immediately so that it can be cleaned up to avoid floor damage and to avoid it becoming a hazard to competitors and spectators.

### **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.

**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 from liability for injury, theft or any mishap towards the ASU West facility, the City of Glendale or the Phoenix USA Dance Chapter.**

Events will be run in the following age categories: 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 events are available to three age categories** (18 and under / 19 to 34 / 35 and above - 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 first 25 couples (per dance) who enter. One age level per dance per partnership will be allowed.

**Entry deadline is Saturday, February 27, 2016.** Late entries are subject to the Registrar's approval and will be charged a late fee. Please contact registrar **Sue Eldred** at (602-550-0944) or email: [comp@phoenixusadance.org](mailto:comp@phoenixusadance.org). A late fee of \$15 per person will be assessed for approved registration / entries postmarked or received electronically after the deadline date of February 27<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed for any payments received after March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHECK IN**

All competitors **MUST** report to the Registration Table, and present a valid identification and **active USA Dance Card** in order to pick up packets and numbers. Competitors should be in the ballroom, ready to dance at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time for their 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 posted near the on-deck area.

## **PROFICIENCY CLASSIFICATIONS**

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. .

Your proficiency level is:	Newcomer	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Novice	Pre-Champ	Champ
Newcomer	X	X					
Bronze	X	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. Competitors may not compete in more than two consecutive age categories in a particular style.

Age Category	Age	Notes	
Pre-teen (I, II)	11 or less	(2005 and later)	
Junior ( I, II)	12 – 15	These categories will be combined (1998-2004)	Pre-teens may dance up to Junior/Youth level
Youth	16 – 18		Youth may dance up to Adult level
Adult	19 – 34	(1982-1997)	Both partners must be eligible
Senior ( I, II,III)	35 & up	These categories will be combined (1981 or before)	Both partners must be eligible

## **SYLLABUS RESTRICTIONS**

Syllabus steps may be from the USA Dance, NDCA, or WDSF, ISDT or other 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.

## **COSTUME RESTRICTIONS**

Please refer to the costume restrictions in the USA Dance Rulebook, Section 3.11. 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. Rhinestone costumes are not allowed in syllabus categories, except in Senior age divisions. 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](http://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.

Photographers will be taking photos throughout the event. Your registration signature grants permission for the USA Dance Chapter and/or Devil Dancesport to use any images captured of you for marketing, advertising, and other business related purposes.

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### REGISTRATION FORM

*Please Print Legibly*

Leader's Name: _____	Follower's Name: _____
Birth Year: _____	Birth Year: _____
USA Dance# (active status req): _____	USA Dance# (active status req): _____
School/Studio: _____	School/Studio: _____
School ID #: _____	School ID #: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

#### SIGNATURES:

*Leader's Signature (or parent/guardian if under 18)*

*Follower's Signature (or parent/guardian if under 18)*

Neither the Organizers, USA Dance, the City of Glendale, nor Arizona Board of Regents, Arizona State University, the State of Arizona and their officers, regents, agents and employees are responsible for the loss or theft of personal property left on premises during this event. The Organizers/City/Facility are not held liable for any injury sustained by persons attending or participating in the event – they do so at their own risk. Photography will take place throughout the competition. Above signature releases the Phoenix USA Dance Chapter and/or Devil DanceSport to use the photos for advertising, marketing and other business related purposes.

<b>ACCOUNTING</b>	<b>Fee Per Person</b>	<b># of Dancers / Tickets / Fees</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<b>Adult / Senior Competitors</b> (Non-Student or 19 and up)	\$50		
<b>Junior / Youth / Collegiate Competitors</b> (Student or 18 & under – with ID)	\$40		
<b>Pre-Teen</b> (11 and under)	\$25		
<b>Scholarship Fee</b> (per entered category)	\$5		
<b>Spectator Tickets</b> (age 12 and up - tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance)	\$10		
<b>Late Fees</b> (if registration received after Feb 27) (An additional late fee of \$15 will be assessed for payment received after March 5 <sup>th</sup> )	\$15	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	
Entry fee includes full day admission to the competition and all applicable non-scholarship entries.			
Cancellation Policy – 100% refund for cancellations received before March 5 <sup>th</sup> . 50% refund for notifications received between March 5 & 11. No refund will be given if notification is received on or after March 12.			

**Make Checks payable to Phoenix USA Dance #4033**  
**Mail entry form and payment to: Sue Eldred, Competition Registrar**  
**10938 E. Evans Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

## **2016 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge**

### **Important Information for All Competitors**

#### **NEW USA DANCE MEMBERSHIP Requirement for Participation:**

Per a directive from USA Dance National - a minimum of Social Membership (\$35), Student/Collegiate Athlete Membership (\$25), or Youth/Juvenile Membership (\$10) is a pre-requisite for participation in this year's Phoenix Dancesport Challenge.

Any active membership level (social, collegiate or dancesport athlete) will allow entry into all categories offered at this non-sanctioned event.

**Membership must be ACTIVE prior to the date of competition.**

#### **NEW SCHOLARSHIP Fee for 2016:**

A \$5.00 entry fee per person will be collected for each scholarship heat entered. Each partnership may only enter ONE age category of Scholarship per dance style (Rhythm, Latin, Smooth, Standard).

#### **SOCIAL DANCE CRITERIA for 2016:**

Each partnership may enter only ONE age category per social dance style.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- 100% refund if cancellation received before Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 50% refund if cancellation received between March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- No refund if cancellation received on or after Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **DANCE KEY:**

B = Bolero  
M = Mambo  
SA = Samba  
W = Waltz

CC = ChaCha  
PD = Paso Doble  
SW = Swing

FT = Foxtrot  
QS = Quickstep  
T = Tango

J = Jive  
R = Rumba  
VW = V. Waltz

Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Follower's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLOSED SYLLABUS / MULTI DANCE CATEGORIES**

<i>Indicate the desired dances and age category(ies) per proficiency:</i>									
<b>American Rhythm</b>									
<i>CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances</i>	<b>CC</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>M</b>		<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Sr</b>
Newcomer									
Bronze									
Silver									
Gold									
<i>Multi-Dance Events</i>									
Closed Syllabus Gold	CC / R / SW / B								
Open Novice	CC / R / SW								
Open Pre-Champion	CC / R / SW / B								
Open Champion	CC / R / SW / B / M								
<b>American Smooth</b>									
<i>CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances</i>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>VW</b>			<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Sr</b>
Newcomer									
Bronze									
Silver									
Gold									
<i>Multi-Dance Events</i>									
Closed Syllabus Gold	W / T / FT / VW								
Open Novice	W / T / FT								
Open Pre-Champion	W / T / FT / VW								
Open Champion	W / T / FT / VW								
<b>International Latin</b>									
<i>CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances</i>	<b>SA</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>J</b>		<b>18 &amp; under</b>	<b>19 &amp; over</b>	<b>Sr</b>
Newcomer									
Bronze									
Silver									
Gold									
<i>Multi-Dance Events</i>									
Syllabus Closed Gold	SA / CC / R / J								
Open Novice	SA / CC / R								
Open Pre-Champion	SA / CC / R / J								
Open Champion	SA / CC / R / PD / J								
<b>International Standard</b>									
<i>CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances</i>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>VW</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>QS</b>		<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Sr</b>
Newcomer									
Bronze									
Silver									
Gold									
<i>Multi-Dance Events</i>									
Closed Syllabus Gold	W / T / FT / QS								
Open Novice	W / FT / QS								
Open Pre-Champion	W / T / FT / QS								
Open Champion	W / T / VW / FT / QS								

Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Follower's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES

*REMINDER – There is a \$5.00 per person fee for each scholarship entered.*

<i>Indicate with an "X" the desired age category and Level:</i>				
<b>American Rhythm</b>			<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult/Sr.</b>
CLOSED Bronze - 2 Dance Scholarship	CC / R			
CLOSED Silver - 3 Dance Scholarship	CC / R / SW			
OPEN – 5 Dance Scholarship All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level dancers are eligible per the consecutive level ruling.	CC / R / SW / B / M			
<i>Indicate with an "X" the desired age category and Level:</i>				
<b>American Smooth</b>			<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult/Sr.</b>
CLOSED Bronze - 2 Dance Scholarship	W / FT			
CLOSED Silver - 3 Dance Scholarship	W / T / FT			
OPEN – 4 Dance Scholarship All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level dancers are eligible per the consecutive level ruling.	W / T / FT / VW			
<i>Indicate with an "X" the desired age category and Level:</i>				
<b>International Latin</b>			<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult/Sr.</b>
CLOSED Bronze - 2 Dance Scholarship	CC / R			
CLOSED Silver - 3 Dance Scholarship	SA / CC / R			
OPEN - 5 Dance Scholarship All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level dancers are eligible per the consecutive level ruling.	SA / CC / R / PD / J			
<i>Indicate with an "X" the desired age category and Level:</i>				
<b>International Standard</b>			<b>PT/Jr/Yth</b>	<b>Adult/Sr.</b>
CLOSED Bronze - 2 Dance Scholarship	W / QS			
CLOSED Silver - 3 Dance Scholarship	W / FT / QS			
OPEN – 5 Dance Scholarship All Gold, Novice, Pre-Champion, Champion level dancers are eligible per the consecutive level ruling.	W / T / VW / FT / QS			



Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Follower's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SOCIAL DANCE CATEGORIES**

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

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

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

Each partnership may only enter ONE age category per dance style.

<i>Indicate with an "X" the desired dance and age category:</i>			
<b>Social Dances</b>	<b>Youth / Junior / Collegiate (18 and Under)</b>	<b>Adult (19 and up)</b>	<b>Senior (35 years &amp; above)</b>
Merengue			
Hustle			
Nightclub Twostep			
Salsa			
West Coast Swing			
Bachata			

Both dancers **MUST** meet the criteria for the chosen age category.

If a partnership mixes age categories, the following rules apply:

- For 19 and over, the age of the younger partner will dictate category placement.
- If one partner is under 18 and the other 19 or older, the age of the older partner will dictate category placement.

*Examples:*

1. One partner is 17, the other partner is 20. The couple must enter the older age category (19 to 34).
2. One partner is 33, the other partner is 52. The couple must enter the younger age category.
3. A couple fits the Senior age category. They choose to dance in the Adult age bracket for specific dances. They may do so, but cannot enter the Senior age category for those same dances.

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**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 & under are 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 and Open Categories for Smooth
- Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Standard

**Session Two: (Midday / early afternoon)**

- Social Dance Categories
- Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Rhythm

**Session Three: (evening)**

- Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Latin

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



Visit our website for updated competition information as the date approaches:

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602-550-0944 or email: [comp@phoenixusadance.org](mailto:comp@phoenixusadance.org)

For any other competition-related questions, please contact Chuck Ericksen  
602-618-4079 / or email: [Chuck@phoenixusadance.org](mailto:Chuck@phoenixusadance.org)