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. 40th Street / Phoenix, AZ 85008

Hosted by Phoenix USA Dance, #4033



General Information and Entry Form

Deadline for Entries: February 20, 2015 EXTENDED to FEB. 28th

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. 40th Street / Phoenix, Arizona 85008 / 602.231.0300 * SEE MAP ON WEBSITE * - Between the 202 and Van Buren on the west side of 40th 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 **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 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.

<u>Entry deadline is February 20, 2015.</u> 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:** <u>beth@phoenixusadance.org</u>. 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 more than two consecutive age categories in a particular style.

¥7		Maximum Number of Events for DanceSport 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		

COSTUMING

Due to the non-sanctioned nature of this competition, Adult AND Senior competitors will be allowed to wear stoned costumes. Youth, Junior and Pre-Teen costuming should follow the USA Dance regulations.

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*.

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.

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Please Fill In Electr	onically 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)
premises during this event. Furthermore, the Organizers / Facility canno	h facility is responsible for the damage, loss or theft of personal property left on t be held liable for any injury sustained by persons attending or participating – at 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 with ID or 12-18 years)	\$40			
Pre-Teen Competitors (11 and under)	\$20			
Spectator Tickets (11 & under - free)	\$10			
Dinner Package	\$25			
Late Fee (if registration received after Feb 28th 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

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	tegor	y(ies)	per pro	oficienc	ry:				
American Rhythm			CVA	_	8.4		DT /1/\/4h	Δ.	
CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances Newcomer	СС	R	SW	В	M		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Bronze									
Silver									
Gold									
CLOSED Multi-Dance Scholarship					ı		18 & under	19 & over	
Bronze Multi-Dance			CC / F	₹					
Silver Multi-Dance		С	C / R / :						
Gold Multi-Dance			/ R / S\						
Indicate the desired dances and age ca	tegor				:y:				
American Smooth	<u> </u>	, , ,		,	,				
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	:y:				
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		SA / CC / R							
Gold Multi-Dance		SA / CC / R / J							
Indicate the desired dances and age ca	tegor	y(ies)	per pro	oficienc	y:				
International Standard									
CLOSED / Syllabus Single Dances	W	Т	vw	FT	QS		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Newcomer									
Bronze									
Silver									
Gold									
CLOSED Multi-Dance Scholarship	1						18 & under	19 & over	
Bronze Multi-Dance			W/Q	S					
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Silver Multi-Dance		V	/ / 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(ies) per proficiency:			
American Rhythm				
OPEN Multi-Dance		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Novice	CC / R / SW			
Pre-Champion	CC / R / SW / B			
Champion	CC/R/SW/B/M			
		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	CC / D / SW/ / D / M			
dances during the heat. Indicate the desired age category(CC / R / SW / B / M			
American Smooth	ies, per progreteney.			
OPEN Single Dances		PT/Jr/Yth	Α	S
Novice	W/T/FT	F 1/31/1011		-
Pre-Champion	W / T / FT / VW			
Champion	W/T/FT/VW	40.0	40.0	
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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(ies) 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				
dancers are eligible per the consecutive level				
ruling. Competitors must perform all five	6. 100 10 100 11			
dances during the heat.	SA / CC / R / PD / J			
Indicate the desired age category(ies) 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 dances during the heat.	W/T/VW/FT/QS			

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: http://phoenixusadance.org/

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