

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

## PRO/AM – MIXED AMATEUR – AMATEUR/AMATEUR

### Single Dance Events

(All levels and styles (Smooth, Rhythm, Ballroom, Latin, Night Club, Country Western))

### Categories Offered

Rising Star	Available to anyone who has not competed in 3 or more NDCA events from the start of 2023
Proficiency	Competing for your own personal score
Closed	The NDCA Syllabus is used for all closed categories
Open	Open material (no syllabus required) Lifts and Drops are not allowed

### Dances Offered

**Smooth** – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V.Waltz, Peabody **Rhythm** – Cha-cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo

**Ballroom** – Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep

**Latin** – Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

**Night Club** – Samba, Merengue, West Coast, Hustle, Salsa, Paso, Bachata, Argentine Tango, Night Club 2 step, Lindy Hop

**Country Western** – Waltz, Cha-Cha, 2 Step, Polka, Swing, West Coast Swing, Triple 2 Step

### Levels Offered

Bronze	Newcomer, Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Full, Open
Silver	Beginner, Novice, Foundation, Intermediate, Full, Open
Gold	Novice, Foundation, Intermediate, Full, Open
Advanced	Open

### Age Categories for Single Dance Events

A1 - (19-30)	A2- (31-40)	B1 - (41 - 50)	B2 - (51-60)
C - (61-70)	S1 - (71-80)	S2 - (81 & above)	

NOTE: Adult **Students may enter up to 2 Levels**. Example: A student may enter Bronze and Silver Levels except for our Novice Bronze Division (Reserved for Bronze Students only) or Silver and Gold. A student may not enter Bronze, Silver and Gold. Levels must be in consecutive order.

**You may enter 3 age categories** (your own and 2 younger). Example: If your age is B2 you may also enter B1 and A2.

## **Single Dance Open Challenge Events**

(Offered in all dances, levels, and styles. Single Dance Open Challenge Events will run simultaneously with the closed and open single dance events).

### **Age Categories for Single Dance Challenge Events**

A1 - (19-30)      A2 - (31-40)      B1 - (41 - 50)      B2 - (51-60)

C - (61-70)      S1 - (71-80)      S2 - (81 & above)

## **Multi-Dance Championship Events**

(Age categories are different from single dance events. Please check the proper age category).

### **Age Categories for Multi-Dance Events**

A1 - (19-30)      A2 - (31-40)      B1 - (41 - 50)      B2 - (51-60)

C - (61-70)      S1 - (71-80)      S2 - (81 & above)

### **Bronze & Silver Closed 3 Dance Events**

American Smooth – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot      American Rhythm – Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing  
International Ballroom – Waltz, Tango, Quickstep      International Latin – Cha-Cha, Rumba, Jive

### **Open Bronze, Open Silver, Closed Gold, Open Gold & Advanced**

American Smooth – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz  
American Rhythm – Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo  
International Ballroom – Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep  
International Latin – Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

**\*THE ABOVE CHALLENGE CATEGORIES ARE ALSO OFFERED FOR GENTLEMEN ONLY. PLEASE REFER TO THE MULTI-DANCE ENTRY FORM**

## **World DanceSport Series Championship Events**

(WDSS is offered in addition to the Crystal Ball Multi-Dance events. Competitors may enter both).

### **Age Categories for World DanceSport Series Events**

A: 18-35      B: 36-50      C: 51-Above

### **Bronze & Silver Closed 3 Dance Events**

American Smooth – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot      American Rhythm – Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing  
International Ballroom – Waltz, Tango, Quickstep      International Latin – Cha-Cha, Rumba, Jive

### **Closed Gold and Open Advanced**

American Smooth – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz  
American Rhythm – Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo  
International Ballroom – Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep  
International Latin – Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

## 6 Dance, 9 Dance & 10 Dance Events

### **Age Categories**

A1 - (19-30)    A2- (31-40)    B1 - (41 - 50)    B2 - (51-60)  
C - (61-70)    S1 - (71-80)    S2 - (81 & above)

### 6 Dance AMERICAN STYLE

Closed Bronze & Closed Silver    Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing  
Open Bronze & Open Silver    Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing

### 9 Dance AMERICAN STYLE

Closed Bronze & Closed Silver    Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V. Waltz, Cha-Cha, Rumba,  
Closed Gold    Swing, Bolero, Mambo

Open Bronze & Open Silver    Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V. Waltz, Cha-Cha, Rumba,  
Open Gold & Advanced    Swing, Bolero, Mambo

### 6 Dance INTERNATIONAL STYLE

Closed Bronze & Closed Silver    Waltz, Tango, Quickstep, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Jive  
Open Bronze & Open Silver    Waltz, Tango, Quickstep, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Jive

### 10 Dance INTERNATIONAL STYLE

Closed Bronze & Closed Silver    Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Cha-Cha,  
Closed Gold    Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

Open Bronze & Open Silver    Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Cha-Cha, Open Open Gold &  
Advanced    Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

## Night Club, Country, Swing Dance Multi-Dance Events

A1 - (19-30)    A2- (31-40)    B1 - (41 - 50)    B2 - (51-60)  
C - (61-70)    S1 - (71-80)    S2 - (81 & above)

### **Night Club**

Open Bronze, Open Silver & Open Gold    Salsa, West Coast Swing, Hustle

### **Country Western**

Open Bronze, Open Silver & Open Gold    2 Step, Waltz, Triple 2 Step

### **Swing Dance Challenge**

Open Bronze, Open Silver & Open Gold    East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop

## **PRO/AM ONLY CLOSED SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS**

(To enter you must dance at least one set of single dances).

### **Pro/Am Age Categories**

A1: 16-35    B: 36-50    C: 51-60    SR1: 61-70    SR2: 71 and Over

### **Bronze & Silver Closed 3 Dance Events**

Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot	Rhythm	Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing
Ballroom	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep	Latin	Cha-Cha, Rumba, Jive

### **Closed Gold**

Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Rhythm	Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo
Ballroom	Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep
Latin	Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

## **PRO/AM & AM/AM OPEN SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS**

(To enter you must dance at least one set of open single dances).

### **Pro/Am Age Categories**

A1: 16-35    B: 36-50    C: 51-60    SR1: 61-70    SR2: 71 and Over

### **Adult Amateur – All Ages Combined**

Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Rhythm	Cha-Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo
Ballroom	Waltz, Tango, V.Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep
Latin	Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

## **PRO/AM SOLO SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE / BEST OF THE BEST**

THE TOP 3 SOLO EXHIBITIONS OF THE EVENT WILL BE INVITED TO COMPETE IN THE “SOLO SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE BEST OF THE BEST” ON SATURDAY EVENING.

## **TOP STUDENT AWARDS**

Top Students are awarded and recognized in all categories (Newcomer – Advanced)

World Dancesport Series Top 20 – Top Male – Top Female

Presentation of Top Student Awards will be on Saturday Evening

Top Students will accumulate points based on the same system as Top Teachers

**\*INCREASED\***

## **SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE MONEY**

**\*INCREASED\***

PLACE	CLOSED DIVISIONS Pro/Am only	OPEN DIVISIONS Pro/Am and (Adult Amateur All ages combined)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	<del>\$200.00</del> → \$300.00	<del>\$300.00</del> → \$400.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<del>\$150.00</del> → \$250.00	<del>\$200.00</del> → \$300.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<del>\$100.00</del> → \$200.00	<del>\$100.00</del> → \$200.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	<del>\$50.00</del> → \$100.00 voucher	<del>\$75.00</del> → \$150.00 voucher
5 <sup>th</sup>	<del>\$50.00</del> → \$100.00 voucher	<del>\$75.00</del> → \$150.00 voucher
6 <sup>th</sup>	<del>\$50.00</del> → \$100.00 voucher	<del>\$75.00</del> → \$150.00 voucher

### **TOP 3 SOLO CHALLENGE BEST OF THE BEST SCHOLARSHIP**

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$300.00	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200.00	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00
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### **REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER A SCHOLARSHIP EVENT**

- \* Must compete in the same number of Single Dances per Scholarship entered, but not less than 4.
- \* Single Dances must be in the same level, style, and category as the scholarship.
- \* Closed Scholarships are restricted to Bronze, Silver and Gold Students. Only closed Syllabus is allowed and it will be invigilated based on NDCA figures.
- \* Open Scholarships are not restricted to any figures. Lifts and drops are not allowed.
- \* All Scholarships are Unisex and restricted to Adults Only.

### **TOP TEACHER AWARDS**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
(min #350)	(min #250)	(min #175)	(min #100)	(min #100)	(min #100)

\* In order to qualify for the Top Teacher Prize Money, teachers must dance a minimum of 80 entries for this unisex competition. The point system is the same as the World Dancesport Series: [dancesportseries.com](http://dancesportseries.com)

\*\* Pro/Am Junior entries (danced on Sunday) the teacher will receive 1 point per entry towards Top Teacher. Top Teacher will be presented on Saturday Evening.

**"PENTOLA D'ORO" / POT OF GOLD!**

**ALL TEACHERS CAN QUALIFY TO RECEIVE A BONUS OF \$5.00 PER ENTRY!  
STARTING AT 7TH PLACE TOP TEACHER WITH A MINIMUM OF 50 ENTRIES TO QUALIFY.**

### **1ST PLACE TOP TEACHER PER STYLE!**

<b>SMOOTH</b>	<b>RHYTHM</b>	<b>BALLROOM</b>	<b>LATIN</b>	<b>NIGHTCLUB</b>
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Minimum Entry requirement is 60 in each style.

## TOP STUDIO AWARDS

The top 5 studios will be recognized on Saturday evening.

## PROFESSIONAL PURSE

<u>PRO RISING STAR/SHOWDANCE</u>		<u>PRO OPEN DIVISIONS</u>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	\$500.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>	\$1,500.00
2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	\$400.00	2 <sup>ND</sup>	\$1,000.00
3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	\$300.00	3 <sup>RD</sup>	\$700.00
4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	\$200.00	4 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500.00
5 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	\$150.00	5 <sup>TH</sup>	\$300.00
6 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	\$100.00	6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200.00

## SOLOS, SHOWCASES, AND FORMATIONS

Dance to your own music

Music must be supplied to the music director on a thumb drive

Time limit is 3 minutes

## ADULT AMATEUR COUPLES

All Amateur events will be combined with Pro/Am events throughout the week. Please check the website for updates.

## DEADLINE & FORMS

**The deadline for entries, packages, and reservations is May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** After the deadline we will accept entries on a space available basis.

Please fill out all forms clearly and provide complete information. **Make sure to submit the Financial Summary Form along with Entry forms. Please return all forms by e-mail ASAP.**

**You will receive Invoice and Confirmation** via the e-mail you have provided us with on your entry forms.

**Please review your invoice and check the spelling as well as whether the entries and charges are correct.**

## HEAT LISTS

Your heat list will be available online a few days prior to the beginning of the event. Please look over everything and let us know if you need to make any corrections ASAP!

## NDCA REGISTRATION

All Professional competitors, Amateur couples and Students must have proof of registration with the NDCA. If you are not on the NDCA roster, you will not be allowed to compete unless you show a receipt of payment for current registration or you can register at the competition.

### **BALANCE AND PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Any balance due must be paid before the package and competitors' numbers will be released.

**NO PERSONAL CHECKS** will be accepted at the event. There will be NO exceptions.

Cash, Certified Check, Money Order, Credit Card (4% fee) or Zelle will be accepted

When using ZELLE please provide who the payment will be coming from so that we can match the payment to your entry forms.

**Make Check payable to: CHICAGO CRYSTAL BALL**

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

CHICAGO CRYSTAL BALL

2733 NORTH POWER ROAD #102

PMB – **489**

MESA, AZ – 85215-1683

### **HOTEL**

We have a special rate just for you! \$153. Single plus tax/\$163. Double plus tax per night. When making your reservation do not forget to mention CHICAGO CRYSTAL BALL TO RECEIVE THIS SPECIAL RATE. CALL THE WESTIN DIRECTLY AT 1-630-719-8000, or you can **make an online reservation from our Website.**

### **PACKAGE PICK UP AT THE EVENT**

Packages, admissions etc... will be available at the registration desk located on the lobby level near the ballroom. Registration will open at 6PM on Wednesday.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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