

Emerald Ball

Dancesport Championships

Rules & Regulations

Deadline: March 31st, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR TOP TEACHER PURSE

Teacher must have at least 75 pro/am entries to qualify for any top teacher prize money.

*Bonus Cash Prize: To qualify for the bonus, the teachers must meet the minimum number of pro/am entries

You will be awarded the bonus at the level of entries, not placement. For example: 1st Place Placement \$3,500 & the number of entries is 210, your bonus is \$2,250.

TOP TEACHER PRIZE MONEY UP TO \$25,000

Place	Prize	Bonus	Min. Entries	Total Prize Money
1st	\$3,500	\$3,500	275*	\$7,000
2nd	\$3,000	\$3,000	250*	\$6,000
3rd	\$2,250	\$2,250	200*	\$4,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,500	150*	\$3,000
5th	\$1,250	\$1,250	125*	\$2,500
6th	\$1000	\$1000	100*	\$2,000

PLACEMENT POINTS TO TEACHERS FOR EACH PRO/AM OR STUDENT/ STUDENT ENTRY:

	Adult Single Dances Entry	Closed Multi-Dance Entries	Open Multi-Dance Dance Entries
For each First Place	8 points	16 points	24 points
For each Second Place	7 points	14 points	21 points
For each Third Place	6 points	12 points	18 points
For each Fourth Place	5 points	10 points	15 points
For each Fifth Place	4 points	8 points	12 points
For each Sixth Place	3 points	6 points	9 points
For each Seventh Place	2 points	4 points	6 points
For each Eighth Place	1 point	2 points	3 points
For each and every recall from preliminary rounds	5 points	8 points	10 points
Each entry	1 point	3 points	5 points

If a placement is in an uncontested division, the points remain the same.

Pre-Teen, Juniors & Youths: If couples or pro/am pay a reduced fee, they receive 1/2 points

PRO/AM STUDENT AGE CATEGORIES

All students may enter in two age categories. Adults may enter their true age division and one lower while Pre-Teen-Youth students may enter their true age division and one higher. See entry forms for age categories.

CLOSED ONE DANCE DIVISION RESTRICTED TO SYLLABUS

In all **Closed** single and multi-dance Bronze American divisions, the material danced should be from the N.D.C.A. list of Approved Figures, Elements & Restrictions. All other Closed levels and Dances not covered by this list, should be from NDCA approved members' syllabus.

NDCA Allowable Bronze Level American Style Figures
Go to www.emeraldball.com and click "Rules & Policies".

OPEN ONE DANCE DIVISION NOT RESTRICTED TO SYLLABUS

Open Bronze, Open Silver, Open Gold, Open Gold Star

Open divisions may incorporate figures from any levels.

DANCE LEVEL CATEGORIES

Students should enter at their true level of dance and only TWO higher in any one style of dance

(Example: A newcomer American-style student may also dance in American style Pre-Bronze & Intermediate Bronze. Students may enter in completely different dance levels in the American Style between Smooth and Rhythm and in the International Style between Standard and Latin.

A Pro/Am student may dance the Open Bronze, Open Silver and Open Gold levels (all 3 levels) if the student is in fact a true Bronze level dancer. The students level will be determined by the single dances entered (A Bronze level student is one who dances the majority of their single dances in the Bronze Level). A student may only dance up in level, never down.

No teacher will be permitted to compete with one of his/her students against another of his/her students. It is not possible to compete in the same heat with two people!

In any category with three entries or less, the organizer reserves the right to eliminate the age and sex divisions and merge competitors into one category.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Scholarships

To qualify for all scholarship events, a student must enter a minimum of 4 (Smooth) and 5 (Rhythm, Ballroom, Latin) Pro/Am single dances per scholarship event entered. All scholarships are unisex competitions for adults. Closed scholarships are restricted to Bronze & Silver students. Please remember that the closed scholarships are restricted to closed syllabus figures (Bronze restricted to Bronze Syllabus and Silver restricted to Bronze & Silver Syllabus). Open scholarships are not restricted to any figures. In any scholarship event with fewer than three entries, the organizer reserves the right to eliminate the age and sex divisions and merge competitors into one division.

- Students may *NOT* enter both Bronze & Silver scholarship levels in the same style.
- Students *MAY* enter both the Silver & the Open scholarships in the same style.
- Students *MUST* enter the scholarship level of the highest single dance entry level in a style.

For example: If a student enters single dance entries in Full Bronze and Pre Silver they would be eligible for the Silver Scholarship NOT the Bronze Scholarship in that style.

2. Solo Exhibitions

No Solo Exhibition is to exceed two minutes and forty-five seconds (2:45). Music must be on individual cassettes, CD or mini tape. There are no restrictions in this category. Critique/Score sheets will be given on Solo Exhibitions only.

3. Dress Code

Evening wear is suggested for Newcomers. Beginning and above levels are open for Ballroom gowns, Latin dresses or matching costumes, but are not mandatory.

4. Restricted Categories/Closed Division Freestyle

A panel of invigilators may be used for all restricted categories/closed divisions. The categories will be strictly supervised and competitors committing infractions may be disqualified.

5. Registration

All competing Professionals and Amateurs must be currently registered with the N.D.C.A. Registration forms will be available at the competition or may be requested by mail to the N.D.C.A.: Eleanor Wiblin, PO BOX 22018, Provo, Utah 84602, 801-422-8124 or go to www.ndca.org

6. All persons attending this event, whether as spectators, officials, competitors or guests of the Organizers shall be bound by the N.D.C.A. rules and, by participating in this competition, automatically become obliged to adhere to those rules.

7. The organizers of this competition and the N.D.C.A. are not responsible for the loss or theft of articles left in the changing rooms, ballroom(s) or hotel rooms. The Organizer(s) and the N.D.C.A. will not be held liable for injuries sustained by persons attending this event, whether as spectators, officials, competitors or guests of the Organizer(s). Everyone attending does so at his/her own risk.

8. Because of N.D.C.A. rules, no video taping or filming will be allowed. However, a professional video production company will be on hand to video your dancing. Tapes will be made available for purchase.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

The deadline for a refund on a cancellation is 30 days prior to the date the competition commences. Refunds will be made by mail, 30 days following the completion of the competition. There will be a minimum \$50 service charge, per participant, for cancellations.

If the Organizer is notified of cancellations after the deadline, credit toward the following year will be considered in cases of **emergency only** and must accompany a Doctor's Certificate.

No substitutions will be allowed for entry cancellations at the event. No exchanges or refunds will be made on admission tickets. (ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL)

DANCESPORT SERIES RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) Three Age Groups: A) 18-35 B) 36-50 C) 51 & over - In each of the four styles. All divisions are unisex and levels are merged bronze through gold (not restricted to syllabus figures).
- 2) You have to enter the same age in all events through out the year and you can only enter in one age.
- 3) The student can only represent one age and one style in November 2012.
- 4) The teacher can be represented more than once.
- 5) Points will be based on accumulation of callbacks and placements earned through out the 2011 series events starting with the 2011 Ohio Star Ball. and team representation will be decided at the conclusion of the last series event prior to the 2012 Ohio Star Ball.

AMATEUR COMPETITOR'S COSTUMES & RULES AT NDCA EVENTS

Please visit www.emeraldball.com and go to the entry forms page and click on Rules & Policies for detailed information.

AWARDS

Student Participation Award

Every Pro/Am student and Amateur couple competing in single-dance events will receive a participation award. Finalists are recognized in order of merit and will be awarded a placement sticker for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Critique sheets will be issued for solo exhibitions.

Top Pro/Am Awards

Trophies will be presented to the Top Male and Female Students in each of the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for American and International Style Single Dances. Also, trophies will be awarded for the Top solo exhibitions in each level.

Top Studio Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the top studios in the following categories:

- 1) Small Studio (1 -2 competing students)
- 2) Medium Studio (3 - 6 competing students)
- 3) Large Studio (7 or more competing students)

World Pro/Am Dancesport Series Event Vouchers

Emerald Ball is a member of the World Pro/Am Dancesport Series event.

The top 20 students at the Emerald Ball will receive \$100 voucher. Accumulation of points earned from callbacks and placement at the Emerald Ball will determine the top 20 students who will each receive a \$100 voucher that can be used towards Pro/Am entries at Series events outside the region in which they reside.