

USA DANCE, Inc.
Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033's
2018 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge



Saturday, February 3, 2018

Sun Devil Fitness Complex - West

13351 N. 47th Avenue

Glendale, AZ 85306



General Information and Entry Forms

Deadline for Entries: Saturday, January 13, 2018

All Amateur/Student participants must have an active USA Dance membership.

Details and registration forms may be found on the chapter or o2cm website.

<http://phoenixusadance.org> or <http://events.o2cm.com>

Watch for updates on our Facebook page!

USA Dance, Inc. and Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033 welcome you to the 2018 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge.

Thank you for participating in our competition. Our goal is to make this a memorable and enjoyable day for you as you join other competitors on the dance floor.

Within this registration packet, you will find general competition information, including a tentative schedule, registration forms for both Amateur/Amateur and Teacher/Student entries and a Summary Accounting Form.

If you have questions or special requests, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at comp@phoenixusadance.org. We will do our best to accommodate and provide you with the information you need.

We look forward to seeing you on February 3rd!

Your 2018 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge Competition Committee
Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033





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Important Information for All Competitors

USA DANCE MEMBERSHIP Requirement for Amateur Participation:

A minimum of Social Membership (\$35), Student/Collegiate Athlete Membership (\$25), or Youth/Juvenile Membership (\$10) is a pre-requisite for participation as an amateur/student in this year's event.

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.

AMATEUR/AMATEUR SCHOLARSHIP FEE for 2018:

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).

AMATEUR/AMATEUR or TEACHER/STUDENT ENTRIES:

A dancer may enter as an Amateur/Student OR as a Teacher. A dancer cannot dance as both at this competition.

An Amateur/Student may enter both Am/Am and Teacher/Student (as a student) categories, keeping within the age parameters allowed.

- Am/Am entry fee covers all entries allowed per age and skill level for the day. This registration fee also covers Student registration
- Teacher/Student entries have individual fees for single dance and multi-dance entries. See registration form for details
- An Amateur/Student need pay only ONE registration fee for the day

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 100% refund if cancellation received on or before January 20.
- 50% refund if cancellation received between January 21-26
- No refund if cancellation received on or after January 27

DANCE KEY:

B = Bolero	CC = Cha Cha	FT = Foxtrot	J = Jive
M = Mambo	PD = Paso Doble	QS = Quickstep	R = Rumba
SA = Samba	SW = Swing	T = Tango	W = Waltz
VW = Viennese Waltz			

An Overview to Competitive Dancing

What makes a Dancesport Competition?

Dance skills:

A competition allows dancers to demonstrate 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, over set age categories. Not all skill levels or divisions are offered at all competitions.

In the United States, these are the following competitive skill levels:

AMATEUR / AMATEUR	Closed Syllabus Categories Newcomer * Bronze * Silver * Gold	Open Categories Novice * Pre-Championship * Championship
TEACHER / STUDENT	Closed Syllabus Categories Newcomer * Bronze * Silver * Gold	Open Categories Bronze * Silver * Gold

- 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, not Gold. 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?

At the Phoenix DanceSport Challenge, ALL AMATEUR / STUDENT PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACTIVE USA DANCE MEMBERS. You may apply for membership via www.usadance.org or contact the Phoenix Chapter at 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, Argentine Tango

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 or more judges will rank the couples based on their technical skills, musicality, and showmanship. Scores from all the judges are combined to obtain the final standings.

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General Information

LOCATION

Sun Devil Fitness Complex West – 13351 N. 47th Avenue / Glendale. AZ

* Map available on our chapter website* - www.phoenixusadance.org

ENTRIES

Each couple must fill out an entry form (online through O2cm or paper), 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
- 3) All Senior categories combined, unless otherwise specified.

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 ONE open age category, 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. Students/Amateurs may enter both Am/Am and Teacher/Student categories.

DEADLINE - January 13, 2018. 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.

A late fee of \$15 per person will be assessed for approved registration / entries postmarked or received electronically after the deadline date of January 13th. An additional late fee of \$15 will be assessed for any payments received on the day of competition.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- ALL AMATEUR / STUDENT COMPETITORS MUST BE ACTIVE USA DANCE MEMBERS (social or competitive level) in order to participate. Membership is available online at www.usadance.org or contact the Phoenix Chapter for information. Details are available with the registration forms.
- Teachers are not required to be active members at this year's event.
- A competitor may NOT compete as an Amateur AND as a Teacher at this event. Only one classification can be entered.

- 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.
- **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 hazard to competitors and spectators.

CHECK IN

- All competitors must report to the Registration Table, and present a valid identification and **active USA Dance membership** 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:					
AM/Am Closed Syllabus				Open	
Newcomer					
Newcomer	Bronze				
	Bronze	Silver			
		Silver	Gold		
			Gold		
				PreChamp	
				Prechamp	Champion

Novice open category will not be danced at this competition

Your proficiency level is:					
Teacher/Student Closed Syllabus					
Newcomer				Open	
Newcomer	Bronze				
	Bronze	Silver			
		Silver	Gold		
			Gold		
				Multi-Dance	

AGE CATEGORIES

Am/Am couples may compete in the age category for which they are both eligible. Teacher/Student couples may compete in the age category relevant to the student's age. 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	<i>These three categories will be combined (2000-2007)</i>	
Junior (I, II)	12 – 15		
Youth	16 – 18		Youth may dance up to Adult level
Adult	19 – 34	<i>(1984-1999)</i>	Both partners must be eligible
Senior (I, II,III)	35 & up	<i>These categories will be combined (1983 or before)</i>	Both partners must be eligible
			5 year rule will be followed for partnerships which overlay Adult and Senior categories.

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.

COSTUME GUIDELINES

Please refer to the costume restrictions in the USA Dance Rulebook, Section 3.11 for costume information. The Phoenix DanceSport Challenge will function under the “good taste rule” for competitors. If you are unsure about an outfit, bring practice wear as a back-up. The rulebook may be downloaded from the National USA Dance website at www.usadance.org.

VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

USA Dance, Inc. allows personal videotaping and photography, as long as it does not interfere with the competitors or the viewing pleasure of spectators. 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 Phoenix USA Dance Chapter to use any images captured of you for marketing, advertising, and other business related purposes.

SPECTATORS

General admission may be purchased at the door on the day of the event, or with your registration payment. 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.

- \$10.00 General Admission (all day) 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

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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 provided as time permits during the competition.

- 8:00 AM** **Doors open to the Public and to Competitors for check-in and warm-up**
- **\$10.00 per person General Admission / Children 11 & under are free**
- 9:00 AM** **Competition Begins**
- Session One: (Morning)**
- Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Smooth and Standard
- Session Two: (Midday / Early Afternoon)**
- Social Dance Categories
 - Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Rhythm
- Session Three: (Evening)**
- Newcomer, 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:
<http://phoenixusadance.org/> or <http://events.o2cm.com>

For registration questions, please contact registrar Sue Eldred at
602-550-0944 or email: comp@phoenixusadance.org

For any other competition-related questions, please contact Chuck Ericksen.
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