Rules & Regulations

Syllabus Material used in closed competition should be based on the current N.D.C.A. step list. No continuity in Bronze American entries. Open divisions are not material restricted. Pro/am multi-dance entries may be entered as both Closed and Open in only one Level.

Dance Levels A student may enter three consecutive levels (e.g. Beginner Bronze, Intermediate Bronze, and Full Bronze). Open levels are not considered an extra level. Newcomer is restricted to students who have never competed at Baltimore and/or have been competing for less than one year. Newcomer competitors are restricted to the Bronze syllabus.

Age Divisions Adults may enter their true age category and two divisions younger. Pre-teen, Juniors, and Youth may enter their true age category and one division older. In any category with fewer than three entries, the organizers reserve the right to eliminate the age and divisions and merge competitors into one open division.

Solos Solos are limited to 3 minutes. Music must be on flash drive. Solo judging is on impression. Students will receive scores and comments.

Scholarships & Multi-Dance Events All Multi-Dance entries require a minimum entry of five single dances in the style of the multi-dance event. For each Scholarship a student enters, he/she must dance the same dances in single dance events. The organizer reserves the right to cancel or merge ages in a Scholarship event if there are less than six couples. For full prize money to be paid, Scholarship events must have a minimum of six couples. If there are less than six couples prize will be pro-rated. Scholarships and some Multi-Dance are unisex and have different age categories than freestyle events (make sure to reference the entry forms).

Videos Professional videographers will be available at the event. No personal videography will be permitted. Professionally produced photographs will be available for purchase. Make sure to reserve your dances ahead of time with the videographer as they will only be available if requested in advance.

Seating General admission tickets may be standing room only. There will be no refunds for general admission tickets. Seating preferences will be based on package and receipt of entries and payment. Spectator seating will be based on when the paid order is received. Please note that we cannot accommodate seating separate orders together since the tickets are assigned when purchased.

Late Entries Entry fees received after the deadline may be subject to a $50.00 late fee. These entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizer if space and time permit.

Payments All payments received after the deadline must be by Cashier's Check or Money Order. Personal or Studio checks **WILL NOT** be accepted after the deadline. Balance must be paid in full 2 weeks prior to the competition.

Cancellations/ Refunds No refunds will be made for any cancellations for this event – including entry fees, packages, and dinners. Credit may be applied to the 2028 Baltimore Dancesport Challenge at the Organizer's discretion. No refunds or credit will be issued for general admission tickets.

Adjudicating The decision of the judges shall be final. Our judges are highly qualified and are not to be harassed or questioned about their reasons for markings. The Chairman of the Judges shall be responsible for decisions concerning ties or any problems arising over marks. The skating system of judging shall be used.

On Deck Area Dancers are required to be in the "On Deck" area two heats prior to their scheduled heat. Any competitor not on the floor when the Master of Ceremonies calls, is subject to disqualification for that heat. Please be advised that changes may be made from the original program and all dancers should be in the ballroom at least 30 minutes prior to the tie they are scheduled to dance.

Charges The organizer cannot be held responsible for any personal charges made to the hotel. All participants must pay for their own personal charges including phone and room service.

Prize Money Organizers reserve the right to pro-rate prize money depending upon eligibility. Junior and Collegiate entries, on our special package, do not count towards points for Top Teacher prize money.

Payment in full must accompany all entries and order forms.

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