

ENTRY FORM GUIDELINES

Go to www.abdclub.com/USSDC.htm and click on Entry Forms. Fill out the Studio Information Form.

1. On Each Form you will check the type of entrant for each student (Adult or Youth Amateur or Pro-Am). Then enter the Name of the Couple and the Age Division(s): A (18-35), B (36-50), C (51-60), D (61-70), and E (71+), PT (-12), JR (13-17) Amateur Couples must dance in the division of the Younger Partner. You may also enter in any age division that is below your current age division if you want more competition.
2. Select the Dance Level which is appropriate for your student(s). You may enter the Dance Level on or above your current level of study. Please do not enter below your level. You may enter no more than 2 levels above your current level. No competitor may compete in more than 3 levels.
3. If you are not dancing a recognized bronze curriculum you must dance in the advanced bronze category.
4. If you enter your student in any 3 dance challenge the must have registered them to dance in each one of those dances in the single closed dance category. Check the entry forms on the website for correct 3 dance categories offered. From time to time these categories may change.

NEWCOMERS--Must have taken less than 60 lessons of instruction at the time of entering the event and must also have never won a Top Newcomer Award. Bronze figures and styling must be adhered to. Newcomers are not expected to wear dance costumes. Cocktail Dresses or Skirts are preferred.

BRONZE—The Bronze syllabus should be adhered to with “closed footwork” in the smooth dances. Dance costumes may be worn if desired.

SILVER & GOLD—The Silver and Gold syllabus should be adhered to, continuity styling is expected. Students are generally expected to wear costumes, but this is not mandatory.

5. You have the option of being judged *Contested* or *Uncontested* in each level.
Contested Entries are marked against other dancers in your category **Uncontested Entries** are scored against the standard on the level in which you are dancing. The score is then converted to a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placement. In addition, you can enter in *Closed* or *Advanced* Events.
Closed entries must strictly adhere to the figures in the syllabus level in which you are entered (Bronze I--half or Bronze II--full), and **Advanced** entries allow you to use more creativity without adhering to the school figures. Music for these entries will be played at strict tempo for the specific style being danced.

6. Check the Dances to be entered.
7. Fill out the Solo Exhibitions and Formations form.

SHOWCASE—Choreographed routines performed by couples to individual music that shall not exceed two and a half (2 ½) minutes. Music is to be provided by the dancer in the form of a CD with only one musical number per CD. Appropriate costuming is expected.

FORMATION—Choreographed routines performed by two or more couples on the floor at the same time forming lines and circles or whatever creative patterns possible.

POINTS AND JUDGING SYSTEM

CONTESTED HEATS: The Judge(s) will award one couple per heat a 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place. All remaining couples will place 4th, 5th, 6th etc. This applies to couples (Pro-Am or Amateur) dancing in the same dance level and age category.

UNCONTESTED HEATS: The Judges will score 1st place a score of 94-100, 2nd place a score of 89-93 and 3rd place by a score of 82-88. The placement for any ties will be determined by the student with the most 1st placements for the final awards.