

# 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, except for the Newcomer division.
- 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 Northcoast and have been competing for less than one year. 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 sex 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** For each Scholarship a student enters, he/she must dance the same dances in single dance events. The organizer reserves the right to cancel 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. Scholarships and Multi-Dance events are unisex and have different age categories than freestyle events.
- Videos** No personal video cameras will be allowed. Professionally produced videos and 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 October 7, 2023 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. Credit cards will be accepted before the deadline with a 4% fee.
- 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 2024 Pennsylvania 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. There must be a minimum of six couples for full prize money to be paid.

**Payment in full must accompany all entries and order forms.**

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