



Chicago Harvest Moon Ball DanceSport Championships

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS and RELEASE FORM

All US competing Professionals and Amateurs must be currently registered with the National Dance Council of America (NDCA). Proof of registration will be required. Registration forms will be available at the competition or may be requested by mail or go to www.ndca.org to register online.

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The Chairman of Judges shall be the sole arbitrator on decisions concerning ties, or any problem in scoring. The decision of the Chairman of Judges shall be final. No judge shall be harassed or questioned by the competitors about the reasons for the markings. Any judge, competitor, or official who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner that reflects poorly on the sport/art of dancing is subject to disciplinary action by the NDCA.

All event time schedules are approximate and are subject to change. For student events, professionals, their students and music (if applicable) are required to be in the ballroom and ready to perform at least 30 minutes prior to any published time schedules.

In all competitive events, where there are less than 3 entries in a category, the organizers reserve the right to eliminate Age and Sex divisions and combine categories. The organizer also reserves the right to cancel any Scholarship events where there are less than 3 entries.

Dress Code: Pre-Teen: The NDCA changed the regulations regarding costuming for pre-teen competitors as indicated in the rulebook published January 2012. You must adhere to NDCA costuming requirements. Inappropriate costuming will be grounds for disqualification. For rules and regulations, you may visit the NDCA at www.ndca.org.

Pro/Am and Am/Am Dance Categories:

- **Bronze:** Newcomer Bronze 1 (less than 1 year of experience), Newcomer Bronze 2 (first time competitor, at this level at HMB), Pre Bronze, Beginner Bronze, Intermediate Bronze, Full Bronze, Rising Star Open Bronze, Open Bronze,
- **Silver:** Newcomer Silver, Pre Silver, Beginner Silver, Intermediate Silver, Full Silver, Rising Star Open Silver, Open Silver
- **Gold:** Newcomer Gold, Pre Gold, Beginner Gold, Intermediate Gold, Full Gold, Rising Star Open Gold, Open Gold,

Students may enter in any "Main" level (and all its sub-levels) of dance and the next higher, providing they are in a consecutive order (ex: Student may enter in - Newcomer Silver, Pre Silver, Beginner Silver, Intermediate Silver, Full Silver And Newcomer Gold, Pre Gold, Beginner Gold, Intermediate Gold, Full Gold)

There is no limit on student entries in Open Single Dance Divisions

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.

Age Divisions: The age of the Amateur or Student is the only consideration. Pre-Teen, Junior and Youth competitors may dance up two Age classification.

Pro/Am and Am/Am Adult Single Dances Age Classifications: A1 (16-25), A2 (26-35), B1 (36-45), B2 (46-55), C1 (56-65), C2 (66-75), C3 (76+)

Pro/Am Championships: Closed: A (16-35) B (36-55) C (56 +); Open: A (39 & Under) B (40 & Over)

Pro/Am Scholarships: A (16-39) B (40 +)

Junior and Youth Pro/Am and Am/Am Single Dances Classifications: JV 1 (4-5), JV 2(6-7), PT 1 (8-9), PT2 (10-11), J1 (12-13), J2 (14-15), Y (16-18), Under 21 (19-21)

Junior and Youth Championships: JV (7 & under), PT 1 (8-9), PT2 (10-11), J1 (12-13), J2 (14-15), Y (16-18), Under 21 (19-21)

Junior and Youth Scholarships: PT (4-11), J (12-15), Y (16-18)

Pro/Am Championship Events: Students are allowed to enter multiple Championship Events including the highest level of single dances entered and the next one up. Example: A student who enters in the Bronze single dances may do the Bronze Scholarship, but he can enter the Bronze and Silver Championships. Additionally, they can enter the 6-dance championships in the highest level of single dances entered

and the next higher.

Special Note: There are unisex and gentlemen only championship events in Bronze, Silver, Gold, Rising Star and Open.

Rising Star Open Championships are open to students who have never won the Open level at Harvest Moon Ball or the National Championships

Pro/Am Scholarship Events: To qualify for the scholarship events, a student must be entered in a minimum of five (5) Single Dance, Solo, or Pro/Am One-Dance competitions **PER SCHOLARSHIP EVENT ENTERED**. Scholarships are unisex competitions for Pro/Am adults only. A student is allowed to enter 1 scholarship in the highest level of single dance events entered. Example: If a student enters- Intermediate Silver, Full Silver, Newcomer Gold, Pre Gold, he or she must dance in the Gold Scholarship. No student may dance in both Open and Closed Scholarships in the same style. Please note that Multi-Dance categories do not fulfill the 5-dance requirement noted above. Closed Scholarship candidates must stay within the Bronze, Silver and Gold Syllabuses. Open Scholarship candidates may dance open figures. A panel of invigilators will be used for all restricted categories (closed divisions). The categories will be strictly supervised and competitors committing infractions may be disqualified.

Solo Exhibitions: No Solo Exhibition is to exceed three minutes. Music must be on individual CD and must be submitted at **least 30** minutes prior to dancing the solo event. Critique/Score Sheets will be given on Solo Exhibitions only.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: All requests for changes or cancellations must be made in writing on or before 15 days prior to the date the competition commences after which there will be no refunds. Refunds will be made 30 days following the completion of the competition. Any such refund is subject to a \$50 processing fee due to processing costs incurred by the organizers. In addition, any direct costs incurred by the Organizers from third parties (e.g. hotel and meal) will be deducted from any refund given. For all cancellations received after the deadline, at the Organizers sole discretion, credit may be given toward the following year's event.

ALL ADMISSION TICKET SALES ARE FINAL, NON-EXCHANGEABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. No substitutions will be allowed for entry cancellations at the event. Entries received after the date published on entry forms, if accepted, are subject to a **\$50.00 late fee**.

Payment: Payment can be made either by personal check, cashier's check, money order or cash. ***Personal checks will only be accepted up to the entry deadline published on entry forms.***

ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT

Parent or legal guardian must sign if participant is under the age of 18. No entry will be accepted without this signed form.

All persons attending this event, whether as a spectator, competitor, studio employee or guest of the organizers, shall be bound by the rules of NDCA and by participating in this event, automatically become obligated to adhere to them. The Chicago Harvest Moon Ball, NDCA, participating studios, attending vendors and other affiliates accept no responsibility for any loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballroom, or hotel rooms, or for any loss or injury sustained by persons attending this event. The Chicago Harvest Moon Ball and the NDCA will not be held liable for injuries sustained by persons attending this event, whether as a spectator, competitor, official, studio employee, or guest of the organizers. Everyone does so at his or her own risk.

The undersigned hereby expressly and irrevocably waives any claim or claims arising from any loss or injury incurred at this event. NDCA and Chicago Harvest Moon Ball rules provide that no photographing, videotaping or filming of Chicago Harvest Moon Ball events will be allowed without prior written consent of the organizers. In consideration of all goods and services, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby irrevocably gives and grants to the Chicago Harvest Moon Ball the right to use, refer to, and reproduce programs by means of video recordings and/or still photography in any and all media formats, hereinafter referred to as "reproductions", edited and arranged as desired, using my name, voice, likeness, acts, poses, appearances and utterances as part of and in connection with my appearance in any Chicago Harvest Moon Ball program: (a) in any advertising, publicity and promotion (b) the program and the products or services of any sponsor(s) thereof (c) to exhibit, transmit, distribute, sell and use in any aspect, reproductions of my performance or appearance at the Chicago Harvest Moon Ball and (d) otherwise use same in all fields and media throughout the world without limitations.

The Chicago Harvest Moon Ball DanceSport Championships will not be liable for any personal charges made at the hotel. All participants must pay their own personal charges, including, but not limited to phone charges, room service, etc.

THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE BALLROOM OR CHANGING ROOMS.

Your signature below constitutes your consent, acknowledgment, and understanding of this waiver.

Signature: _____ Date _____

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