

USA DANCE, Inc.
Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033
2019 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge



March 23 & 24, 2019

Sun Devil Fitness Complex - West

13351 N. 47th Avenue

Glendale, AZ 85306



General Information and Entry Forms

Deadline for Entries: Saturday, March 16, 2019

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT if registration and payment completed by January 12th.

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 2019 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge.

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

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

You may register by mailing in hardcopy or by going online through the O2cm registration site: <http://events.o2cm.com>.

An Early Bird Discount rate is available for those registering and paying in full by January 12, 2019.

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.

Check out our Facebook page for updates as the event draws closer!

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Thank you.

Your 2019 Phoenix DanceSport Challenge Competition Committee
Phoenix USA Dance Chapter #4033



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Important Information for 2019

This year's competition is a TWO DAY event:

- Amateur/Amateur events on Saturday, March 23rd
- Teacher/Student events on Sunday, March 24th

USA DANCE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:

- Adult/Senior competitors are required to hold an active (social or athlete) membership to participate
- Preteen through Collegiate competitors (age 25 and under with ID) have two options:
 - hold an active membership **OR**
 - pay a one-time \$10 nonmember participation fee
- Teachers/Professionals are not required to be members to participate

See the USADance.org/membership website to see the various levels of membership/apply for membership. The \$10 one-time nonmember participation fee can be paid on-line through the O2CM registration or by completing and submitting payment with the registration packet.

AMATEUR/AMATEUR or TEACHER/STUDENT ENTRIES:

- A dancer may enter as an Amateur/Student OR as a Teacher, but not as both
- An Amateur/Student may enter both Am/Am and Teacher/Student categories (as a student), keeping within the age parameters allowed
- Two day package pricing is available for those participating in BOTH Am/Am and T/S

KEY DATES:

- January 12, 2019 – Deadline for Early Bird Registration Discount
- March 16, 2019 - Registration deadline
- March 17th or after – a \$15 late fee will be assessed for registrations received
 - An ADDITIONAL \$15 fee may be assessed for payments received on the day of competition

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 100% refund if cancellation received on or before March 2nd.
- 50% refund if cancellation received between March 3rd and 15th
- No refund if cancellation received on or after March 16th

A General Overview to Competitive Dancesport

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.

The following competitive skill levels will be offered at our Phoenix DanceSport Challenge event:

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

- Dancers competing in the closed syllabus level events are only allowed to dance figures at the level or below which they are entered. 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

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

DANCE KEY:

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 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 | | | |

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 presentation. 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

* Details on our chapter website - www.phoenixusadance.org or watch our Facebook page!

ENTRIES

Each partnership must fill out an entry form, either online through O2cm or by mailing hardcopy to the registrar. 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. A parent or legal guardian must sign for competitors under the age of 18.

All competitors certify by signing the entry form that they are eligible under USA Dance guidelines to compete in the events and appropriate age categories indicated 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 (18 and under)
- 2) Adult (19-34)
- 3) All Senior categories combined (35 and up), unless otherwise specified

Social Dances are open to all age levels, with no skill level restriction. Social dance entries will be limited to the first 25 couples (per dance) who enter. Costuming is allowed and street clothes are acceptable. "Good taste" criteria will remain in force at the judges' and committee's discretion.

DEADLINE – March 16, 2019

Late entries are subject to the Registrar's approval and will be assessed 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 March 16th.**
- **An additional late fee of \$15 may be assessed for any payments received on the day of competition.**

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Phoenix DanceSport Challenge is a USA Dance, Inc. registered event. All persons attending this competition as spectators, competitors, officials or guests shall be bound by USA Dance and USA Dance rules, and by their participation become obliged to adhere to them. The USA Dance Rulebook will be used as a guideline, but the organizers reserve the right to deviate from the rulebook in certain circumstances. The USA Dance, Inc. rulebook can be found on the USADance.org website.

- The Chair of Judges shall be responsible for decisions made with reference to problems in marking, ties or adjudication decisions. The Chairperson's decision shall be final
- Competitors cannot execute lifts, slashes or slides
- The Organizer reserves the right to combine/cancel heats or events and/or add/delete categories at its sole discretion

PROFICIENCY CLASSIFICATIONS

Amateur/Amateur competitors may enter TWO consecutive proficiency levels for which both partners are eligible to dance.

Teacher/Student competitors may enter THREE consecutive proficiency levels for which the student is eligible to dance, except in multi-dance categories, where TWO consecutive level ruling with apply.

| Amateur/Amateur Proficiency levels: <i>Allowable consecutive levels</i> | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Closed Syllabus | | | Open | | |
| Newcomer | | | | | |
| Newcomer & Bronze | | | | | |
| | Bronze & Silver | | | | |
| | | Silver & Gold | | | |
| | | | | Gold & Novice | |
| | | | | Novice & Prechamp | |
| | | | | Prechamp & Championship | |
| Teacher/Student Proficiency levels: <i>Allowable consecutive levels</i> | | | | | |
| Newcomer | Intermediate Bronze | Full Bronze | | | |
| | Bronze Int / Full | Silver Intermediate | Silver Full | | |
| | | Silver Int/ Full | Gold Intermediate | | |
| | | | Gold Intermediate | Gold Int / Full | Open Championship |

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.

AGE CATEGORIES

- Am/Am couples may compete in the age category for which they are both eligible.
- Am/Am competitors may not compete in more than two consecutive age categories in a particular style.
- 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.

| Age Category | Age | Notes | |
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| Pre-teen | 11 or less | <i>(2008 and later)</i> | |
| Junior | 12 – 15 | <i>These categories will be combined (2007-2001)</i> | Pre-teens may dance up to Junior/Youth level |
| Youth | 16 – 18 | | Youth may dance up to Adult level |
| Adult | 19 – 34 | <i>(1985-2000)</i> | Both partners must be eligible |
| Senior | 35 & up | <i>These categories will be combined (1984 or before)</i> | Senior may dance down to Adult level |
| | | | 5 year rule will be followed for partnerships which overlap Adult and Senior categories |

SCHOLARSHIPS

Prize money for scholarships will be available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the Bronze, Silver and Open Championship levels of the scholarship events, subject to the following rules:

- For Teacher/Student scholarship events, the student must enter into at least the same number of comparable single dances as per the scholarship events entered
- For both Am/Am and T/S scholarships, each partnership may enter into only ONE age category per dance style
- For all scholarships, the organizers reserve the right to reduce the scholarship amounts if the heat is not a full final

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.

CHECK IN

- All competitors must report to the Registration Table, and present a valid identification and/or **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

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

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 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
- No smoking will be allowed anywhere on the premises of the competition.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Chair, Chuck Ericksen
602-618-4079 / or email: Chuck@phoenixusadance.org

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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.

SATURDAY, March 23rd - Amateur/Amateur Events

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

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SUNDAY, March 24th – Teacher / Student Events

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
- Social Dance Categories

Session Two: (Afternoon)

- Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Rhythm
- Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold Syllabus and Open Categories for Latin

End of Competition: When the Music Stops!