

Eligibility and Rules

Rulebook

The USA DanceSport Rulebook, 2007-2008 governs this competition. It is available at the USA Dance web site at: usadance.org (click *DanceSport* then click *Rules Policies and By Laws*).

Eligibility

Membership

All competitors must be members of USA Dance or an affiliated ISDF organization.

- **Newcomer** competitors can be any membership type
- All other competitors must be **DanceSport Athlete** members or equivalent in their ISDF organization.

You must present your USA Dance or ISDF organization membership card at the competition.
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Proficiency

Competitors may not enter events below their current proficiency level in that dance style and age group. **Please check your proficiency points!** You are responsible for keeping a record of your proficiency points.

Waiver

All competitors must sign the [Waiver](#) at the event.

Rules

The Southeastern Regional DanceSport Championships (the SRC) is a USA Dance, Inc. sanctioned competition. Failure to comply with USA DanceSport rules may cause you to be marked down or be disqualified from the competition.

General Format

All events are danced in the freestyle format (no exhibitions). Each event consists of one, two, three, four, or five dances in succession. The best, combined score for all dances in the event will determine places in that event. The scoring system used is the skating system.

Awards will be presented to the top six couples in each event and age level.

In accordance with USA DanceSport rules, time will be allowed between rounds of any one event; however, this time will be used to run other events. Where possible, different age levels will be run; however, competitors should be aware that entering multiple proficiency and/or age levels might result in dancing in consecutive events.

Dance Styles and Proficiency Levels

The SRC is organized into four dance styles:

- American Smooth
- American Rhythm
- International Standard
- International Latin

With seven proficiency levels:

- Syllabus: Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, and Gold
- Open: Novice, Pre-Championship, and Championship.

Each dancer of the couple must satisfy the age and proficiency limitations as described by USA DanceSport rules.

If one or both of the proficiency levels danced is a Syllabus level, then a couple may also enter the Novice Level (*USA DanceSport rule 4.5.4.6.b*). Therefore, couples dancing one or two Syllabus levels or Gold and Pre-Championship **may in addition** dance Novice in the same style and age level.

Couples dancing only the Open levels may dance any two consecutive proficiency levels (for which they are eligible) i.e. Novice & Pre-Championship or Pre-Championship & Championship. **Note:** the 9-Dance and 10-Dance events are Championship level events, so couples cannot enter events below Pre-Championship in either of those two styles (Rhythm & Smooth or Latin & Standard) and age level.

NEW: Senior level dancers may compete in only two consecutive adult age levels that they are qualified for (Adult & Senior I, Senior I & Senior II, or Senior II and Senior III) (*USA DanceSport rule 4.5.5.3.6*).

Newcomers are restricted to the Newcomer level **only**. They are restricted to the first five steps of the Bronze syllabus for that dance and style.

Fun Dances

Mixed Proficiency:

- Are **not sanctioned events** and are not subject to the USA Dance rule book
- Non-judged partners may be of any age or proficiency level.
- Available only for syllabus level events.

Dancers of all levels and ages may enter the Fun Dances with the following exceptions:

- Only Silver and above level dancers may compete in Open Viennese Waltzes
- The Silver/Gold Bolero is open **only** to Silver and Gold level American Rhythm dancers.
- For Senior IV events both partners must be at least 63 in the current calendar year. These events are not subject to the two consecutive age level rule.

Age Levels

- Pre-Teen I: 9 or less
- Pre-Teen II: 10 - 11
- Junior I: 12 - 13
- Junior II: 14 - 15
- Youth: 16 – 18;
- Adult: 19 or older;
- Senior I: 35 or older;
- Senior II: 45 or older.
- Senior III 55 or older
- Senior IV 63 or older (not an official level)

The **older** partner determines eligibility for Pre-Teen, Junior and Youth levels.

The **younger** partner determines Eligibility for Senior levels.

For purposes of eligibility the age of an individual is determined by the age reached during the calendar year, whether or not his or her birthday precedes the date of the competition (*USA DanceSport rule 4.5.5.1*).

Couples select the appropriate age group(s) on the entry form.

Dress Code

Costumes are **not** permitted for:

- Newcomer: all events
- Pre-Teen: all proficiencies levels
- Junior I: all proficiencies levels
- Junior II: Syllabus & Novice
- Youth: Syllabus & Novice
- Adult: Syllabus

Costumes are permitted but not required for:

- Junior II: Pre-Championship & Championship
- Adult: Novice
- Senior: Syllabus & Novice

Costumes are recommended but not required for:

- Youth: Pre-Championship & Championship
- Adult: Pre-Championship, Championship
- Senior: Pre-Championship & Championship.

See the [USA DanceSport Dress Code](#) at the USA Dance web site, usadance.org (click *DanceSport* then click *Rules Policies and By Laws*) for specific dress requirements.