

Dancesport BC Rules and Regulations for Amateur Dancesport Competitions

Amateur Events Sanction

- All amateur events at this competition are sanctioned by DanceSport BC (DSBC) and the Canadian Dancesport Federation (CDF), and will be run according to DSBC Bylaws and Rules. These rules can be obtained at the DSBC web site (www.dancesportbc.com) or by referring to your copy of *Steppin' Out: An Insider's Guide to Balroom Dancing*.
- The following are excerpts from *Schedule B: Rules Governing Competitions of DanceSport in B.C.*

Registration of Amateur Competitors

- (a) All amateur competitors must be registered with a recognized association, except as provided for in paragraph (e);
- (e) Amateurs competing for the first time shall not be required to make application for registration prior to their first event, but must be registered prior to dancing in a second competition.

Syllabus Restrictions

- All Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Gold Star events are restricted to the appropriate syllabus figures as published by the DSBC. All syllabus events are invigilated. A copy of the current CDF syllabus for International Style DanceSport Competitions is enclosed with our Grand Ball package. It is also available on our website at www.grandballroom.com.

Age Group Classifications for 2010:

	Year of Birth
Juvenile	1999 or later
Junior	1995 to 1998
Under 21	1990 to 1994
Adult	1991 or earlier
Senior I (35+)	1975 or earlier
Senior II (45+)	1965 or earlier
Senior III (55+)	1955 or earlier

- **Juvenile / Junior / Under 21:** In order to compete in a given age group, at least one member of the partnership must qualify for that group according to the above age definitions. The other member of the partnership may be younger.
- **Juvenile / Junior:** No couple may compete in two different age groups, with the exception that any couple who qualifies for the Youth/Under 21 groups may also compete in Adult events.
- **Senior I:** Both members of the partnership must be 35 or older. **Senior II:** Both members of the partnership must be 45 or older. **Senior III:** Both members of the partnership must be 55 or older.
- **Senior competitors may compete in both the Senior events as well as the Open Adult events.**
- An individual may compete in up to two different age groups with different partners, provided always that they qualify for those age groups as described by DSBC rules.

DanceSport BC Dress Regulations

Please see DSBC's website at www.dancesportbc.com or the 2010-2011 version of DSBC's Handbook, *Steppin' Out*.

Minimum entry requirement:

All events with less than two entries will be cancelled.

Out-of-province competitors:

- All non-DSBC competitors are required to produce proof of current membership in a recognized DanceSport organization in order to complete registration (please include a photocopy with your entry form).

Definition of Newcomer (from DSBC rules)

- Newcomer category dancers in each division (i.e. Standard or Latin) are automatically promoted to Pre-Bronze after their second competition in that division. Anyone who has won a newcomer event before is automatically promoted to Pre-Bronze in that division. This rule applies even for partnership changes.

Entry Fees & Tickets

- No entry fee is charged for amateur competitions. All adult competitors must purchase '*Evening session*' tickets for the day of their event(s) in advance. All junior competitors, parents, and coaches participating in the Sunday day session events may purchase '*Day Session Only*' tickets in advance or at the door.
- There will be a late entry fee of \$25.00 for all entries received and accepted after the entry deadline. Late entries will only be accepted if this does not necessitate further rounds. No entries will be accepted on the day of the event.
- DanceSport BC competitors should ensure that they have renewed their DanceSport BC memberships prior to the entry deadline.

Please pick up your number at the front desk and be ready to compete at least **45 minutes** prior to your scheduled event. The doors to the ballroom will be open to competitors 45 minutes before the first event of the day or evening sessions.