



WDAI COMPETITORS RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

All competitors should be familiar with W.D.A.I. rules (available from all WDAI Instructors). Also available on WDAI website www.wdaoi.com

All competitors must attend Competitors meeting before the competition starts, times available from Heat organiser, and must wear their intended competition clothing to the meeting. Competitors outfits must meet WDAI Dress Code. Competitors may be asked to change before they go on the floor. Competitors **MUST** register with Floor Co-Ordinator at the Competitors meeting. If you miss the meeting you **MUST** see the Floor Co-Ordinator.

There will be two Competitors Meetings, 1st meeting will be for the children's divisions: under 16 and Children's teams and open. 2nd meeting will be for adult divisions 16+, individuals, teams, open and clubs. Each category must be in staging area before commencement of category.

JUDGES RULES

All Judges for heats must have completed all Judging Seminars.

Proper Western clothing/ smart dress must be worn by Judges (No Casual wear accepted)

JUDGES CRITERIA

1. Vanilla pattern
2. Costume
3. Floor Craft. Use your own floor space at all time
4. Timing & technique
5. Style

INSTRUCTORS RULES

Instructors are not allowed to enter WDAI Competitions (except Cabaret Division), whether they are WDAI members or not. (Anyone who instructs dance classes or gives private tuition) A dancer must have ceased from teaching from the beginning of the 2009 WDAI Line Dance Year. Any person who knows of a dancer who is suspect of Instructing - must put their request in writing for the WDAI committee and the committee will deal accordingly.

Definition of a Dance Instructor:

A person who instructs Line Dancing or any kind of Dance at any time within the Current WDAI Line dance year. Exception: Holiday relief (A maximum of 3 weeks in the dance year.)

Current W.D.A.I Line Dance Year
January 1st 2010 - 31st December 2010



COMPETITORS DRESS CODE

Female Dress Code: Solo

1. Cowboy hats are optional.
2. Tops, plain shirts, body suits, Western Style Jackets and waistcoats are allowed provided they are adapted to western style i.e. defined yoke; (a separation of material either horizontal, vertical or diagonal, on back or front). See-through or flesh-coloured material used in any part of a dancer's costume that gives an immodest view of underwear or body that may give cause for embarrassment to competitors, judges or spectators, is not allowed. Backs of dresses must be no than waist level. Cut-away sides will not be allowed Bare midriiffs must not be visible at any time either standing still or during dance. Strapless tops or straps less than 1" / 2.5cm wide are not allowed. Club logos on garments are not allowed.
3. Jeans and western style trousers are allowed, however sparkle of a reasonable nature is acceptable. Chaps are allowed. Fashion Jeans are not allowed e.g. large bell bottoms, frayed edges and lace inserts.
4. Western style and slit skirts are allowed. Hemlines to be no more than 4" from the middle of the knee (no bare thigh to be visible at any time) . Hankerchief hems will measured from the shortest point of fringing and lace material is not included in the hem measurement. Dance pants must be worn under skirts and dresses.
5. Western style boots are required. Laced up western style boots may be worn. The heel must not be more than 2.5 inches in height. (Maybe less). The heel is measured from the back top edge vertically to the floor. An extended welt is acceptable, but not essential. Dance trainers, dance shoes or dance sandals are NOT permitted.

Male Dress Code: Solo

1. Cowboy hats are optional.
2. Western style fully buttoned shirts with long sleeves are required, or plain shirts adapted with yoke to mimic western style. Western style jackets and waistcoats are allowed. T-shirts, polo shirts and club logos are NOT allowed.
3. Jeans and western style trousers are allowed. Sparkle of a reasonable nature is acceptable. Chaps are allowed. Fashion Jeans are NOT allowed e.g. large bell bottoms, frayed edges and torn denim.
4. Western style boots are required. The heel must be not be more than 2.5 inches in height (maybe less). The heel is measured from back top edge vertically to the floor. An extended welt is acceptable but not essential. Dance trainers or dance shoes are not permitted.

Beginner Dress Code for Heats

Beginners do not need to wear boots or yokes on outfits. BUT MUST HAVE THEM FOR THE FINALS.
Dancers must always wear suitable dance shoes. No Fashion Trainers will be accepted.

IF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE ARE NOT MET, COMPETITORS MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE - CABARET CLUB EXEMPTED.

CONTEST CO-ORDINATOR HAS FINAL DECISION



DIVISIONS

BEGINNER: All dancers other than stated in the Newcomer/Novice/Intermediate/Advanced.

(No variations in dance) During the introductory music, prior to count in competitors may move in position, to the music. Also may turn at the end of the dance.

Definition of BEGINNER: Dancers who have not danced prior to September 2009. All beginners who danced in Championship year 2009 final must move up to Newcomer or category of their choice.

NEWCOMER: All dancers other than stated in the Novice/Intermediate/Advanced. (No Variations in dance).

During the introductory music, prior to count in competitors may move in position, to the beat of the music. Also may turn in position at the end of the dance. Any Newcomer who has competed in the WDAI championship in the past 2 years is no longer eligible for this division.

NOVICE: The top 3 Newcomer placings in last years Championship, plus all other dancers who choose this Division. (May dance variations.) Variation rule applies.

INTERMEDIATE: The top 3 Novice placings in last years Championship, plus all other dancers who choose to dance this division. (May dance variations.) Variation rule applies.

ADVANCED: The top 3 intermediate placings in last years Championship, plus all other dancers who choose this division (may dance variations). Variation rule applies. Dancers will have a second dance in the final.

OPEN: Open to ALL dancers. EXCEPT: Beginners or Newcomers. Excludes Semi-professional, Professional Dancers and Instructors. (May dance variations). Variation rule applies.

OPEN PARTNER: Partners are two individuals, males, females or mixed. Open to ALL dancers. Excludes Semi-professional, Professional Dancers and Instructors. (May dance variations). The vanilla wall must be danced on alternate walls. E.g. 1st wall vanilla, 2nd wall variation, 3rd wall vanilla, 4th wall variation.

VARIATION RULE After completing a full vanilla wall a competitor on the second wall may include variations, however they must complete 8 counts vanilla, include 8 variation and return to 8 vanilla and then 8 variation (eg. In a 32 count dance – 8 vanilla, 8 variation, 8 vanilla and 8 variation.) In 3rd wall and all odd walls they must return to vanilla and so on. The areas where variations can be added is highlighted on the official WDAI Dance Scripts found on the Website.

CHARITY CHALLENGE: A heat will be held for the Charity Dance for Children and Adults.

This is a novelty competition and competitors will be awarded for Cabaret Dress and Entertainment Value, dance etiquette must be adhered to. Dancers MUST dance the first wall vanilla and may include variations in the second (with no count limits) in 3rd must return to vanilla and so on.

After this competition we take 10 children and 10 Adults to the FINAL!!!!

All competitors other than stated in Advanced Division may choose which of the 4 divisions they dance in, unless a placing in a previous year has forced them to move up. Dancers can move up from Newcomer to Novice to Intermediate to Advanced.

BUT THEY CANNOT MOVE DOWN DIVISIONS AT A LATER DATE

Any competitor who has not been placed in the top 50% of final of, Intermediate, Advanced for 2 years may make an application in writing to the committee to move down a category Except to Newcomer.

Any Junior competitor who moves up an age group may opt to stay in the same division even though they qualify to move up to a higher division. Except Newcomer.

Whatever division a competitor registers in the first heat will be their dance in the Final.



Dance Floor Rules

1. Competitors must be ready to compete when called or recalled.
2. Competitors should use their own dance floor space.
3. Full turns on vines, double spins to replace single turns, kicks are all allowed as long as the rhythm count is correct and kicks are no higher than waist level.
4. Drops below the waist will be allowed. The floor can be tipped or slapped but hands must NOT support full body weight. Acrobatics, knee spins, splits are NOT allowed.
5. Hats must be secure enough not to fall off and touch the floor
6. Singing is allowed.
7. Props are not permitted.
8. No chewing gum allowed.
9. Dancers are not permitted to intimidate Judges e.g. rude gestures or vulgar moves.

MUSIC: Will be cut 2.30 minutes approximately

AGE CATEGORIES

UNDER 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 15, 16 – 24, 25 – 35 36 – 49 and Silver.

What ever age you are on the 1st January 2010 will be the age category you will dance in.

TEAM DIVISIONS

Adult and children's teams of 4.

Teams consists of 4 members.

Children: 15 years and under. Adult: minimum age 16 and over. 30+ must be 30 on 1st January 2010.

One member may be replaced in the final if necessary.

No Dancer may dance in more than one team of 4.

Line Dance Category:

Dancers who compete in this section may NOT compete in Choreography

The vanilla wall must be danced on alternate walls.

E.g. 1st wall vanilla, 2nd wall variation, 3rd wall vanilla in any direction, 4th wall variation.

Choreography Category

Dancers who compete in this section may NOT compete in Line dance category.

Dancers own interpretation of a given piece of music.

An element of **LINE DANCE** must be visible in the routine.

Children's Club Division

(Minimum of 10 members: 17 years of age and under)

A minimum of 10 dancers must perform in the Club Division. There no ceiling on the maximum of dancers you can have. Music tracks should be a minimum of 2.5 minutes to a maximum of 3 minutes long.

Music will be faded at 3 minutes. It will be left to the discretion of the dancers to finish before that or let it fade. Music must be on CD. Music editing is allowed. Music must be Country - forwarded to the committee for approval by 1st April 2010. Please allow time for approval. This date is DEADLINE NOT A GUIDELINE. Music for approval will be accepted at any heat by the Contest Co-Coordinator.



Club Division A

(Minimum of 10 members 17 years of age upward)

A minimum of 10 dancers must perform in the Club Division, only a maximum of 3 dancers maybe 17 years and under. There no ceiling on the maximum of dancers you can have. Music tracks should be a minimum of 2.5 minutes to a maximum of 3 minutes long. Music will be faded at 3 minutes. It will be left to the discretion of the dancers to finish before that or let it fade. Music must be on CD. Music editing is allowed.

Music must be Country - forwarded to the committee for approval by 1st April 2010.

Please allow time for approval. This date is DEADLINE NOT A GUIDELINE.

Music for approval will be accepted at any heat by the Contest Co-Coordinator.

Dress Code: Club T-shirts and club logos are allowed.

Club Division B Cabaret

(Minimum of 10 members)

A minimum of 10 dancers must perform in the Cabaret Division. There is no ceiling on the maximum of dancers. Music tracks should be between a minimum of 2.5 minutes to a maximum of 6 minutes long.

Music will be faded at 6 minutes. It will be left to the direction of the dancers to finish the dance before that or let it fade. Music must be on CD. Music editing IS permitted. An element of Line Dance should be visible in the Routine. (Instructors may dance in this division.)

Dress Code: Dress code can be free style but must be suitable for a family audience

The dancers may dance in both Club & Cabaret Division.

**DANCERS MUST ADHERE TO THESE RULES:
FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN LOOSING YOUR PLACE IN THE WDAI CHAMPIONSHIP.**

FINAL DECISION WILL REMAIN WITH THE JUDGES & CONTEST CO-ORDINATOR.