

Orange Blossom Dance Festival

Swing Contest Rules

General Rules

Everyone must always abide by the Orange Blossom Code of Conduct

Your wristband must be worn at all times.

Seating is open. You may not "hold" seats by laying your stuff there. Please do not stand in a way that blocks the view of others seated behind you.

Orange Blossom Dance Festival has a no-refund policy.

Solicitation or the sale of any product or service within the event areas requires payment of a vendor fee or prior arrangements with the event directors.

Contest Rules

Follow all contest rules. If you are unsure, please ask.

All competitors will purchase at least a Standard/Competitor Weekend Pass to compete.

Register and pay the contest entry fee by the cut-off deadlines.

Pick up your registration and competitor number prior to your scheduled contest.

Check in with the competitor coordinators in the staging area at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition.

Entering a contest indicates consent to unrestricted use of your name and likeness in the photos and videos to appear in future promotions on the internet.

Scores are available through the website after the last day of the event.

Competition Divisions

- Strictly Swing Couples Contests

We pick the music, you pick the partner. Couples will dance in heats for several short songs.

1. Enter the same level as your JJ for Open divisions.
2. You can also compete in Sophisticated (35+ years old) or Masters (50+ years old)
3. Dance up with a partner who qualifies for a higher level.
4. Dance down one level in your secondary role, as WSDC rules allow for JJ

Divisions

Skill Divisions: Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced

Skill level is determined by their WSDC J&J level. If partners in this contest qualify for different WSDC J&J levels, the couples must enter Strictly Swing at the HIGHER skill level.

Age Divisions: Sophisticated, Masters

These contests have an age requirement rather than a skill level requirement. Sophisticated is age 35 or higher, and both partners must be 35 years or older. Masters is age 50 or higher, and both partners must be 50 years or older.

- ProAm Spotlight and Couples Choreography Contests

Bring your partner (or Pro), music, costumes, and routine. Routines are danced in a solo format. The dance order is randomly chosen prior to the contest.

1. Performance time is a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes. Judging and the clock start at the first dance movement, with or without music.
2. Provide your music to the DJ at the floor trial. It must be a clearly labeled thumb drive.

- ProAm Strictly Contests

Students enter with their teacher. Only the amateur is evaluated. Couples dance in heats with other couples on the floor for one song, lasting 1.5–2 minutes.

1. No lifts.
2. No choreographed sequences.
3. Students may enter at their WSDC JJ level or follow the guidance of their teacher.
4. Students may enter in their secondary role at the same level or one level down.

- Jack & Jill Contests

Contests allow individuals to enter without a partner and demonstrate skills “on the fly” dancing with a variety of partners. Leaders and followers are randomly paired. There will be several partner changes during the preliminary rounds. Competitors are scored individually. Those scoring the highest will be called back to dance the next round. In the final round, individuals are randomly paired and then scored as a couple. The DJ will pick the music. Tempo and style will vary. On-site registration has strict deadlines!

1. WSDC Skill Level Divisions are based on previous WSDC competition results, follow the guidelines listed on the World Swing Dance Council website and the website will list what divisions qualify you for WSDC points:

<https://www.worldsdc.com/wsdc-points-registry-rules/>

If you have previously made finals in a WSDC J&J contest, you can look up your WSDC competitor number, how many points you have, and what level you are eligible to enter.

<https://www.worldsdc.com/registry-points/>

Additional Divisions being offered are:

Sophisticated (35+) – Must be at least 35 years of age.

Masters (50+) – Must be at least 50 years of age.

2. If you are competing for the first time and have little to no experience, you should start in Newcomer. You must be competent in basic social dancing.
3. You can submit a formal petition for a level change. Petitions must be submitted at least 48 hours before the event begins.