

2005 CHICAGO DANCESPORT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP

July 16, 2005

A recognized amateur-only competition sanctioned by USABDA's USA DanceSport Council

COMPETITION INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The Chicagoland Chapter of USA Dance (formerly USABDA) looks forward to hosting you at the 2005 Chicago DanceSport Challenge on Saturday, July 16, at the Centre at North Park Sports Arena, Franklin Park, Illinois. The Centre at North Park Sports Arena offers a large ballroom with a 42' x 66' floor and a separate 50' x 90' wooden practice floor. We invite USA DanceSport athletes from in and outside the North Central Region to compete and all those who love ballroom dancing to come watch the competition and enjoy the Saturday evening social dancing. This is a recognized USA DanceSport competition; competitors will be eligible to earn proficiency points.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We anticipate awarding over \$3500 in scholarships in Junior, Youth and Adult events including our Third Annual Formation Team \$300 Scholarship Championship and our Third Annual Cabaret \$300 Scholarship Championship. Scholarships of \$100 to \$300 will be offered in several Youth and Adult categories. Check for scholarships and final schedule of events two weeks prior to competition at www.chicagousabda.org.

PRIVATE COACHING AND WORKSHOPS

We are offering private coaching at \$125 per 45 minute lesson with Glenn Weiss and Nadia Eftedal on Friday, July 15, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a first come-first serve basis. Group workshops at \$20pp for one or \$34pp for two will be offered on Sunday with Glenn Weiss on Inter. Standard technique from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and with Nadia Eftedal on Inter. Latin technique from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To sign up for either private coaching or the group workshops, contact Krystian Grabowski from DanceSport Center, Randhurst Shopping Center, 999 N. Elmhurst Rd., Mount Prospect at 847-342-0567.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Please note that Chicago is on Central Daylight Savings Time.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

2:00 PM to 10:00 PM Private coaching at DanceSport Center with Glenn Weiss and Nadia Eftedal
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM Registration/packet pickup at Four Points Sheraton Hotel Lobby

SATURDAY, JULY 16

7:30 AM Registration/packet pickup at Centre at North Park
Ballroom open for practice
8:30 AM Ballroom open for Admission
8:45 AM Introductions and announcements
9:00 AM Morning session begins
Syllabus and Novice Latin and Rhythm
12:00 PM Afternoon Session Begins
Syllabus and Novice Standard and Smooth
Theater Arts
5:00 PM Dinner break (dinner on your own)
7:00 PM Evening session begins
Pre-Champ and Championship Latin and Smooth
Social Dancing
Formation Team events
Social Dancing
Pre-Champ and Championship Rhythm and Standard
Social Dancing
Cabaret
Social Dancing
12:00 AM Goodnight

SUNDAY, JULY 17

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Private coaching and group workshops at DanceSport Center with Glenn Weiss and Nadia Eftedal

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION:

DISCOUNTED ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be postmarked by June 10, 2005.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be received no later than June 24, 2005.

Our Registrar will not be able to consider entries "received" until she receives full payment.

Please register early and use a separate entry form for each partnership.

REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS IN WHICH YOU MAY WANT TO DANCE. ADDING EVENTS AT THE COMPETITION WILL BE LIMITED. After the final registration deadline, we will not allow competitors to add any event that would necessitate adding a round (Ex. a semi to become a quarter-final). Competitors desiring to add an event at the competition must make their request on a Competition Event Change Request Form (at on deck area for forms) and give it to the Competition Scheduler no later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled start time for the event. Competitors: Please notify the deck captain or scheduler of any errors or cancellations/scratches as soon as possible; submit scratches on the form mentioned above.

Each competitor must list his/her USABDA membership number and expiration date on the entry form. Please attach a photocopy of each partner's membership card. (Note: You may apply for, renew, or upgrade (to Athlete) your membership by sending a USABDA membership application and fee payment with your entry form. You can download the form at www.usabda.org or call our registrar to have one mailed to you. Be sure to note the name of your local USABDA chapter on the application.)

When you arrive, before you compete, one or preferably both members of each partnership must check in with the registrar. **Each competitor must show his/her USABDA membership card (and his/her partner's card if necessary) to the Registrar for package pickup.**

RULES: We will run this competition according to the USA DanceSport Rulebook that is published and in effect in April 2005. All competitors should refer to the rulebook prior to completing the entry form and competing. You may obtain a rulebook at www.usabda.org or by calling Gerald Bonmer (215) 355-7173.

ELIGIBILITY: Every competitor must be an amateur. Every adult competitor, with the exception of Newcomers*, must be a currently registered DanceSport Athlete member of USABDA or other member organization of the IDSF in good standing. Every preteen, junior, youth competitor must be a registered Student member of USABDA in good standing.

Couples of which neither member has ever danced as an amateur couple in a ballroom competition are eligible to dance in Newcomer events (in which only the first 5 steps in a bronze syllabus are allowed). Competitors who qualify for Newcomer events may choose to dance in ONLY Newcomer events or in both Newcomer AND Bronze syllabus events. *Competitors who register for only Newcomer events must be registered USABDA members in good standing of any type (Social member, Ballroom Dancer, or Athlete). Competitors who sign up for Bronze events must be registered as Athlete members.

Both partners must be eligible for each event they enter and shall not compete in any classification below the minimum proficiency level for which they are eligible (see Rulebook, Rule 4.5). Competitors are responsible for verifying their proficiency points, so please check your accumulated proficiency points before registering.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS (age on December 31, 2005):

Pre-teen	The elder partner is 11 years old or younger
Junior	The elder partner is 12 to 15 years old
Youth	The elder partner is 16 to 18 years old
Adult	The elder partner is 19 years old or older
Senior 1	Both partners must be 35 years old or older
Senior 2	Both partners must be 50 years old or older
Theater Arts/Cabaret:	Both partners must be 16 years old or older
Formation Teams	Adults and/or any number of Youth

Per USA DanceSport rules, rest time will be allowed between rounds of any one event. In the interim, we will run other events, such as the same event for different age categories. Competitors that register for events in more than one age category should consider that the events will probably be run back-to-back.

EVENT FORMAT AND ENTRY DIVISIONS

Each event will consist of one, two, three, four, or five dances danced in succession without leaving the floor. Places will be determined by the best combined score for all dances in that event. Awards will be presented to the top six couples in each event. We may cancel/combine events with fewer than 3 entries.

The competition is organized into Syllabus and Open events. Syllabus events are offered in the following proficiency levels: Newcomer (1st five steps of Bronze), Bronze, Silver and Gold. Open events are offered in proficiency levels of Novice, Pre-Championship and Championship.

Competitors may enter up to two consecutive proficiency levels in each style or discipline with the same partner (the minimum level for which they are qualified and one higher, (Ex. Newcomer and Bronze, Bronze and Silver, Silver and Gold, Gold and Novice, Novice and Pre-Champ, Pre-Champ and Champ), except couples dancing in 1 or 2 syllabus levels (excluding Newcomer) may also enter the Open Novice level.

Mixed Proficiency amateur events are offered at all Syllabus levels. Both partners of this team must be current Athlete members of USABDA. A Mixed Proficiency couple is defined as a couple whereby the partners are either (1) different age levels and/or (2) different proficiency levels. Only the designated partner is judged in Mixed Proficiency partnerships.

FORMATION TEAM EVENTS

Formation Teams consist of a minimum of four athletes of any age level and proficiency level. Routines are limited to three minutes plus one minute to enter and leave the floor. Music must be in CD format labeled with team name and dance style. **This is a non-sanctioned event.** No props are allowed and costumes are optional. Music must be given to DJ two heats before your event.

Competitors, please be in the ballroom, ready to dance, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time for your event(s). Report to the Deck Captain in the "on-deck area" two heats before each of your event(s). If you do not take the floor when the MC calls an event, you may be disqualified.

STEPS:

- No lifts or props are permitted in any division except Cabaret (see specific restrictions in rulebook).
- In American Smooth and Rhythm Syllabus events, steps from any recognized published syllabus are acceptable, including NDCA, ISTD, North Am. Dance Society, Arthur Murray, Fred Astaire, and Pan-Am. See USABDA website for a sample syllabus. In Smooth Newcomer and Bronze events, competitors must use closed footwork; continuity styling will be penalized.
- In International Standard and Latin Syllabus events, only ISTD figures are allowed.
- Open-event competitors are not restricted to syllabus; any syllabus steps and above may be danced.

DRESS/COSTUMES:

- Costumes are not permitted for the following events:
 - Newcomer: Newcomer men should wear dark dress pants, plain shirt and tie, or tuxedo. Newcomer ladies should wear party dresses without excessive adornment.
 - Pre-Teen: All proficiency levels. Boys should wear dark pants, white shirt, and optional tie. Girls should wear leotards and wrap-around skirts or party dresses with no rhinestones.
 - Junior & Youth: Syllabus and Novice events. Boys should wear dark pants, white shirts and tie (tie optional in Latin) with jacket or tuxedo optional. Girls should wear party dresses or, for Latin, leotards and wrap-around skirts.
- Costumes are permitted but not required for the following events (costumes are not a factor in judging):
 - Junior & Youth: Pre-Champ and Championship
 - Adult & Senior: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Novice events
- Costumes are required:
 - Adult & Senior: Pre-Champ and Championship
- Dress for spectators at all competition sessions is dressy casual.

SPECTATOR TICKETS: You may purchase spectator tickets in advance or at the door. Advance orders for spectator tickets and the evening social dancing must be postmarked by July 2, 2005. Prepaid tickets will be held at the door.

Adult Admission to daytime session (morning and afternoon)	\$ 5.00
Youth or Collegiate admission to daytime session	\$ 1.00
Adult USABDA member admission to evening session	\$15.00
Adult nonmember admission to evening session	\$20.00
Youth or Collegiate admission to evening session	\$10.00

CANCELLATION POLICY: Competitors and spectators cancelling by June 17 will receive a 75% refund; between June 18 and July 7, 25% refund; on or after July 8, no refund. Please allow 30 days following the competition for us to process and mail any refunds.

MISCELLANEOUS: Please do not smoke in the ballroom, dressing rooms, or registration area. Do not bring alcoholic beverages into the ballroom. We have not arranged commercial photography or videotaping. You may bring your own equipment. All cameras must be battery operated; no tripods or lights are permitted.

DISCLAIMERS: All persons attend this event at their own risk and agree to hold harmless the organizers, USABDA a/k/a USA DanceSport, and the Centre at North Park Sports Arena from any injury sustained at the event. Each person is solely responsible for his/her own belongings; the organizers, USABDA and the Centre at North Park Sports Arena cannot be held liable for any loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballroom, hotel rooms, and other event facilities. All persons agree, unless they notify the organizers otherwise, that USABDA may use any film, video, or photograph containing their images as well as their identifying names.

THE CENTRE AT NORTH PARK SPORTS ARENA, 10040 Addison is located at the intersection of Addison and Scott Streets in Franklin Park east of the 294 toll way and south of Irving Park Rd with ample free parking.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: We have reserved a block of rooms for competition participants and spectators with the following hotel (Identify yourself as attending the 2005 Chicago DanceSport Challenge).

Four Points Sheraton Hotel Chicago O'Hare
10249 W. Irving Park Road (corner of Mannheim and Irving Park Road)
Schiller Park, IL 60176

Chicago DanceSport Challenge discounted rate is \$82.00. For reservations, call the hotel directly at 800-323-1239 or 847-671-6000. Reservation includes complimentary shuttle service from O'Hare Airport to Hotel every 20 minutes and from Hotel to Centre at North Park Sports Arena every hour on the hour. Check-in is 3:00 pm, check-out is noon. Cut-off date for the discounted rate is July 2, 2005. Free parking is available at both the Hotel and the Centre.

VENDOR SALES

Vendors of dancewear, footwear, jewelry, etc. will be on site. If you are a vendor of dance-related items and/or services, contact Tony Dean at 708-895-7884 or Tdean41@sbcglobal.net for details and to reserve a space.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

If your USABDA chapter, business or you would like to advertise in the program, contact Alan Burns or Kelly Batchelor at 630-466-0786 or burns_alan@hotmail.com.

Outside back cover.....	\$200.	Full page:	\$100.
Inside front and back cover:	\$150.	Half page:	\$ 50.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

If your USABDA chapter, business or you would like to donate a tax-deductible scholarship, contact Barbara Finn at 847-426-7978 or chicagochallenge@aol.com.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? See our website at <http://www.chicagousabda.org/>. For general information, contact Barbara Finn, competition chair, at 847-426-7978 or email her at chicagochallenge@aol.com. For competitor questions on events, entry forms, event changes, spectator tickets, and/or to check the status of your registration contact DJ Lawn, registrar, at 630-893-2926 or chicagochallenge@aol.com. For competitor questions on entry rules, eligibility, age classification, etc., contact Barbara Finn.

**2005 CHICAGO DANCESPORT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP
COMPETITOR FEES & SPECTATOR TICKET ORDER FORM**

	<u>Price pp</u>	<u># of each</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Competitor fees (includes all comp entries, ballroom admissions, and competition program):			
Adult competitor; discounted fee (postmarked by June 10, 2005)+	\$75.00	_____	\$ _____
Adult competitor; standard fee (postmarked after June 10, 2005)**	\$90.00	_____	\$ _____
Student (Preteen, Jr., Youth & Collegiate), discounted fee+	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
Student (Preteen, Jr., Youth & Collegiate), standard fee**	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Gentleman's competitor # deposit will be refunded when returned	\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
(Formation Teams need to complete Formation Team Entry Form only.)			

Spectator Tickets:

Admission to daytime competition student (Youth & Collegiate)	\$ 1.00	_____	\$ _____
Admission to daytime competition Adult	\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
Admission to evening competition & social dancing student	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Admission to evening competition & social dancing USABDA Adult	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Admission to evening competition & social dancing Adult nonmember	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Hold spectator tickets under what name(s) _____			

Box Lunches for Saturday from noon-2 pm: Includes choice of sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert, and beverage.
 Vegetarian___ Italian Sub___ Ham & Cheese___ Turkey & Cheese___ \$ 8.00 _____ \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: Enclose check or money order payable to Chicagoland USABDA \$ _____
 Send completed forms, checks, and copies of each competitor's membership cards to our Registrar, DJ Lawn, 142
 Canterbury Ct., Bloomingdale, IL 60108-1978. Questions call 630-893-2926 or chicagochallenge@aol.com.

COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM

For discount: Postmarked by June 10, 2005. Final Deadline: Forms and fees received by June 24, 2005.

_____		_____	
Gentleman's Name (Please print)		Lady's Name (Please print)	
_____		_____	
Address		Address	
_____		_____	
City, State, Zip Code		City, State, Zip Code	
_____		_____	
Phone	Age on 12/31/05	Phone	Age on 12/31/05
_____	_____	_____	_____
E-Mail Address		E-Mail Address	
_____		_____	
USABDA No.	Expiration Date	USABDA No.	Expiration Date
_____	_____	_____	_____

All competitors must sign the following waiver: The undersigned have read and agree to this waiver. I have read, understand and agree to abide by USA DanceSport Rulebook Section 4, Rules for Competitors. I state I am eligible to enter all events for which my partner and I have registered and further state we are not registered for an event below our minimum proficiency level in each category. I understand all athletes may be subject to drug testing by the IDSF or USA DanceSport. I agree to be bound by the USA DanceSport rules while at this event; and, if I violate these rules, my Amateur Athlete competitor status may be suspended. I understand the competition may be filmed/videoed/photographed and I agree the organizers may use my images and my name. No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in the changing rooms, competition, practice room or seating areas can be accepted by the organizers, the Chicagoland Chapter of USABDA, the Centre at North Park, or the Four Points Sheraton Hotel nor can they be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending this event. Everyone attending does so at his/her own risk.

_____		_____	
Gentleman's Signature		Lady's Signature	
Date		Date	
_____	_____	_____	_____
For each competitor under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign below.			
_____		_____	
Parent/Guardian Signature		Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date		Date	
_____	_____	_____	_____

**2005 CHICAGO DANCESPORT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP
COMPETITIVE COUPLES ENTRY FORM—PART 2**

Gentleman's Name _____

Lady's Name _____

Please review the 2005 Chicago DanceSport Challenge information and guideline & current USA DanceSport Rulebook before completing this form. Use a separate form for each couple. Mark an "X" in the boxes for all events you as a couple may want to enter. **After final deadline and at the competition, additions will be limited and scratches unlimited.**

INTERNATIONAL LATIN	Preteen	Junior	Youth	Adult	Senior 1	Senior 2	Mix Prof
Newcomer	C,R						
Bronze	C,Sa,R						
Silver	C,Sa,R,J						
Silver – Gold	Paso Doble						
Gold	C,Sa,R,J						
Open Novice	C,Sa,R						
Pre-Champ	C,Sa,R,J						
Championship	C,Sa,R,PD,J						

AMERICAN RHYTHM	Preteen	Junior	Youth	Adult	Senior 1	Senior 2	Mix Prof
Newcomer	C,Sw						
Bronze	C,R,Sw						
Silver	C,R,Sw,M						
Silver – Gold	Bolero						
Gold	C,R,Sw,M						
Open Novice	C,R,Sw						
Pre-Champ	C,R,Sw,J						
Championship	C,R,Sw,B,M						

INTERNAT. STANDARD	Preteen	Junior	Youth	Adult	Senior 1	Senior 2	Mix Prof
Newcomer	W,F						
Bronze	W,F,Q						
Silver	W,T,F,Q						
Silver – Gold	Vien. W						
Gold	W,T,F,Q						
Open Novice	W,F,Q						
Pre-Champ	W,T,F,Q						
Championship	W,T,VW,F,Q						

AMERICAN SMOOTH	Preteen	Junior	Youth	Adult	Senior 1	Senior 2	Mix Prof
Newcomer	W,F						
Bronze	W,T,F						
Silver	W,T,F,VW						
Gold	W,T,F,VW						
Open Novice	W,T,F						
Pre-Champ	W,T,F,VW						
Championship	W,T,F,VW						

Adult _____

THEATER ARTS

Adult _____

CABARET

MIXED PROFICIENCY: Judge Proficiency Partner Name: _____

Level: _____

Legend: C-ChaCha, R-Rumba, Sa-Samba, J-Jive, PD-PasoDoble, Sw-East Coast Swing, B-Bolero
M-Mambo, W-Waltz, T-Tango, F-Foxtrot, Q-Quickstep, VW-Viennese Waltz

2005 CHICAGO DANCESPORT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMATION TEAM ENTRY FORM

For Discount: Postmarked by June 10, 2005. Final Deadline: Forms and fees received by June 24, 2005.

Use this form to enter each formation team in either one or two events (latin/rhythm and/or standard/smooth). Formation entry fees are per event. If you team performs both styles, pay for two events. The formation entry fee includes ballroom admission for all competition entries, sessions, and competition program (one per team) for team members and one coach. *Any individual or couple who competes in other events must register for those events separately and pay the competitor fees shown on the Competitor Fee Form.*

Team Contact Person (Please print) _____ Team Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Circle One or Both: Latin/Rhythm Standard/Smooth	Formation Team fee	Price Per Event	No. of Events	Total
	Discounted Fee	\$75.00	_____	_____
Standard Fee	\$90.00	_____	_____	_____

Enclose check or money order payable to Chicagoland
USABDA, completed forms, and copies of all competitor's USABDA cards to our Registrar, DJ Lawn, 142 Canterbury Ct.,
Bloomington, IL 60108-1978, 630-893-2926, chicagochallenge@aol.com.

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CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER OF USA DANCE

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WORKSHOPS

BY

GLENN WEISS & NADIA EFTEDAL

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005

DANCESPORT CENTER

RANDHURST SHOPPING CENTER

CORNER OF RAND AND ELMHURST

PER PERSON--\$20 ONE WORKSHOP

PER PERSON--\$34 BOTH WORKSHOPS

To sign up, fill in form below and send with check payable to DanceSport Center and mail to: Krystian Grabowski, DanceSport Center, Randhurst Shopping Center, 999 N. Elmhurst Rd., Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Private coaching also available with Glenn Weiss and Nadia Eftedal on Friday, July 15 from 2 to 10 pm and Sunday, July 17 from 10 am to 2 pm by appointment only. Please call Krystian Grabowski at 847-342-0567.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Standard 10:45 am _____

Latin 11:30 a.m. _____

Amount enclosed _____