

2006 CHICAGO DANCESPORT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, May 20, 2006

A recognized amateur-only competition sanctioned by USA DanceSport Council

COMPETITION INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The Chicagoland Chapter of USA Dance (formerly USABDA) looks forward to hosting you at the 2006 Chicago DanceSport Challenge on Saturday, May 20, at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois. The Sheraton Arlington Ballroom offers a large ballroom with a 42' x 66' floor and a separate 30' x 50' 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 Fourth Annual Formation Team \$300 Scholarship Championship and our Fourth Annual Cabaret \$300 Scholarship Championship. Scholarships of \$100 to \$300 will be offered in several Junior, Youth and Adult categories. Check for scholarships and final schedule of events two weeks prior to competition at www.usadancechicago.org.

PRIVATE COACHING AND WORKSHOPS

We are offering private coaching at \$125 per 45 minute lesson with Glenn Weiss and Ray Rivers on Friday, May 19, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, May 21, 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 Ray Rivers 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, MAY 19

2:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Private coaching at DanceSport Center with Glenn Weiss and Ray Rivers
7:30-9:30 PM	Registration/packet pickup at Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel Lobby

SATURDAY, MAY 20

7:30 AM	Registration/packet pickup at Sheraton Chicago Northwest Arlington Ballroom 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 Latin portion of 10-Dance Championship Smooth portion of 9-Dance Championship Formation Team events Pre-Champ and Championship Rhythm and Standard Rhythm portion of 9-Dance Championship Standard portion of 10-Dance Championship Cabaret Social Dancing

12:00 AM	Goodnight
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SUNDAY, MAY 21

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Private coaching and group workshops at Dancesport Center with Glenn Weiss and Ray Rivers
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COMPETITOR REGISTRATION:

DISCOUNTED ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be postmarked by April 28, 2006.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be received no later than May 5, 2006.

Our Registrar will not be able to consider entries "received" until she receives full payment. Online registration is available with a credit card. 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 USA Dance 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 USA Dance 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 USA Dance 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 USA Dance 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 USA Dance or other member organization of the IDSF in good standing. Every preteen, junior, youth competitor must be a registered Student member of USA Dance 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 USA Dance 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, 2006):

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 (non-sanctioned event)

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 would 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. The best-combined score for all dances will determine places 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 USA Dance. 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, dance style, 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 USA Dance 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-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
 - Senior: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Novice events
- Costumes are required: Adult & Senior: Pre-Championship 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 May 18, 2006. 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 USA Dance 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 April 20 will receive a 75% refund; between April 21 and May 10, 25% refund; on or after May 9, 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 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, USA Dance a/k/a USA DanceSport, and the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel from any injury sustained at the event. Each person is solely

responsible for his/her own belongings; the organizers, USA Dance and the Sheraton Chicago Northwest 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 USA Dance may use any film, video, or photograph containing their images as well as their identifying names.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel, 3400 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 is located at the intersection of Rt. 53 and Euclid Ave. with ample free parking.

We have reserved a block of rooms for competition participants and spectators. Please identify yourself as attending the 2006 Chicago DanceSport Challenge. Chicago DanceSport Challenge discounted rate is \$99.00. For reservations, call the hotel directly at 1-888-627-8093. Check-in is 3:00 pm; checkout is 11:00 a.m. Cut-off date for the discounted rate is May 5, 2006. Free parking is available at the Hotel.

The hotel offers complimentary transportation to and from the METRA Train Station next door, the Arlington International Racetrack, and to the shopping center and restaurants at Woodfield Mall. Please call the hotel at 847-394-2000 to schedule a pick up or drop off at any of these locations.

TRANSPORTATION: My Chauffeur Limousine Service provides Transportation service from O'Hare Airport to Hotel at approximately \$18 per person. Advanced reservations are required. Please call 1-800-244-6200 at least 24 hours in advance. For larger parties, Alpha Taxi Service charges approximately \$21 total for a taxi one-way from O'Hare to the hotel. Call 1-800-282-7098 for taxi service. Transportation is also available to and from Midway Airport.

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 Virginia Hodina at 708-865-0141 for details and to reserve a space.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

If your USA Dance chapter, business or you would like to advertise in the program, contact Alan Burns 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 USA Dance chapter, business or you would like to donate a tax-deductible scholarship, contact Barbara Finn at 847-426-7978 or barbarakfinn@comcast.net.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? See our website at <http://www.usadancechicago.org>. For general information, contact Barbara Finn, competition chair, at 847-426-7978 or email her at barbarakfinn@comcast.net. 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.

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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 April 28, 2006)+	\$80.00	_____	\$ _____
Adult competitor; standard fee (postmarked after April 28, 2006)**	\$95.00	_____	\$ _____
Student (Preteen, Jr., Youth & Collegiate), discounted fee+	\$40.00	_____	\$ _____
Student (Preteen, Jr., Youth & Collegiate), standard fee**	\$55.00	_____	\$ _____
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) _____			

GRAND TOTAL: Enclose check or money order payable to Chicagoland USA Dance. \$ _____
 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 April 28, 2006. Final Deadline: Forms and fees received by May 5, 2006.

Gentleman's Name (Please print)	Lady's Name (Please print)
Address	Address
City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code
Phone Age on 12/31/06	Phone Age on 12/31/06
E-Mail Address	E-Mail Address
USA Dance No. Expiration Date	USA Dance 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 USA Dance, the Sheraton Chicago Northwest 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 Date	Lady's Signature Date
<i>For each competitor under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign below.</i>	
Parent/Guardian Signature Date	Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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COMPETITIVE COUPLES ENTRY FORM—PART 2

Gentleman's Name _____

Lady's Name _____

Please review the 2006 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	Senior 3	Mix Prof
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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	Senior 3	Mix Prof
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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	Senior 3	Mix Prof
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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	Senior 3	Mix Prof
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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

	Junior	Youth	Adult	Senior 1	Senior 2	Senior 3
9-Dance Champ	W,T,F,VW,C,R,Sw,B,M					
10-Dance Cha	W,T,F,VW,Q,C,R,Sa,PD,J					

THEATER ARTS _____ Adult

CABARET _____ Adult

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

2006 CHICAGO DANCESPORT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMATION TEAM ENTRY FORM

For Discount: Postmarked by April 28, 2006. Final Deadline: Forms and fees received by May 5, 2006.

Use this form to enter each formation team in either one or two events (latin, rhythm, standard, smooth, etc). Formation entry fees are per event. If your team performs two routines, 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 More: Latin, Rhythm, Standard, Smooth, Etc.

Formation Team fee	Price Per Event	No. of Events	Total
Discounted Fee	\$80.00	_____	_____
Standard Fee	\$95.00	_____	_____

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

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Print competitor name _____ USA Dance # _____ Expiration Date _____ Competitor/Parent Signature

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