

New Jersey **STATE OPEN**

DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011



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21-23

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Dear Competitors and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the New Jersey State Open dance competition, to be held at Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch, NJ, Oct 21-23,2011. This competition is open to all registered professional and amateur dancers.

All the information and entry forms needed are within this booklet. If we have overlooked anything or if there is any additional information needed, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address or phone numbers given.

If you decide not to go on package, we have a block of rooms reserved and you can make your reservations directly with the hotel at (800) 411 - 6493 and tell them you are with the New Jersey State Open. Book your hotel rooms early because any unused rooms in the reserved block will be released back to the hotel after October 4.

The deadline for entries is October 4, 2011. Top teacher and professional entries must be received in time to be printed in the program. We go to print at 8am on October 14, so please have your entries in if you intend to dance. We do not accept last minute entries. Online registration is available at www.njstateopen.com (credit card is required)

We will be having a nifty fifty drawing for all Pro/Am teachers and also a scavenger hunt for all participants in the competition, so be sure to bring a bag with anything you can think of, from rubber bands to postage stamps. You never know what we will be asking for.

We hope that you will join us, and we will do our utmost to make your experience a memorable and enjoyable one.

We look forward to seeing you once again at the 2011 New Jersey State Open!

Sincerely,

Susan Ardary
Roxanne Ardary

Tentative Schedule of Events

Session 1 Friday Matinee (10:00am) Oct. 21 (dressy casual)

Pro/am and Adult Amateur American Rhythm Single Dance Divisions

Pro/am and Adult Amateur American Rhythm Multi-Dance Division

Session 2 Friday Evening (7:00pm) Oct. 21 (dressy casual)

Pro/am and Adult Amateur American Rhythm Championships & Scholarships

Professional Rising Star

Package holders reception

Session 3 Saturday Matinee (8:00am) Oct. 22 (dressy casual)

Pro/am and Adult Amateur International Latin Divisions (except Amateur A Open Championships)

Pro/Am and Amateur solos

Pro/am and Adult Amateur American Smooth Divisions

Session 4 Saturday Evening (8:00pm) Oct. 22 (Formal)

Amateur A Open Standard Scholarship Championships

Amateur A Open Latin Scholarship Championships

Professional Open Showcases

Professional Open Smooth, Rhythm, Standard and Latin Divisions

Professional Show

Professional and Package holders Party

Session 5 Sunday Morning (8:00am) Oct. 23 (dressy casual)

All Pro/Am and Adult Amateur International Standard Divisions (Except

Amateur A Open Championships)

Top Teacher and Student Awards

Session 6 Sunday Afternoon (2:00pm) Oct. 23 Children's Session

Children's American Smooth

Children's American Rhythm

Children's International Standard

Children's International Latin

Pro/Am Single and Multi-Dance Events

Age Divisions: A1 (18-29) A2 (30-39) A3 (40-49) B1 (50-59)
B2 (60-69) C1 (70-79) C2 (80+)

- categories may be merged if there are less than three entries
- competitors may dance 2 consecutive age groups (see rule # 13)

****Levels:** Newcomer (first time competitor or less than 30 hrs of lessons), Pre-Bronze, Bronze 1, Full Bronze, Open Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver 1, Full Silver, Open Silver, Pre-Gold, Gold 1, Open Gold

**** competitors may dance up to 3 consecutive levels and 1 open (see rule # 14)**

- In Pro/am divisions, Men will compete against the ladies if there are less than 3 entries of either sex in the event.
- Costumes may be worn in all categories however, no thongs are permitted.
- Materials danced must coincide with any NDCA approved step list.
- No lifts are permitted.

Pro/Am Championships

Age Divisions: A(18-34) B(35-54) C(55+)

Levels: Closed Bronze, Closed Silver, Closed Gold, Open Bronze, Open Silver, Open Gold

Pro/Am Scholarships (\$200 – \$150 - \$100)

Levels: Closed Bronze, Closed Silver

Age Divisions: A(19-45) B(46+)

Open Scholarship - All ages all levels

Rules for Championships and Scholarships

- Levels and ages may be merged in the event of insufficient entries
- Championships and Scholarships are unisex competitions.
- May enter only one age category
- May enter one closed division and one open division
- Must dance the corresponding single dances in the division and levels entered.
- Must dance the highest level in which single dances were entered.

Pro/Am & Amateur Solos

- May not exceed 2 ½ minutes
- music must be provided on an individual CD
- Lifts are permitted

Amateur Collegiate and Adult Single and Multi-Dance Events

Age Divisions: A(18-34) B(35-54) C(55+)

- Adult competitors may dance 2 consecutive age groups (see rule #13)
- Collegiate competitors dance in A category only, proof of age and valid school ID required.

Levels: Syllabus -2 dance - Bronze, Silver, Gold
Novice Open (3 dance) , Open Pre-Championship (4 dance),
Open Championship

- Competitors may dance up to 2 consecutive levels
- Costumes may be worn in all categories however, no thongs are permitted.
- Materials danced must coincide with any NDCA approved step list.
- No lifts are permitted.
- With the exception of Open International Championships (A division), all adult and collegiate Amateurs will compete in the same session as the corresponding Pro/Am Adult divisions.

Open Amateur Latin and Standard Championships (A division) will be Scholarship events

Awards: 1st \$300 - 2nd \$200 - 3rd \$100

**Championship entries fees are not included in the Collegiate Competitor Package

Collegiate Competitor Package

Only \$80 per couple includes a weekend pass for all competitive sessions including the Saturday night events and professional show, compete in up to 8 entries in single dance or multi-dance events within 2 consecutive levels up to the Pre-Champ Division. Proof of age and valid student ID required, meals and hotel not included.. Scheduled to dance during Amateur Events.

Junior and Youth Divisions – Sunday

Danced Sunday Afternoon – Amateur Couples or Pro/Am

Pro-Am Juniors also have the option of dancing during adult Pro/Am sessions.

Levels- Single Dances: \$15.00 per Dance

PB-Pre-Bronze, B-Closed Bronze, OB-Open Bronze

S - Closed Silver, OS - Open Silver,

G - Closed Gold, OG - Open Gold

Early Bird Special

\$10.00 per dance

if entries received

with payment by

September 26th.

Open Multi Dances:

Pre-Champ (4 dances) (C/S/R/J) (W/T/F/Q)

(\$20.00 per event)

Open (5 dances) (C/S/R/P/J) (W/T/VW/F/Q)

(\$30.00 per event)

Age Divisions:

Amateur Couple: V (Under 10) P (10-11) J (12-13) T (14-15) Y (16-18)

Ladies and Gentlemen Singles (partner's name must be listed)

Ladies Singles: LV-Under 10, LP (10-11), LJ (12-13), LT (14-15), LY (16-18)

Gentleman Singles: GV-Under 10, GP (10-11), GJ (12-13), GT (14-15), GY (16-18)

Junior Open International Latin Scholarship

(\$35.00 per event)

Open to Ages 10 - 15 only

1st - \$200 2nd - \$175 3rd - \$150

Awards Plaque advanced order required

\$20 per trophy

American Style Dances:

Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Hustle, Salsa

International Style: All dances available

Rules

1. Entries must be made on New Jersey State Open entry forms
2. Names of both partners must be listed for entry to be accepted.
3. Juniors must dance in division entered.
4. No changes will be made at the event.
5. Parents will not be permitted in or around the line-up area.
6. NDCA costuming rules are recommended
7. Children are expected to be on their best behavior while attending the Competition.
8. Children are not permitted to run around or carry on in the Ballroom or the Hotel in general. Teachers must supervise the children at all times. Any complaints about a child or parent may result in the child being prohibited from dancing and evicted from the Competition area. No refunds will be made under these circumstances.

Professional Divisions

Open Divisions - Standard, Latin, Smooth, Rhythm

1st - \$1000 2nd - \$700 3rd - \$500 4th - \$400 5th - \$300 6th - \$200

Rising Star Divisions - Standard, Latin, Smooth, Rhythm

1st - \$400 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$250 4th - \$200 5th - \$150 6th - \$100

Professional Open Showcase

1st - \$400 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$250 4th - \$200 5th - \$150 6th - \$100

A one time \$200 bonus will be awarded to any Professional Finalist with over 50 pro/am entries

We do not accept professional write in entries. **Professional entries not received in time to be printed in the program will be returned.**

Top Teacher Awards

Up to 10 places will be awarded. Placement determined by the point system.

Prize money is determined by the number of entries. To qualify for Top Teacher you must be on a weekend package and entries must be in printed program.

Minimum entries

1	250	\$3000
2	225	\$2000
3	200	\$1000
4	175	\$ 800
5	150	\$ 600
6	125	\$ 500
7	100	\$ 400
8	75	\$ 300
9	50	\$ 200
10	50	\$ 100

Point System

Pro/am - one, two & three dance events

1 point per entry

1 st Place	8 points	5 th	4 points
2 nd Place	7 points	6 th	3 points
3 rd Place	6 points	7 th	2 points
4 th Place	5 points	8 th	1 point

1 Point for each recall from Preliminary Rounds

Pro/am - four & five dance Multi-Dance events

5 points per entry

1 st Place	16 points	5 th	8 points
2 nd Place	14 points	6 th	6 points
3 rd Place	12 points	7 th	4 points
4 th Place	10 points	8 th	2 point

2 Points for each recall from Preliminary Rounds

- uncontested entries receive half points

Pro/am points will be based on same point system as Top Teacher

Wholesale Price List - Packages Pay!

No fighting with hotel over rooms, no searching for a seat, no figuring out which session tickets are needed, no waiting in line for tickets. We do it all for you!

Very Important: Package orders need to be received with payment by the Deadline so we can secure your hotel accommodations at the group rate.

Package A (Thurs, Fri, & Sat.)

Hotel accommodations Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Breakfast Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Friday Dinner and Midnight Reception. Saturday Grand Banquet and Midnight Reception. Reserved seating to All Sessions.

Souvenir Program

#A1 - Single \$1050 #A2 - Double \$750

Package B (Fri. & Sat.)

Hotel accommodations Friday & Saturday nights. Breakfast Saturday & Sunday. Friday Dinner and Midnight Reception. Saturday Grand Banquet and Midnight Reception. Reserved seating to sessions 2,3,4, & 5. Souvenir Program

#B1 (Single) - \$815 #B2 - (Double) - \$615

Package C (Fri.)

Hotel accommodations Friday night. Friday Dinner and Midnight Reception. Breakfast Saturday. Reserved seating to sessions 2 & 3. Souvenir Program.

#C1 - Single \$410 #C2 - Double \$310

Package D (Sat.)

Hotel accommodations Saturday night. Grand Banquet Saturday and Midnight Reception. Breakfast Sunday. Reserved seating sessions 3, 4 & 5. Souvenir Program.

#C1 - Single \$450 #C2 - Double \$350

Banquet & Session 4 - \$100 (Preferred Seating)

Non-Package Hotel Accommodations

For those of you planning to stay at the Hotel, but not saying on package, please make your reservations directly with the Hotel at **(800) 411-6493**. When you call, tell them you are with the New Jersey State Open Competition.

Wholesale Price List

A reasonable mark up should be expected on all items to cover the loss of studio income and teaching hours along with teacher's salary, time, travel and expenses.

For online registration visit: www.njstateopen.com credit card required

Participation Plaque \$20

Program \$20

General Admission

Session 1	\$20
Session 2	\$35
Session 3	\$25
Session 4	\$55
Session 5	\$20
Session 6	\$15
Program	\$20
Jr & collegiate (sessions 1,3,5)	\$10
Jr & Collegiate (session 2)	\$20
Jr. & Collegiate (session 4)	\$30

Registration Fees

Single Dances	\$30 per dance
2 Dance	\$35 per event
3 Dance	\$40 per event
Pro/Am Champ.	\$60 per event
Pro/Am Scholarship	\$75 per event
Amateur Pre-Champ	\$45 per event
Amateur Championship	\$60 per event
Amat (A) Schol. Champ.	\$60 per event*
Adult Solos	\$60 per event
Junior & Youth Single	\$15 per dance*
Jr & Youth Pre-Champ	\$20 per event*
Jr & Youth Champ	\$30 per event*
Jr Scholarship	\$35 per event*
Junior Solos	\$30 per dance*
Professional Showcase	\$70 per dance*
Open Professional	\$90 per event*
Rising Star Professional	\$70 per event*

Note: entry fees do **NOT** include admission to the ballroom, except for those noted with *

Program Advertising (Black&White)

Advertisements and Congratulatory notices are placed in the program at the following rates. (All ads must be camera ready)

- Full Page \$200
- Half page \$100
- Quarter page \$75
- Eighth Page \$50

Rules and Regulations.

1. All persons attending this competition, whether as spectators, competitors or guest of officials, hereby release the Organizers, the NDCA, their officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and any other people connected with this event, from any and all liability for damage to or loss of personal property, sickness or injury from whatever source, legal entanglements, imprisonment, death or financial loss, which might occur while participating in this event. All attendees will be aware of the risks of participation, and understand that they participate at their own risk
2. No responsibility for the loss or theft of personal belongings left in the changing rooms, ballroom, practice spaces or any hotel rooms will be accepted by the Organizers, NDCA or the Hotel
3. All persons attending the competition shall be bound by the NDCA rules and attending the events are automatically obliged to adhere to them.
4. No video taping or filming will be allowed, however, a professional video company will be on hand to video your dancing
5. It is understood that anyone in the ballroom may be photographed or video taped and it may be shown elsewhere. Anyone attending this event consents to be photographed and/or video taped and waves any and all claims and rights to the use of the photos or videos.
6. All completed forms and full payment must be received by the deadline. **Payments must accompany entries.**
7. Entry fees must be paid before competing.
8. Entry fees do not include admission to the ballroom. Non-Package holders competing or spectating, will be required to purchase General Admission Tickets.
9. All categories and events are subject to a reasonable registration and the Organizers reserve the right to reduce by half, the advertised prize money, combine, merge or cancel any heats or events with insufficient entries.
10. All Professional and amateur couples must be registered with the NDCA. NDCA registration forms are available from www.ndca.org or Ms. Eleanor Wiblin, PO Box 22018, Provo, Utah 84602.

11. All cancellations must be made in writing to the organizers. Cancellations made up to 10 days prior to the event will receive a refund within 30 days after the event. A \$75 cancellation fee will be applied to all refunds. No refunds will be given within 10 days of the event. No substitutions of entries will be allowed. Absolutely no refunds will be given at the event. Refunds or exchanges cannot be made on plaques, trophies or general admission tickets.
12. The Chairman of Judges shall be responsible for decisions concerning ties or any problem arising over marks. Any questions or discrepancy of results are to be addressed immediately after the results of the event are given. The decision of the Chairman shall be final.
13. A student may enter a younger age category in addition to their normal age division, but not an older one.
14. A student may dance in three consecutive divisions; for example: Full Bronze Tango, Pre-Silver Tango and Silver one Tango, but not Full Silver Tango.
15. Teachers may not enter two students in the same category.
16. Collegiate must be under 25 years young and have a current valid ID card.
17. Costumes may be worn, but are not required in all categories. No thongs are permitted. It is recommended that children follow the NDCA costuming requirements.
18. If in the opinion of the organizers, a costume is deemed inappropriate, the competitor will have the option of changing costumes or withdrawing from the competition. No refunds will be issued in this situation. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any competitor who fails to rectify a costuming warning.
19. The organizers reserve the right right to refuse admission to person or persons who have violated any of the above rules at any recognized NDCA event.
20. These rules and regulations may be amended at the discretion of the organizers. Any changes will be provided via the web site <www.americanstarball.com>

**For Additional Information, Online Registration and Directions Visit
www.njstateopen.com**