

## Gala Amateur Policies

1. Age classifications will become effective on the person's birthday; in a year where a person is moving from one age category to another, he/she may make that change in a period beginning 30 days prior to the birthday and ending 30 after the birthday.
2. Youth Age Categories:
  - TB (teddy bear; 0-7)
  - P1 (preteen 1; 8-9)
  - P2 (preteen 2; 10-11)
  - J1 (junior 1; 12-13)
  - J2 (junior 2; 14-15)
  - YH (youth; 16-18)
3. Youth Amateur couples may dance in their true age category and one age category immediately older.
4. A Youth couple's age is determined by the age of the older partner. An Adult couple's age is determined by the age of the younger partner.
5. Adult amateur couples may dance in 2 consecutive age categories, their true age and 1 age category younger.
6. Amateur couples may dance in 2 consecutive levels only.
7. In any event with fewer than 3 entrants, the organizer reserves the right to either combine the event with another similar event, or to cancel the event altogether.
8. In any Scholarship event with fewer than 3 entrants, the organizer reserves the right to combine the event with another similar event, to reduce the prize money award by half, or to cancel the event altogether.
9. Due to IRS requirements, all competitors entered in a Scholarship Event must fill in a W-9 form PRIOR to receiving their competition materials.
10. **ALL AMATEUR COMPETITORS MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH THE NDCA.** For further information regarding NDCA registration, please contact Dawid Schulz, NDCA National Registrar, 3214 N. University Ave., Box #406, Provo, UT 84604; email ds24dance@gmail.com
11. Dress Code: costumes are not mandatory at any level, however all Preteen/Junior/Youth competitors must adhere to the current NDCA dress codes at all times.
12. All closed events will be invigilated by an NDCA approved invigilator; competitors committing infractions may be disqualified..

## Professional Policies

1. In any Professional event with fewer than 3 entrants, the organizer reserves the right to combine the event with another similar event, to reduce the prize money award by half, or to cancel the event altogether.
2. Professional entry fees include admission to the ballroom for those sessions in which the couple is dancing.
3. Due to IRS requirements, all competitors entered in a Professional Event must fill in a W-9 form PRIOR to receiving their competition materials.
4. **ALL PROFESSIONAL COMPETITORS MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH THE NDCA.** For further information regarding NDCA registration, please contact Dawid Schulz, NDCA National Registrar, 3214 North University Avenue, Box #406, Provo, UT 84604; email ds24dance@gmail.com

*All persons attending this event, whether as spectators, officials, competitors or guests shall be bound by the NDCA rules, and by participating in this event become obligated to adhere to them.*

*The Organizers of this competition and the NDCA are not responsible for the loss or theft of articles left behind in changing rooms, ballrooms or hotel rooms. The Organizers and the NDCA will not be held liable for injuries sustained by persons attending this event; all spectators, officials, competitors and guests attending do so at their own risk.*

*Because of NDCA rules, no personal video-taping or filming will be allowed. A professional Video production company will be available to film your dancing and tapes will be available for purchase.*