



GEM STATE CLASSIC

Featuring the
National Youth Team Show Dance Championships
National Youth Cabaret Championships

March 25-27, 2021 • Thunder Ridge HS • Idaho Falls, Idaho
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GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITOR FEES DUE BY MARCH 7th.

Fees are per competitor and include admission on the day they compete.

Late fees will be charged starting March 8th (\$10/competitor)

\$ 8	Pee Wee
\$15	Syllabus events only
\$25	Open events (includes syllabus events)
\$50/couple	National Cabaret championship event (does not include syllabus and open events)

GENERAL ADMISSION Pre-Purchase here: [GSC Tickets](#)

\$7	Thursday
\$7	Friday
\$7	Saturday
\$25	1-day Family pass, immediate family only
Children 6 & under are free.	

SCHEDULE (subject to change pending entry totals)

THURSDAY 8:00 am – 12:00pm *National Pre-Teen & Pee Wee Team Show Dance Championships*
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm *Pre-Teen Syllabus and Open Events*
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm *National Youth Cabaret Championship*

FRIDAY 8:00 am – 1:00 pm *National Junior Team Show Dance Championships*
1:00 pm – 11:00 pm *National Youth Team Show Dance Championships*

SATURDAY

8:00 am – 5:00 pm *Junior and Youth Syllabus Events*
6:00 pm – 11:30 pm *Jr. & Youth Open Events*
Jack & Jill
Youth Team Match

COMPETITOR RULES

1. Couples should only enter syllabus events in their own age category, as determined by the oldest partner
Age Category Definitions Pee-Wee: Competitors who are age 9 and younger.

Pre-Teen: Competitors who are age 10, 11, or 12 or in 6th grade or under

Junior: Competitors who are 13, 14, or 15, or in grades 7, 8, 9

Youth: Competitors who are age 16, 17, or 18, or in grades 10, 11, 12

The only exception to this rule is for dancers who are actual members of two teams in different age categories. For example, a Pre-Teen who is dancing on both a Pre-Teen team and a Jr. team may compete with members of their team in syllabus events in that age category.

2. **PLEASE NOTE:** Couples may only enter ONE age level per style in both the Syllabus and Open Competitions. For example: Competitors may enter either Pre-Champ or Open Standard – not both. Juniors may choose to dance either Junior or Youth in the open and syllabus events, but they may not enter both.

3. Pre-Teen age couples that are 9 or younger must choose either Pee Wee or Pre-Teen. They may not enter both categories. Pee Wee is not designed for those couples that are dancing on Pre-Teen teams but are still 9 years old or younger.
4. Couples should enter at their proficiency level. Beginners should enter Bronze, intermediate should enter Silver, and advanced should enter Gold. Couples who enter below their proficiency will be disqualified.
5. **Couples may enter only one syllabus level per dance.** For example: dancers entering bronze cha cha may not enter silver cha cha. If a dancer is shared on two teams, he/she may enter with a different partner.
6. No competitor may dance the Newcomer events if they have danced more than one year (12 months) as an individual regardless of partnership. No couples dancing in open events may enter the newcomer category regardless of how long they have danced. (Coaches may use discretion with this rule if certain dancers would be better served by staying in newcomer an additional year).
7. Any couples or individuals who display inappropriate or suggestive movement, gestures, or behavior while on or off the dance floor will receive one warning and then be disqualified upon a repeat offense.
8. Any competitor who wears a costume deemed by the organizer to be unsuitable will be requested to change. If such a request is not followed, the competitor will be disqualified.

COSTUME AND DRESS CODE RULES FOR TEAMS and COMPETITORS

SYLLABUS EVENTS (Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold)

Boys - all ages: Button-up white dress or tux shirt, dark tie, dark dress pants or Latin pants and dark shoes. Optional black cummerbund, vest, or suspenders are allowed. No earrings.

Girls - all ages*: Black skirt to the top of the knee or longer, black top. Top must not be sleeveless, sheer, low cut, nor show the midriff when arms are raised. Black dance trunks are required. Tights, fishnets or nylons are required.

ABOUT SKIRTS: Skirts that come to the knee when girls are standing, but then creep or slide up when they are dancing are not acceptable. Girls in this type of skirt will be warned once, and then disqualified if the skirt is not changed or fixed.

**Pee Wee girls are not required to wear black skirt and white top. They may wear a party dress.*

TEAM and OPEN EVENTS (Smooth, Rhythm, Ballroom, Latin)

Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth Boys: Costume appropriate to the style. Latin shirts must be closed from the sternum down and may not be sheer. No earrings.

Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth Girls

1. Regular cut dance trunks and fishnets or tights must be worn.
2. Straps over both shoulders of at least one inch in width are required. If multiple straps go over a shoulder at least one strap must be the required one-inch width from front to back. Halter-tops or designs that resemble them are not permitted unless they also have the required one-inch straps.
3. Designs that show cleavage are not allowed.
4. Lower backs must be covered with a solid fabric from a point five (5) inches above the waistline.
5. Sheer or skin-toned colored fabric may be used on the arms and the bodice in the front from the bust-line up and in the back from a point five inches above the waist. Straps are not required when colored sheer fabric is used over the shoulders.
6. Skirts must cover the legs to mid-thigh when not in motion. Mid-thigh is measured from leg break to top of knee.
7. Skin from the front to a point several inches behind the sides (axilla-line) must be covered.
8. Cutouts and skin-tone fabric will not be allowed if deemed by the organizers to be inappropriate.

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Syllabus and Open Entry Information

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Opens Feb 23.

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 7th

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE AFTER MARCH 13, 2021

ENTRY FEES: per competitor, includes 3-day admission

Per Competitor: \$15 syllabus events only, \$25 open and syllabus events, \$8 Pee Wee.

Per Couple: \$50 National Cabaret (does not includes open and syllabus events).

Late fee: \$10/competitor, starting March 4th

Entry Guidelines

1. **SYLLABUS LEVELS:** Bronze is for beginners, Silver is for intermediate, and Gold is for advanced dancers.
2. **DANCING UP NOT ALLOWED:** Couples may enter only one level in the same category. For example: couples entering bronze waltz may not enter silver waltz.
3. **AGE:** Couples may only enter syllabus events in their own age category (determined by the oldest partner).
4. **NEWCOMER:** those who have danced **less than 12 months**. Restricted to bronze syllabus.
5. **OPEN:** Couples may only enter one open event per style. For example: youth can choose pre-champ or open, juniors can choose junior open or either the youth novice or open.
6. **OPEN COUPLES IN SYLLABUS:** Couples who dance open may not enter below gold or gold 2 in the same style. They may enter the bonus swing events.
7. **NOVICE:** Novice is restricted to couples who are in their first or second year of open competition.
8. **BONUS:** All couples may enter the bonus events. Bonus is restricted to bronze-gold syllabus figures.

DANCES:

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PEE WEE	Swing	Cha Cha			
PRE-TEEN	Smooth	Rhythm	Ballroom	Latin	Other
NC, Bronze, Silver	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Samba	1. *Newcomer Swing
Open	W/T/F	CC/Sw/M	W/T/QS	C/S/R	2. Bonus Swing
JUNIOR	Smooth	Rhythm	Ballroom	Latin	Other
Bronze, Silver 1&2, Gold	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Samba	1. *Newcomer Swing
Open	Nov: W/T W/T/F/VW	Nov: C/Sw C/R/Sw/M	Nov: W/Q W/T/V/F/Q	Nov: C/S C/S/R/P/J	2. Newcomer CC 3. Bonus Swing
YOUTH	Smooth	Rhythm	Ballroom	Latin	Other
Bronze, Silver, Gold 1&2	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Samba	1. *Newcomer Swing
Open	Nov: W/T Champ: W/T/F/VW	Nov: C/Sw Champ: C/R/SW/B/M	**Novice: W/Q Pre-Ch W/T/Q Champ: W/T/V/F/Q	**Novice: S/R Pre-Ch : C/S/R Champ: C/S/R/P/J	2. *Newcomer CC 3. West Coast Sw 4. Bonus Swing

***Newcomer: restricted to bronze syllabus. Bonus: bronze-gold syllabus allowed. **Novice: 2 yrs of open or less**