



## 73rd ALL IRELAND BALLROOM AND LATIN CHAMPIONSHIPS 30 JUNE & 01 JULY 2018

### Age Groups

**Under Eight (8) years** - Confined to competitors who have not reached their eighth birthday.

**Juvenile** - Confined to competitors who have not reached their twelfth birthday

**Junior** - Confined to competitors who have reached their twelfth, but not their sixteenth birthday. In a partnership established for not less than twelve months where the older partner has reached the age of twelve years the younger partner may elect to compete in Junior competitions with the older partner, provided the younger partner has reached their eleventh birthday. Having opted for Junior they may not revert to Juvenile competitions.

**Youth** - Confined to competitors where the older member of a partnership has reached their sixteenth, but not their twenty-first birthday.

**Adult** - Confined to competitors where the older member of a partnership has reached their sixteenth birthday.

**Senior 1** - Confined to competitors where both partners have reached their thirty fifth birthday

**Senior 2** - Confined to competitors where both partners have reached their forty fifth birthday.

**Senior 3** - Confined to competitors where both partners have reached their fifty fifth birthday.

**Social** - Confined to competitors where both partners are Adults, and who have not been accredited competitors in the past fifteen years.

Competitors may dance their own Grade plus one level up and the Open events. e.g. Beginners may also dance Novice plus the Open Competitions

**Senior Competitors** may dance in Adult events applicable to their grade in addition to the Senior events.

**Juvenile & Junior Team Match**: Each dance school is welcome to enter one or more teams into this competition. The Team will comprise of one Juvenile Ballroom Couple, One Juvenile Latin Couple, One Junior Ballroom Couple, One Junior Latin Couple and a non dancing Team Captain. Schools are encouraged to create banners and flags in support of their Team.

The dances for the Team match are, **Ballroom**- Waltz, Tango & Quickstep. **Latin**- Samba, Cha Cha & Jive.

**Senior International Team Match** : Second leg of Triangular Team Match. **Ireland V Netherlands V England**. Saturday Evening 24th June Session 2. Selection of Team from Ranking Charts 2017.

**First Steps-** Is an introductory grade for new solo dancers within the age groups.

1. First Steps solo dancers must not have danced in a partnership. If during the course of their time competing at First Steps grade they enter into a partnership they will cease to compete in First Steps or any other solo event.
2. DSI will permit solo dancers who have danced for the **first time** in our 2018 competitions to date to restart in the First Steps if they wish, provided they comply with condition 1 above.
3. First Steps Solo dancers in all age groups are confined to the Restricted Syllabus.
4. On winning 3 competitions they will cease to compete at First Steps Grade.
5. First Step solo dancers may also dance in the current open solo event on the syllabus if they wish. A win at the open level will promote the dancer immediately to current open grade within that style regardless of the number of wins at First Steps grade.
6. In exceptional circumstances a derogation for a solo dancer to compete at First Steps grade may be considered by DSI on receipt of written application through his / her teacher.

**Some further points of note re competitions:**

1. Solo competitions are confined to dancers without a partner.
2. All Under 8 & Juvenile competitions are RESTRICTED SYLLABUS events in all grades
3. Within the other age groups up to and including Senior, Beginners and Novice are RESTRICTED SYLLABUS events.
4. Please be aware of the Dress Code for Juvenile dancers and Beginners and Novice dancers in all age groups.

**Adjudicators:** All adjudicators will be members of a recognised professional organisation and in addition be holders of a WDC Professional Adjudicating Licence.

**Booking Hotel Rooms:** All hotel room booking is via DanceSport Ireland Ltd. in accordance with the rates. Please contact Mrs. Annette Redmond if you require accommodation. [annettemredmond@gmail.com](mailto:annettemredmond@gmail.com)

**Entry Tickets:** Tickets may be purchased as part of a Room / Ticket package, purchased in advance as Ticket only or pay at the door. There is a reduction for Ticket purchases in advance or as part of a Room / Ticket package. Please contact Mrs. Annette Redmond if you require tickets. [annettemredmond@gmail.com](mailto:annettemredmond@gmail.com)

**Entries:** The All Ireland Ballroom & Latin Championships are run under the rules of DanceSport Ireland Ltd.

Entries online at [www.dancesportireland.org](http://www.dancesportireland.org)

or by Email to the undersigned at [captjf@eircom.net](mailto:captjf@eircom.net)

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018**

Best Regards,

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