

Rules and Regulations

- Syllabus** Material used in closed competition should be based on the current NDCA step list. No continuity in Bronze American entries. Open divisions are not material restricted.
- Dance Levels:** A student may enter two consecutive dance standards (Bronze and Silver, Silver and Gold Gold and Gold Star). If you are entered in Bronze you may dance all Bronze and Silver levels but may not enter Gold or Gold Star levels.
- Scholarships:** For each scholarship a student enters, he/she must dance the same amount of dances in single or championship dance events. Scholarships and championships are unisex and have different age categories than freestyle events.
- Solos** Solos are limited to 3 minutes. Music must be on individual CD's or flash drives. Solo judging is on impression. Students receive score and comments.
- Adjudicating:** The decision of the judges shall be final. Our judges are highly qualified and are not to be harassed or questioned about their reasons for markings. The Chairman of Judges shall be responsible for decisions concerning ties or any problems arising over marks. The skating system of judging shall be used.
- Age Divisions:** Adults may enter their true age category and one division younger. Preteen, Juniors, and Youth may enter their true age category and one division older.
- On Deck Area:** Dancers are required to be in the "On Deck" area two heats prior to their scheduled heat. Any competitor not on the floor when the Master of Ceremonies calls, is subject to disqualification for that heat. Please be advised that changes may be made from the original program and all dancers should be in the ballroom at least 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled.
- Late Entries:** Entries must be received by February 28, 2020.
- Payments:** **All payments received after the deadline must be by Cashier's Check or Money Order, made out to BEST OF RHYTHM PRODUCTIONS.** Credit cards may be used for up to \$500 for deposits and ticket orders and will incur a 3.5% service fee. Personal or studio checks **WILL NOT** be accepted.
- Cancellations/ Refunds** The deadline for cancellation refunds is **February 28, 2020**. If the organizers are notified after the deadline, refunds will be considered only in case of an emergency and a doctor's certificate is required. The organizers will not refund any money for expenses already incurred that cannot be recuperated. Refunds will be mailed 30 days after the event. Any canceled entries are subject to a cancellation fee.
- Videos:** No personal video cameras will be allowed. Professionally produced videos and photographs will be available for purchase.
- Charges:** The organizer cannot be held responsible for any personal charges made to the hotel. All participants must pay for their own personal charges including phone and room service.

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