

COMPETITIONS RULES

Odyssey West Coast Swing

Dance Odyssey West Coast Swing is a World Swing Dance Council ("WSDC") Sanctioned Event from 2018, points are allocated in the Jack & Jill competitions according to WSDC rules.

THE COMPETITIONS:

JACK & JILL COMPETITION

Jack & Jill competitions are designed to highlight skills in spontaneous WCS dancing and the ability to dance well with a variety of partners. Competitors enter as individuals, are randomly assigned partners, and dance to music pre-selected by Odyssey's Head DJ. Competitors must enter as either "leaders" and/or "followers" regardless of gender. This event is gender neutral but once a competitor enters a division as a leader or follower they must remain that throughout the whole of the event. The Dance Odyssey West Coast Swing Jack & Jill guidelines are as follow:

- We encourage participants to wear slacks/dress pants when competing. JEANS are welcomed.
- Appropriate shoe wear is required.
- No lifts are allowed (lifts will be determined as both of followers' feet leaving the ground).

Dancers will be judged individually in the heats & as a couple in the final.

CATEGORIES:

Newcomer Category

A person should compete in Newcomer if they have never competed. A Competitor who has previously competed in Novice and has not accrued any Novice points or made it to Finals is eligible to compete in this category.

Novice Category

A person should compete in Novice if they do not qualify for the Newcomer Category and have earned fewer than 16 Novice points and do not otherwise qualify for the Intermediate category.

Intermediate Category

A person should compete in Intermediate if they have already competed at the Intermediate level and hold Intermediate points (and don't qualify for a higher category) or when they have earned 16 or more Novice points.

Advanced/Allstar Category

A person should compete in Advanced/Allstar if they already have advanced points or qualify for this category.

Sophisticated Category (not WSDC)

The Sophisticated Category is an additional fun division for persons over the age of 35 years! No World Swing Dance Council points will be allocated in this category. Persons over 35 years can dance in their respective category level as well as the Sophisticated Category.

Please note that each category will only proceed if 5 or more leaders and 5 or more followers pre-register for the relevant category.

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION FOR JACK & JILL COMPETITION:

Spotlight dances (one couple on the dance floor at a time) will be held for the Intermediate and Advanced/Allstar divisions only. All other finals will be 'All Skates with a Jam or grouped spotlight'. Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 placings of each category. To enter the Jack & Jill please pre-register online when you purchase your event pass. In the event of changes to your competition entry please email odysseywcs@gmail.com.

Competition Entry fees: Please note that the competition entry fees are already included in the Full Event Passes price. If you do not hold an event pass you will not be eligible to partake in the competitions.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

1. Planning Ahead. Competitors should check the weekend schedule in advance in order to arrive in time to meet registration deadlines. They should bring appropriate competition attire. They should also plan so as to be on time for all meetings & competitions. Competitors are responsible for checking at the event for any changes to previously announced schedules, which are always subject to change.
2. Knowing the Rules. All competitors should read these rules carefully prior to attending the contestant meeting for their competition. Competitors are responsible for adhering to these rules whether they have read them or not. Questions about the rules should be asked at the contestant meeting or addressed in advance to the Contest Co-ordinator or the Chief Judge.
3. Be Prepared to Compete. Competitors should be present in the auditorium at least 15 minutes prior to the start of their competition. Competitors are responsible for their bib numbers – please keep them safe for the duration of the event.

4. Demonstrating Good Sporting Conduct. Competitors must demonstrate good sporting conduct at all times, both on & off the competition floor. Competitors must also refrain from any behaviour that the judges deem inappropriate. Failure to adhere to this code of behaviour may result in disqualification.

5. Discussing the Competitions Only Where Appropriate. Competitors may only discuss the competitions with the contest officials or judges using appropriate channels. Please do not approach judges seeking advice on their decisions.

6. Wavier. By entering any of the competitions above you expressly grant the director(s) of Dance Odyssey West Coast Swing, and it's assignees, licensees, vendors, and legal representatives the unlimited right and authority to use your name and any photograph or video recording of your participation at Dance Odyssey West Coast Swing in any and all media, in whatever manner, for any lawful purpose, without any obligation to you. You further agree for myself, your heirs, executors, and administrators, to waive and release any and all right for damage you might have against the Director(s) of Dance Odyssey West Coast Swing for any injuries and damages you may suffer by participating in this event and your traveling to and from the event.