

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All US competing Professionals and Amateurs must be currently registered with the National Dance Council of America (NDCA). Proof of registration will be required. You will be able to register on-line. Please go to www.ndca.org (<http://www.ndca.org/>) to register.
2. All individuals attending this event, whether as spectators, competitors, officials or guests of the organizers, shall be bound by the NDCA RULES, and by participating in this event automatically become obliged to adhere to them. No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballrooms, or hotel rooms can be accepted by The Organizers, or by the NDCA and neither can they be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending this Event. Everyone attending does so at his/her own risk.
3. No private videotaping, filming or photography of California Chic Classic Events will be allowed without the specific written consent of the organizers. A professional videographer and photographer will be on hand to record your dancing. Video recordings and photos will be made available for purchase.
4. The California Chic Classic will not be held liable for any personal charges made at the hotel. All participants must pay their own personal charges, room service, etc.
5. The Chairman of Judges shall be the sole arbitrator on decisions concerning ties, or any problem in scoring. The decision of the Chairman of Judges shall be final. No judge shall be harassed or questioned by the competitors about the reasons for the markings. Any judge, competitor or official who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner that reflects poorly on the sport/art of dancing is subject to disciplinary action by the NDCA.
6. All event time schedules are approximate and are subject to change. For student events, professionals, their students and music (if applicable) are required to be in the ballroom and ready to perform at least 30 minutes prior to any published time schedules.
7. **Dress Code:** Dress and/or costuming for junior, Youth & Adult: You must adhere to NDCA costuming requirements, Inappropriate costuming will be grounds for disqualification. For rules and regulations, you may visit the NDCA at www.ndca.org.
8. **Single Dance Events:**
 - Newcomer – Pre-Bronze – Pre-Silver – Pre-Gold Exhibition
 - Intrm. Bronze - Intrm. Silver – Intrm. Gold
 - Full Bronze – Full Silver – Full Gold
 - Open Bronze Open Silver Open Gold – Advanced
9. Students may enter at any level of dance and **THREE** higher in single dance events in any one style of dance. Students may enter in completely different dance levels in the American style between Smooth and Rhythm and in the International Style between Ballroom and Latin.

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10. Age Divisions:

The age of the Amateur or Student is the only consideration. Pre-Teen and Junior competitors may dance up one age classification.

11. Pro/Am Single-Dance Age Classifications:

Teddy Bear (7 & Under) – PT1 (9 & Under) – PT2 (10-11) – JR1 (12-13) – JR2 (14-15) – Youth (16-18)
A1 (18-35) – A2 (36-50) – B1 (51-60) – B2 (61-70) – C1 (71-80) – C2 (81+)

12. Pro/Am Multi-Dance Age Classifications:

PT (Under 13) – Junior (Under 15) – Youth (15-18) – A (18-35) – B (36-50) – C (51-60) – S1 (61-70) - S2(71-75)-S3 (76+)

13. The Pre-Teen 1 & 2, Junior and Youth Scholarships in Ballroom and Latin are part of the Fordney Foundation circuit.

14. Pro/Am Scholarships:

Closed Scholarships: (A (18-35) – B (36-50) – C (51-64) – Senior (65+)

Open Scholarships: (A (18-35) – B (36-50) – C (51-64) – Senior (65+)

15. "Magic 6" Chic Classic Multi-Dance Events:

A (18-45) – B(46-60) – S1 (61-70) – S2 (71-75) – S3 (75 +)

16. To participate in any Scholarship event student must dance the same dances, levels and ages in single dance events per scholarship entered.
17. To qualify for the scholarship events, a student must enter the same dances and levels in single dance events per scholarship entered.
18. Scholarships are unisex competitions for Pro/Am adults only. No student may dance in two different closed level Scholarships in the same style (e.g. a student cannot dance Bronze and Silver Scholarship), however he/she can dance both closed level and Open level Scholarships.
19. In the Amateur and Pro/Am Scholarship events with less than 3 couples prize money will be offered in two options: 1) receive a full prize money in the form of Voucher for any services at Cal Chic Classic within one year from the date it was received. You can use this voucher towards coaching lessons with Heather or Alex. 2) receive a half amount of the cash prize immediately.
20. Please note that multi-Dance categories do not fulfill the dance requirement noted above. Closed Scholarship candidates just stay within the Bronze and Silver Syllabus. Open Scholarship candidates may dance open figures. A panel of invigilators will be used for all restricted categories (closed divisions). The categories will be strictly supervised and competitors committing infractions may be disqualified.
21. The "Magic 6" Chic Classic multi-dance events are designed for Bronze, Silver and Open Levels in all Styles where judges will score dancers using 6 Criteria: Overall Technique, Musicality, Presentation, Choreography, Footwork and Lines. There will be a total of 6 judges scoring 2 different criteria. The judges will give scores on the scale from 1 to 10. Each couple will receive total of 12 scores per dance. The placement will be determined based on the couple's average score. A couple with the highest average score in the event will receive 1st place, the second highest score -2nd place and so on.
22. **Cancellation/Refund Policy:** All requests for changes or cancellations must be made in writing on or before 15 days prior to the date the competition commences after which there will be no refunds. Refunds will be made 30 days following the completion of the competition. Any such refund is subject to a \$50 processing fee due to processing costs incurred by the organizers. For all cancellations received after the deadline, at the Organizers sole discretion, credit may be given toward the following year's event.
23. **ALL ADMISSION TICKET SALES ARE FINAL. NON-EXCHANGEABLE AND NO-REFUNDABLE.** No substitutions will be allowed for entry cancellations at the event. Entries received after the date published on entry forms, if accepted, are subject to a \$30 late fee.

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24. **PAYMENT:** Payment can be made either by personal check, cashier's check, money order, cash, credit card or by Zelle (the account name – calchicclassic@gmail.com). Personal checks will only be accepted up to the entry deadline published on entry forms.

25. **RULES FOR SAME SEX, GENDER NEUTRAL COMPETITIONS:** Select on the forms which partner will dance as a leader and which one as a Follower. Please contact the Organizers for any additional questions in regard to the registration process and whether the same-sex couple would like to compete against other same-sex couples or in the unisex events.

26. **Top Teacher qualifications:** Must have a minimum of 60 Pro/Am Entries

For 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, the teacher must have a minimum of 225, 175 and 125 Pro/Am entries respectively. All dances must be danced to qualify for top teacher points which include qualification for Pro/Am DanceSport Series entries.

27. **Calculation of Entries:** Each single dance counts as 1 entry. Multi-Dance events count as 2 entries. Closed Scholarship Events count as 2 entries. Open scholarship events count as 3 entries.

28. Placement Points to Teachers.

For each Adult Single Dance Entry:

For each 1st Place 8 points

For each 2nd Place 7 points

For each 3rd Place 6 points

For each 4th Place 5 points

For each 5th Place 4 points

For each 6th Place 3 points

For each 7th Place 2 points

For each 8th Place 1 point

For each and every recall from preliminary rounds: 1 point

For each 2 or 3 Dance Entry Pro/Am Multi 4 or 5 Dance Entries:

For each 1st Place 16 points

For each 2nd Place 14 points

For each 3rd Place 12 points

For each 4th Place 10 points

For each 5th Place 8 points

For each 6th Place 6 points

For each 7th Place 4 points

For each 8th Place 2 points

For each and every recall from preliminary rounds: 2 points

** If a placement is in an uncontested division, the points will be halved.

THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE BALLROOM OR CHANGING ROOMS.