

## Swing Crush 2024 – Competition Rules

Note: To maintain compliance with WSDC trial event criteria, Swing Crush will adhere to the World Swing Dance Council (WSDC) Points Registry Rules: <https://www.worldsdc.com/wsdc-points-registry-rules/>

- I. Swing Crush intends on offering the following competitions/contests for the year of 2024:
  - a. Newcomer JnJ
  - b. Novice JnJ
  - c. Intermediate JnJ
  - d. Advanced JnJ
  - e. All-Star JnJ
  - f. Pro-am Strictlys
    - i. Students enter with their teacher (Pro)
    - ii. This division is designed to highlight social dancing skills at a performance level with an emphasis on lead/follow technique
    - iii. For this contest, amateurs are defined as anyone who does not teach dancing on a regular, ongoing basis or earn a significant amount of income teaching or performing
    - iv. A professional is defined as someone who earns a significant amount of income teaching or performing dance.
    - v. Only the student is evaluated. Each skill level and role is a separate contest
    - vi. Each professional shall have no more than 5 entries in each Division offered
  - g. Pro-Invitational
    - i. The winners of the All-Star JnJ will be invited to dance in the Pro-Invitational
  - h. Hi - Lo
    - i. To the best of the contests coordinator's ability and dependent upon the number and level of contestants entering this contest, it will be conducted as a hi-lo
    - ii. Hi: Advanced, All Stars and Champions
    - iii. Lo: Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate
  - i. Masters (Open)
    - i. This is open to dancers of all levels whom are 50+ years of age
- II. Waiver Forms:
  - a. Each contestant must sign the appropriate waiver form upon check-in
    - i. Waiver form will be made available on-site

- b. No contestant will be permitted to compete without a signed waiver form
- c. All contestants under the age of eighteen (18) must have a parent or guardian sign the required form

### III. Level/Role

- a. All Swing Crush Contests are gender neutral
- b. Primary Role for Jack and Jill Contests
  - i. Competitors must compete in the division earned per WSDC registry points
    - 1. See <https://www.worldsdc.com/wsdc-points-registry-rules/> Chart 3: WSDC Skill Level Jack and Jill Advancement Chart as a reference to know which JnJ division to sign up for in conjunction with
    - 2. Earned swing points: <https://www.worldsdc.com/registry-points/>
- c. Secondary Role for Jack and Jill Contests
  - i. Contestants may compete in their opposite role one level down or petition to compete two levels down

### IV. Petitions

- a. Petitioning to compete in a higher or lower level will be at the discretion of the head judge
- b. Petition form: [https://www.worldsdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WSDC-Jack-and-Jill-petition\\_2023\\_vF.pdf](https://www.worldsdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WSDC-Jack-and-Jill-petition_2023_vF.pdf)

### V. Etiquette

- a. Timing
  - i. Competitors should be present at roll call at least 15 min prior to your division's start time
- b. Moves
  - i. Jack and Jill
    - 1. Review the WSDC rules to know which moves may be prohibited in Jack and Jill contests
      - a. <https://www.worldsdc.com/rules/>
    - 2. No aerials will be allowed
      - i. Any violation will result in a disqualification
  - ii. All American
    - a. Swing Crush prohibits any lifts above the leader's waistline
    - b. No aerials will be allowed
      - i. Any violation will result in a disqualification
- c. Sportsmanship
  - i. Competitors must treat all other competitors, attendees, judges, and staff with respect
    - 1. If there is an issue that needs to be addressed, please contact one of the Swing Crush Event Directors

### VI. Jack and Jill Format

- a. Each contest will be heated and the number of heats will be dependent upon the tier level
- b. Pairing will be randomized for preliminary rounds, but scored as a couple in finals
- c. Each heat will have a minimum of 3 songs at approximately 2 min in duration
- d. The number of finalists will be set at the discretion of the Chief Judge only as so adhering to the rules set forth by WSDC

VII. Rule Changes

- a. Swing Crush EDs reserve the right to make any changes deemed necessary to fortify the integrity of the event; also, to ensure all competitions and contests are conducted in a manner to assure compliance with WSDC Rules & Guidelines, benefitting the contestants attending Swing Crush 2024