

Swing Crush LLC Contest Rules and Regulations

Introduction

Welcome to Swing Crush! This event celebrates the art of swing dancing and provides a platform for participants to showcase their skills in a fair and exciting environment. The following rules are based on the regulations established by the World Swing Dance Council (WSDC) to ensure a professional, enjoyable, and competitive experience for all participants. By entering Swing Crush contests, all competitors agree to abide by these rules.

Swing Crush: General Contest Rules

All participants in Swing Crush contests must agree to the following guidelines:

- **Contest Rules:** Read, understand, and follow all contest rules. If you have any questions, ask in advance.
- **Registration:** Register and pay the contest entry fee before the published deadline.
- **Competitor Number:** Pick up your competitor number before the entry deadline for your first contest division.
- **Respect and Sportsmanship:** Treat contest staff, your partner, fellow competitors, and the audience with respect. Always demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- **Behavior:** Refrain from using vulgar or offensive gestures, costumes, or song lyrics.
- **Check-in:** Check in with the competitor coordinator(s) in the staging area 15 minutes before the start of each round. Failure to check in will result in disqualification, and you will forfeit your entry fee.
- **Age Requirement:** All contestants must be at least 15 years old.
- **Entry Limit:** You may not enter the same contest more than once.
- **Contest Cancellations:** Contests with fewer than 5 entries may be canceled or have prize money reduced at the organizers' discretion. Entry fees will be refunded for canceled contests.
- **Media Consent:** By entering, you consent to the unrestricted use of your name and likeness in photos and videos for future promotions, including online content.
- **Scores:** Complete scores from all contest rounds will be available on the event website after the competition ends.

Eligibility

- **Contest Categories:** Participants are welcome to enter different categories, including but not limited to Jack & Jill, Pro-Am Strictly, and Hi-Lo. Specific rules may vary per category, so please consult the event schedule for category-specific guidelines.
- **Age and Experience:** Age limits and skill requirements will be defined for each division. These divisions include newcomer, novice, intermediate, advanced, and all-star. A participant's division is determined by their WSDC registry dance level.
 - Click the following link to look up your WSDC competitor number: [Registry Points](#)
 - First time competitors are recommended to start in newcomer
- **Registration:** All competitors must complete registration by the specified deadline and pay the required fees. Late registration may not be accepted, and no refunds will be issued for cancellations the day of contests or thereafter.

General Contest Format

- **Rounds:** Contests may include multiple rounds, including preliminaries, semi-finals, quarter finals, and finals. Contestants may be eliminated after each round based on their performance.
- **Judging Criteria:** Judges will evaluate participants based on criteria relevant to the contest the dancer(s) are participating in
- **Relative Placement Scoring:** Swing Crush adheres to the recommendation of the WSDC to utilize Relative Placement Scoring
 - Click the following link for a more in depth explanation of Relative Placement Scoring: [Relative Placement Scoring](#)

Contest Rules for Specific Categories

Swing Crush: Jack & Jill Contests

The Jack & Jill contests at Swing Crush provide dancers the opportunity to compete individually, demonstrating their abilities in spontaneous dancing with a variety of partners. Participants will experience a “luck of the draw” element as leaders and followers are randomly paired. There will be several partner changes throughout the preliminary and semi-final rounds.

- **Preliminary & Semi-final Rounds:** Competitors are scored individually based on timing, technique, and teamwork. The highest-scoring dancers will move on to the next round.
- **Final Round:** In the final, individuals are randomly paired and scored as a couple.
- **Music:** The contest DJ will select music suitable for the contest's dance division.
- **Divisions:** There are different divisions based on skill level (as per WSDC) and age requirements.
- **Prizes:** winners of each division may be awarded 1 or all of the following: passes to another WSDC sanctioned event, cash, and a hand-made Swing Crush trophy

Important Requirements:

- Participants must be at least 15 years old.
- Competitors are responsible for ensuring they enter only the contests they qualify for.
- Entry deadlines are strict.
- Petitions are required to compete in a level different from that designated per WSDC

Swing Crush: ProAm Strictly Swing

In the ProAm Strictly Swing contests at Swing Crush, students enter with 1 of their instructors, but only the amateur dancer is evaluated. Couples will compete in heats, dancing alongside multiple couples for 2 to 3 songs, each lasting about 1½ minutes. Students will be judged on their skills within the role they are competing in.

- **Dance Requirements:**
 - All patterns must be lead/follow; no choreographed routines.
 - Lifts are not allowed.
- **Pro Restrictions:** Each professional is limited to a maximum of 5 entries per ProAm Strictly Division.
- **Student Entry Levels:**
 - Students may enter ProAm Strictly at their WSDC Jack & Jill level.
 - Students may also enter in their secondary role one level lower.
- **Divisions:** The ProAm Strictly Swing contest offers the following divisions:
 - Newcomer/Novice
 - Intermediate

Swing Crush: Strictly Swing contests

Feature a Leader and Follower, who are free to select their own partner, dancing to music chosen by the event DJ. Competitors will be judged as a couple, advancing through the rounds together. The finals are possibly being conducted in either a heated or spotlight format, at the event's discretion. Please refer to the event schedule for further details.

- **Skill Level Eligibility for Strictly Swing Divisions**
 - Competitors' skill levels will be determined by the WSDC Points Registry (as outlined in the Jack & Jill skill level definitions).
 - If a Leader and Follower have different skill levels, they must compete in the higher skill level of the two.
 - At least one partner in the couple must meet the qualifications for the division in which the couple is competing
 - A dancer may compete in 2 different divisions if competing in the opposite role
- **Dance Requirements:**
 - All patterns must be lead/follow; no choreographed routines.
 - Lifts are not allowed

- **Divisions:** The Strictly Swing contests offer the following divisions:
 - Newcomer/Novice
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
 - Allstar
 - Masters
- **Age Level Eligibility for Strictly Swing Divisions (Masters)**
 - All competitors (both Leader and Follower) must meet the age qualifications as defined in the Jack & Jill age level guidelines.

Hi-Lo Jack and Jill

The Hi-Lo Jack & Jill contest is open to competitors of all levels. Participants may enter as either a leader or a follower, but not both. Couples will be randomly paired and will maintain that pairing throughout all rounds of the contest. To the best of the contest coordinator's ability, a dancer from a Newcomer through an Intermediate level division will be paired with a dancer from an Advanced through Champion level division. Dancers will perform to music selected by the DJ, and the preliminary, semi-final, and final rounds will be heated.

- **Multiple Entries:**
If there is an uneven number of competitors, contestants who dance more than once may also participate in the finals multiple times.

Petitions to compete in a different Jack and Jill division

Competitors may submit a petition to dance in a different skill division, either one level up or one level down - read the WSDC Registry Event Rules for a more detailed guideline

- Petitions can only be submitted for a competitor's primary role
- **Submission Process**
 - All petitions must be submitted to the WSDC via the WSDC Event Reporting form: <https://www.worldsdc.com/wsdc-forms/>
- **Petitions for Downward Adjustment (Primary Role Only)**
 - The Chief Judge or a designated committee will review the petition, considering the competitor's Points Registry record.
- **Petitions for Upward Adjustment**
 - Petitions must be submitted to the WSDC Chief Judges Committee (CJC) at least 15 days before the event, along with two videos of the competitor's dancing.
 - Submissions should be made via this link: worldsdc.com/level-up-petition.
 - The CJC will review the competitor's Points Registry record and videos, and may approve or deny the petition.
 - Approved petitions are valid for 6 months and are transferable to other events. If a competitor earns a point in the higher division, they will remain in that division.

Dance Floor Etiquette

- **Safety:** Competitors are responsible for ensuring their own safety and being aware of the safety of their partner(s). Dangerous or unsafe moves may result in disqualification.
- **Respect for Fellow Competitors:** Be courteous to your fellow competitors. Maintain professionalism and respect throughout the competition to include behavior off the dancefloor.
- **Floor Craft:** Being mindful of your partner's safety and the safety of others, contestants should be aware of their surroundings and other couples while dancing.

Costumes and Dress Code

- **Wristbands:** be prepared to show your wristband at any given time when asked by a Swing Crush staff member
- **Shoes:** Footwear should be comfortable for dancing and must not damage the dance floor.

Behavior and Conduct

- **Professionalism:** Competitors are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of professionalism and respect for event organizers, judges, volunteers, and fellow dancers.
- **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike, such as public disputes with judges, other competitors, or event staff, will result in disqualification and possible removal from the event without refund.
- **Seating Guidelines:** Seating at Swing Crush is open and shared by all attendees. For everyone's comfort, do not sit on the carpet or stand in areas that block the view of others. If you are unable to find a chair and would like a front-row seat, you are welcome to sit on the edge of the dance floor during performances.
- **Outside beverages:** outside beverages are not allowed in the hotel per hotel policy

Judging and Disqualification

- **Judging:** The panel of judges will consist of recognized and experienced swing dance professionals, and their decisions are final. Judges' decisions are based on their assessment of the dancers' performance in each round.
- **Disqualification:** Contestants may be disqualified for:
 - Violating the event's rules.
 - Inappropriate behavior.
 - Performing moves that are deemed unsafe, dangerous, or inappropriate for the category

Awards and Prizes

- **Placements:** Winners and runners-up will be announced at the end of the event. Each division will have its own set of awards, with the possibility of cash prizes, sponsored prizes, Swing Crush Trophies, and WSDC registry points

Liability

- **Liability Waiver:** By participating in Swing Crush, all dancers agree to sign a liability waiver. Swing Crush and its organizers are not liable for any injuries, accidents, or lost property that may occur during the event.
- **Media Rights:** By entering the competition, dancers consent to being filmed, photographed, and recorded during the event for promotional purposes.

We look forward to seeing you shine on the dance floor at Swing Crush! Have fun, respect the competition, and enjoy the experience of swinging into victory!