

# THE BALL

DIVISION (NUMBER OF DANCERS)	>30 DAYS PER DANCER	<30 DAYS PER DANCER
BALL ENTRY	\$150	\$165

The Ball is a latin ballroom competition, showcasing the five core latin styles: Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, and Jive. Couples compete in heats, where they perform alongside several other couples on the floor. In these preliminary rounds, judges evaluate each couple based on technique, timing + musicality, floorcraft, presentation and partnership. The highest-scoring couples from each heat advance through multiple rounds, eventually competing in the coveted final round for the top title.

Couples advancing to the final round will compete in the closing show on Sunday afternoon. The winning couple will receive prizes including: scholarships, exclusive merch, and more!

## DANCE STYLES & TIMING

Couples competing in The Ball must compete in all of the five core latin styles: Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive. The duration of each style will be 90 seconds to 2 minutes, depending on the size of the competition. Dancers must perform to the official competition music and maintain appropriate timing throughout. Music will vary from city to city/round to round - couples are expected to adapt to the music live.

## AGE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	AGES
Open	19-35
Senior/Youth	16-18
Teen	13-15
Junior	11-12
Mini	10 and Under

## SCORING CRITERIA

**Technique:** Footwork, hip/body action, leg action, posture, balance, and precision

**Timing and Musicality:** Ability to adapt and execute ones' choreography in tempo to the song and style of dance presented

**Floorcraft:** Ability to navigate the dance floor and the other competitors

**Presentation:** Artistic interpretation, energy, stamina and performance quality

**Partnering Skills:** Lead-follow interaction, frame, connection

The final score will be an aggregate of all these categories.

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