

# Irish Dancesport Gala 2009

Friday, April 3 – Saturday April 4, 2009

## Rules & Information

### **Eligibility:**

1. This is an amateur inter-collegiate competition. Neither professional nor Pro-Am couples may compete.
2. A dancer may compete in the Newcomer level only if he/she began dancing at the beginning of the Fall 2008 semester or later.
3. Competitors are not required to be registered with USADance.

### **Couples:**

4. Understanding that ratios of men to women are not always ideal and wishing to encourage participation by all, we invite and encourage same-sex pairings if needed.
5. A specific couple may only dance **one syllabus level** and **two open levels** in each style of dance (Standard, Latin, Smooth and Rhythm).
6. Couples from different levels may pair to dance at either level if there is a lack of available partners, but may only dance 1 level. For example, Mary dances only Bronze and John dances Silver. The two may dance together in either Bronze or Silver, but not both.

### **Syllabus:**

7. Both American and International style syllabus levels should be based on NDCA, USISTD, USA Dance Syllabus or equivalent. No continuity styling is allowed in Newcomer or Bronze Smooth dances. No Lifts, Drops or other Theatre Arts moves. Lunges and lines, which are part of recognized school figures, are allowed.

### **Refund Policy:**

8. Full refunds will be given if requested by March 31, 2009. Refunds requested after March 31, 2009 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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### **Additional:**

9. Costumes are not permitted in syllabus levels newcomer, bronze and silver, but are permitted, although not required, in open levels, open-to-all fun dances, and team matches. Costumes are permitted in the gold syllabus level.
10. Every competitor must sign the *Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement* upon arrival at the competition.
11. We will be using the Skating System of judging and will do callbacks until we have a final consisting of no more than eight couples.

## Competition Fees

### *Collegiate Competitors*

Early registration (before March 31): \$35

Regular registration (after March 31): \$45

### *Adult Competitors*

Early registration (before March 31): \$45

Regular registration (after March 31): \$55

### *Spectators*

Adult: \$5

Students: Free w/ Valid Student ID

## Team Competition

The team competition is a four dance final consisting of two Smooth/Standard and two Latin/Rhythm dances to be announced the day of the competition. Each school will choose four separate couples in each style of dance. Each school may have as many teams as they can fill without having any dancers being on more than one team. Allowances will be made for schools not able to field four separate couples per style either by combining with other schools who are similarly challenged or by combining with members of other school teams having a surplus of couples.