

2024 ACDA New Rules and Amendments

The following are the newest rule changes and amendments to the 2024 ACDA Rules for the upcoming dance season. Please look carefully as we have added divisions and revised a several rules to make them more clear.

We, as Directors, strive to provide a welcoming and transparent atmosphere and want to Thank you ALL for being a part of and supporting the ACDA Dance Organization!

GENERAL RULES

1.0 Costuming

1.05 Changed “men” to “leaders” and removed reference to “western style” or “collared shirts with vests”

1.06 Changed “women” to “followers” and removed reference to “western style”

2.0 Music

Deleted 2.09 referencing the dance order for Classic Superstars, Royal Superstars, and Regal Superstar and combined that information in 2.05

PRO-AM & PRO-PRO

1.0 Pro-Am and Pro-Pro General Rules

1.01 Under the “Professional Definition,” the existing rules include “exception” language that states “Exceptions will be made for those who solely teach Tap, Ballet, Jazz, and other non-Couples Dances.” The 2024 rules clarify that teaching line dancing is excluded from this exception.

1.1 Pro-Am and Pro-Pro Divisions

Added “Pearl” for students who are a minimum of 80 years of age.

Added a “Gold” division for Pro-Pro.

Added language to the Pro-Pro divisions to clarify that the divisions are for Professional/Instructors continuing their country dance training.

1.2 Pro-Am Levels

Better clarified “traditional role divisions” versus “mixed role divisions”

COUPLES RULES

2.01 Edited this section to clarify that dancers may switch lead/follow in different dances.

2.1 Couples Divisions

Added a Copper division for couples where each partner is at least 30 years old. (The ACDA has always had a Copper Pro-Am division, but not a Copper couples division.)

Added a Pearl division for couples where each partner is at least 80 years old.

Added language to clarify that winning a Championship title in the highest possible division in another regional or national competition has to be on another Country and Western dance circuit.

2.21 Removed some of the bulleted information and added a chart for easier readability.

LINE DANCE RULES

4.4 Changed music to fade at approximately 1 ½ minutes for all dances versus 2 minutes.

ACDA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.02 Deleted 5.02 and combined it with 5.01 to make it clear that each competitor must dance in two (2) qualifying events AND each division must be danced two (2) times during the year with one (1) of those events being a full program, in order to qualify for a specific dance division at the ACDA Championships.

5.04 Changed the graduation requirements for Line Dance winners. Previous rules stated that winning in any divisions with at least two (2) Line Dancers in a division will require the competitor to graduate up to the next level. With the rule changes in 2024, Line Dance winners will only have to graduate up to the next level if they have at least three (3) competitors in their division. This is consistent with couple and Pro-Am.

Note: While these are not rule changes, please note that we removed the Event listing from the rules as well as our Committees and committee members. These will be stand-alone documents on the ACDA website (www.danceacda.com).

Thank you all for voicing your opinions and for letting the ACDA know what you want to see from our organization. We try to listen to everyone and hope that you know we are wanting to progress our dance sport in any way we can. We look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor. Feel free to contact any one on the rules committee members with your Questions and concerns.

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