

Grades

New names	Formerly known as
E class	Starter
D class	Beginner
C Class	Novice
B class	Intermediate
A Class	Pre-Championship
S class	Championship

E class may only dance in E class.

D class may dance in D class and C class

C class may dance in C class B class A class and S class

B class may dance in B class A class and S class

A class may dance in A class and S class

S class may dance in S class only

A competitor's grade in one division of dancing has no effect upon his/her grade in another division. Except in Student/Teacher events, a competitor who competes at Level 5 in either Ballroom or Latin, or above, cannot compete in Beginner Grade in Open Events in that division

E class

is only for couples/competitors who have never danced a grade higher than E class. When an E class competitor wins a competition, they must move to D class grade. E class may only dance in 3 E class competitions and then must move up to D class, regardless of results. The life of an E class competitor is 6 months from the time of their first competition, regardless of dancing 3 competitions or less.

D class

When a D class grade couple/competitor wins two competitions in D class or C class in which there are six or more couples/competitors participating, the couple/competitor is promoted to C class.

C class

C class grade couple/ competitor wins four C class or higher-grade competitions in which there are six or more participating couples/ competitors or wins any competition except one dance events in

any higher grade in which there are six or more participating couples /competitors, the couple/competitor is promoted to B class

B class

When a B class grade couple/competitor wins four B class or higher-grade competitions in which there are six or more participating couples/competitors or wins any competition except a one dance event in any higher grade in which there are six or more participating couples/competitors, the couple/competitor is promoted to pre-championship grade.

A class

When an A class grade couple/competitor wins any Championship in which there are six or more participating couples/competitors, the couple/competitor is promoted to championship grade in their age group

Changing grades

A Juvenile A or S class level couple/competitor, may move back to C class level when they advance into the Junior category. However, this does not apply for Juniors advancing to the Adult level.

When a partnership is formed the couple must compete at the level of the highest graded dancer.

When a partnership ends each dancer can return to their own grade provided their grade has not changed during the lifetime of the partnership.