



GEM STATE CLASSIC

Hosting the
National Youth Team Show Dance Championships
National Youth Cabaret Championships

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Mar 5 – 29, 2026.

Fees for Syllabus and Open events are per competitor and include admission on the day they compete. Late fees will be charged starting March 30th (\$10/competitor)

\$ 8	Pee Wee
\$15	Syllabus only or Open only
\$25	Syllabus + Open events
\$50/couple	National Cabaret championship event (does not include syllabus and open events)

GENERAL ADMISSION Pre-Purchase here: [GSC Tickets](#)

\$10	Thursday
\$10	Friday
\$10	Saturday
\$35	1-day Family pass, immediate family only
	Children 6 & under are free.

SCHEDULE (subject to change pending entry totals)

THURSDAY	9:00 am – 11:00pm	<i>National Pre-Teen & Pee Wee Team Show Dance Championships</i>
	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Pre-Teen Syllabus and Junior Open Events
	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Junior Syllabus and Pre-Teen Open Events
	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<i>National Youth Cabaret Championship</i>
FRIDAY	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	<i>National Junior Team Show Dance Championships</i>
	1:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<i>National Youth Team Show Dance Championships</i>
	10:00 pm	Team Match
SATURDAY	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Youth Syllabus Events
	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Youth Open Events
		Jack & Jill

COMPETITOR RULES

1. Couples should only enter syllabus events in their own age category, as determined by the oldest partner

Age Category Definitions Pee-Wee: Competitors who are age 9 and younger.

Pre-Teen: Competitors who are age 10, 11, or 12 or in 6th grade or under

Junior: Competitors who are 13, 14, or 15, or in grades 7, 8, 9

Youth: Competitors who are age 16, 17, or 18, or in grades 10, 11, 12

The only exception to this rule is for dancers who are actual members of two teams in different age categories. For example, a Pre-Teen who is dancing on both a Pre-Teen team and a Jr. team may compete with members of their team in syllabus events in that age category.

2. **PLEASE NOTE:** Couples may only enter ONE age level per style in both the Syllabus events and the Open Competitions.

For example: Competitors may enter either Pre-Champ or Open Standard – not both. Juniors may choose to dance either Junior or Youth in the open and syllabus events, but they may not enter both.

3. Pre-Teen age couples that are age 9 or younger must choose either Pee Wee or Pre-Teen. They may not enter both categories. Pee Wee is not designed for those couples that are dancing on Pre-Teen teams but are still 9 years old or younger.

4. Couples should enter at their proficiency level. Beginners should enter Bronze, intermediate should enter Silver, and advanced should enter Gold. Couples who enter below their proficiency will be disqualified.

5. **Couples may enter only one syllabus level per dance.** For example: dancers entering bronze cha cha may not enter silver cha cha. If a dancer is shared on two teams, he/she may enter with a different partner.

6. No competitor may dance the Newcomer syllabus events if they have danced more than one year (12 months) as an individual regardless of partnership. No couples dancing in open events may enter the newcomer category regardless of how long they have danced. (Coaches may use discretion with this rule if certain dancers would be better served by staying in newcomer an additional year).

7. Any couples or individuals who display inappropriate or suggestive movement, gestures, or behavior while on or off the dance floor will receive one warning and then be disqualified upon a repeat offense.

8. Any competitor who wears a costume deemed by the organizer to be unsuitable will be requested to change. If such a request is not followed, the competitor will be disqualified.

COSTUME AND DRESS CODE RULES FOR TEAMS and COMPETITORS

SYLLABUS EVENTS (Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold)

Boys - all ages: Button-up white dress or tux shirt, dark tie, dark dress pants or Latin pants and dark shoes. Optional black cummerbund, vest, or suspenders are allowed.

Girls - all ages*: Black skirt to the top of the knee or longer, black top. Top must not be sleeveless, sheer, low cut, nor show the midriff when arms are raised. Black dance trunks are required. No stoning allowed.

**Pee Wee girls are not required to wear black skirt and white top. They may wear a party dress.*

TEAM and OPEN EVENTS (Smooth, Rhythm, Ballroom, Latin)

Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth Boys: Costume appropriate to the style. Front may not be sheer.

Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth Girls: Costume appropriate to the style. Straps over both shoulders are required.

Designs that show cleavage are not allowed. Lower backs must be covered from a point three inches above the waistline with colored or heavily stoned fabric. Skirts must go all the way around the body, and may be broken or slitted from the trunk line down, but must cover the legs to mid-thigh when not in motion. Nude fabric in the bodice must be covered with stones.

DANCE CATEGORIES

Syllabus Dances: Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth

Am. Waltz
Am. Cha Cha
Quickstep
Paso
Swing
Lindy Hop (Youth Bonus dance)

Syllabus Levels

Pre-Teen: Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold
Junior: Newcomer, Bronze, Silver 1, Silver 2, Gold
Youth: Newcomer, Bronze, Silver 1, Silver 2, Gold 1, Gold 2

Open Dances

Pre Teen	<u>American</u>	<u>Ballroom</u>	<u>Latin</u>
	W/CC/Sw	W/T/Q	C/S/P

Junior & Youth

	<u>Smooth</u>	<u>Rhythm</u>	<u>Ballroom</u>	<u>Latin</u>
Novice*	W/T	C/SW	W/Q	S/R
Pre-Champ	W/T/F	C/R/SW	W/T/Q	C/S/R
Champ	W/T/F/VW	C/R/SW/M	W/T/VW/F/Q	C/S/R/P/J

Entry Guidelines

1. SYLLABUS LEVELS

Newcomer: 1st year of dancing. Restricted to Bronze syllabus

Bronze: beginning

Silver 1: early intermediate; Silver 2: late intermediate

Gold: advanced for Juniors. For youth, Gold 1 is early advanced, Gold 2 is the most advanced.

- DANCING UP NOT ALLOWED:** Couples may enter only one level in the same category. For example: couples entering bronze waltz may not enter silver waltz.
- AGE:** Couples may only enter syllabus events in their own age category, as determined by the oldest partner. A dancer who has a birthday within 30 days of the events may remain in an age category.
- NEWCOMER:** those who have danced **less than 12 months**. Restricted to bronze syllabus.
- OPEN:** Couples may only enter one open event per style. For example: couples can choose pre-champ or open but may not enter both.
- OPEN COUPLES IN SYLLABUS:** Couples who dance open may not enter below gold or gold 2 in the same style. They may enter the bonus swing events.
- *NOVICE:** Novice is restricted to couples who are in their first or second year of open competition regardless of age or style.