

GEM STATE CLASSIC

March 27-29, 2025 • Bonneville High School • Idaho Falls, Idaho
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INFO FOR COACHES

This info is for INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES, and TEAM MATCH. Please find info about your TEAM ENTRIES in the "Guidelines" document.

Please read the following information carefully. Feel free to call or e-mail if you have questions. We are looking forward to having your dancers participate in this year's competition.

REGISTRATION INFO for SYLLABUS and OPEN EVENTS

1. Registration for syllabus and open events will be online. We will send you the links very soon.
2. Payment options and instructions will be sent with the registration details. Entry fees can be paid via Credit/Debit card, Venmo, or studio/school check.
3. If you are paying for all of your students with a school or studio check, please send the check along with a list of the dancers being paid for via mail to: **GSC entries, 631 Summerwood Dr, Rexburg ID 83440**. We will mark them as "paid" once we have received the check. If you bring your check with you to the competition, you will have to wait as we enter "paid" for all of your dancers.
4. **Regular registration closes on March 9th**. Any entries made March 10th or later will have to pay the Late Registration Fee (\$10/competitor) in addition to the regular registration fee.
5. Please review your dancers' entries. You will have until **March 15th** to make any corrections or changes. There is no charge to make these changes unless you add new dancers. **Any changes after this date will be done at the event pending available space in the category**
6. You can choose to receive your gentlemen's numbers in a packet, or they can pick them up themselves.
7. *Entry changes made at the competition* will only be made if the change does not add a round. All changes must be made two hours before the event is scheduled to run. We do not have time at this competition for dancers to decide last minute that they want to add events. For this reason, please carefully check your entries before the deadline. (This does not apply to changes made because of extenuating circumstances, such as injured partners, etc.)

COACH'S COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

1. For *newcomer and bronze* level events large enough for a quarter final (more than 12 couples), we will be using the "A/B" call-back system. This means that everyone in the first round of a bronze event will be called back into either an A or B round that will then be danced to a final. This gives more dancers the chance to make it into a final round. The A/B events will all be listed in the schedule.

2. Junior and youth syllabus levels are split into "Silver 1" and "Silver 2" and Youth has "Gold 1" and "Gold 2". These two levels generally have the greatest number of competitors for their age division. The placement of your dancers in level 1 or 2 is up to you as the coach.

3. There will be a Novice, Pre-Champ and Championship categories for both the junior and youth open events. Couples may enter *just one per style*, they cannot enter two. Juniors may choose to dance in either youth open or junior open, but not both. We simply don't have time for couples to enter multiple open events of the same style. By keeping the time for open to one session, it allows us to offer so many syllabus categories.

NOVICE: this a "newcomer" level. Only dancers who are in their 1st or 2nd year of open competition, in any age group, are allowed to enter Novice.

Remember – if they enter the open events, they can only enter the highest syllabus level in the same style: Gold for Pre-teens and Juniors or Gold 2 for youth. This does not affect syllabus dances in styles in which they are not competing open.

4. There will be locker rooms available for changing. Teams will be sharing these rooms. Please be courteous to the other teams and dancers, try to use a reasonably compact area. Please keep your area clean. Please gather all your team costumes and accessories as soon as possible after your team is finished competing.

5. Please enter your dancers in the right proficiency level. Pre-teens who have danced for three or more years shouldn't enter bronze. No one who is doing gold or open material is allowed to enter bronze or silver in the same category. Dancers in open events may enter the bonus swing.

6. The team match is always a highlight and will again be on Friday night after the team competition. Everyone has liked it in this new time slot. This for high school aged teams, but younger dancers may be in the cheering section.

Costumes are encouraged, as well as "team spirit" (without getting out of hand – no bare chests please!)

No confetti will be allowed.

Use face paint carefully – please clean up all traces of it in the gym and locker rooms.

7. TEAM MATCH

Waltz, Samba, Cha Cha, Swing (either style for waltz and cha cha)

One team allowed per school/studio, four couples per team. High School age only.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams and the Spirit award winners will receive a cash prize.

8. Above all else, please plan on having a **great time!** We are excited to have you be part of our event. Please give us a call if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in March.

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