

2010 HAWAII STAR BALL - Rules and General Information. *Please read carefully before submitting entries and packages.*

PRO/AM & STUDENT/STUDENT INFORMATION (USA teachers must be NDCA registered. Students do not have to be registered)

Only one age division may be danced. See entry form for age divisions.

Competitors are allowed to dance ONE level higher than their proclaimed level **PLUS** one Open division, e.g. Bronze I and Bronze II plus Open Bronze, or Bronze II and Silver I plus Open Bronze or Open Silver.

Newcomers are first time competitors who are new to competitive ballroom competitions. If you have competed before in ANY dance competition, anywhere, in any division, Ballroom, Latin, Smooth or Rhythm, then you are not a Newcomer. Newcomers can also dance Pre Bronze and Bronze I.

Solos are limited to 2 (two) per student. Provide own music - maximum 3 minutes. Please note on the entry form if you want your solos to be danced on Wednesday morning (W), or Thursday morning (T), or any morning Wednesday or Thursday (A). The Top Five Solo Routines will be invited to perform their routines as an honor dance on Thursday evening (non package dancers will be given admission into the ballroom for the evening).

Entry Fee for Pro/Am and Student/Student is \$35 per dance. Solos are \$125 per solo (\$150 if not on a Package 'A' or 'B'). These entry fees do not include admission into the Ballroom for either the Student or the Teacher. If not on a Package then admission tickets can be purchased at the door. Junior and Youth Solos are \$40, which includes admission into the ballroom for the Junior or Youth only.

Pro/Am Open Scholarships - Entry Fees \$110 per Scholarship. There are 4 (four) unisex Scholarships available in Ballroom, Latin, Smooth, and Rhythm. The Scholarships are 5 dance events (4 dances for the Smooth) and are unrestricted. There are 3 age divisions - 'A', 'B', and 'C+' making a total of 12 Scholarships. **(Only one age division can be danced)**

Dress Code for a Student in the Newcomer division can be Day dress or Cocktail dress for the Ladies. Tuxedo, business suit, or dark or white shirt for the Gentleman. Students may choose to wear costumes if they wish

Student/Student consists of two students dancing together competing during the Pro/Am group competitions. Entry fees the same as Pro/Am. They do not have to be registered with NDCA.

AMATEUR INFORMATION (All USA Amateurs must be registered with the NDCA)

Age Divisions - see entry form. A couple's age classification is defined as the age of the older partner on the day of the competition for Pre Teen, Junior, Youth and Adult 'A'. In the Adult 'B' and 'C' classification it is defined as the age of the younger partner. In the Grand Senior the combined ages of the couple must total 120 years or over.

Only one age division may be danced except Grand Seniors who may also dance the, 'A' or 'B' or 'C' divisions, but not all three. Pre Teens and juniors may dance up one age classification. Youth competitors may concurrently dance in the Adult Amateur category.

Only two consecutive divisions may be danced i.e. Closed Novice and Open Novice, or Open Novice and Pre-Championship, or Pre-Championship and Open Amateur. Closed Novice cannot dance in Pre-Championship and Closed and Open Novices cannot dance in the Open Amateur. Grand Senior couples may dance in Open Novice or Pre Championship or Open Amateur but not all three.

Entry fees. There are various options for competing Amateur couples. Package holders have a reduced entry fee and non-Package competitors have a higher entry fee that includes admission into the ballroom for their respective event. Check the Entry Form for details.

Pre Teen, Junior and Youth One-Dance competitions will be held on Friday morning, entry fees are FREE if on a full Package. If not on a Package then the first dance is \$40 per couple, which includes admission into the ballroom and additional dances are FREE.

The Dress Code for Closed Novice. Costumes should be discouraged for Closed Novice couples however they may elect to wear costumes especially if they are dancing in Open Novice events. **Costumes cannot be worn by Pre-Teens.**

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (All USA Professionals must be registered with the NDCA)

Entry fees are \$160 for an Open Professional entry and \$120 for a Rising Star entry this includes admission into Ballroom for the events entered. Each additional Professional **entry for the same session** is \$65 for an Open Professional and \$45 for a Rising Star entry.

If both of the couple is on Package 'A' or 'B' the entry fee is \$65 per Open Professional entry and \$45 per Rising Star entry. If only one of the couple is on a Package and the other is not the entry fee is \$110 per Open Professional entry and \$90 per Rising Star entry – this includes admission for the non-package partner.

Entry fees will be waived if both the Professionals are on Package 'A' or 'B' with 30 or more Pro/Am entries between them for each Professional division entered. (60 entries needed for free entry to two Professional events or 90 entries for three Professional events)

PAYMENT POLICIES

The closing date for all **Dance Entries** is **SEPTEMBER 11th**. Entries postmarked after September 11th will be accepted only with a Certified/Cashiers Check or Credit Card. Over the Phone, Faxed, or E-mailed entries will only be accepted with a VISA or MasterCard payment. You will receive confirmation of your entries and packages. Please check very carefully that no mistakes have been made.

Late Entries. Please add a late fee per entry for entries post marked or received after September 11th. This includes Pro/Am (\$15 per dance). Pro/Am Scholarship, Amateur and Professional entries (\$40 per event). Entries that have been submitted but NOT PAID FOR by **SEPTEMBER 11th** will be considered late and late entry fees will be applied. Late entries (paid for or unpaid for) will only be accepted if the timetable permits and does not create extra rounds or heats. All late, or changed, or substituted entries will not be counted towards Top Teacher, Student, or Studio Awards.

The closing date for Hotel Reservations is **August 30th** in order to guarantee a room at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We have to prepay for all booked Hotel Rooms by this date. We have a limited amount of rooms on our room block so please book early.

Refund Policy. Packages, entries and room reservations can be cancelled; in writing up to two (2) weeks prior to the event (September 14th). No refunds after **SEPTEMBER 14th**. The refund will be in full less a \$100 service charge and will be refunded after October 4th.

Make checks payable to: HAWAII STAR BALL Inc.

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