



www.worldsdc.com

Quarterly

Newsletter

All Star Clarification

The WSDC Board wanted to provide an update to our competitors and Events regarding All Stars. Last year, starting January 1, 2018, we announced a change to how competitors would reach and maintain their status in All Stars. There has been some confusion on how this was calculated, and we wanted to clarify this change for this past year and going forward.

Once a competitor achieves All Star status, they will be allowed to compete in All Stars for 36 months. During those 36 months, they must earn 3 All Stars points, or they must return to the Advanced division. If a competitor has returned to the Advanced division, they must then receive 10 Advanced points within 12 months to move back up to the All Star division. The Points Registry on the WSDC website lists a competitor's Dance Level in a green box below their name and WSDC ID number. We have fine-tuned the algorithm (as of Sunday, January 6, 2019) that calculates it, and it should now reflect the correct level for Advanced and All Star dancers. Example: if you achieved All Star status on 1/10/2019, you can compete in All Star until 1/09/2022 (a 36-month period). Please reach out to the WSDC Board at info@worldsdc.com if you have any questions.

LATE FEE FOR LATE SUBMISSION OF EVENT RESULTS

Upcoming changes to late submission of results and payments will be effective Jan 1, 2019. The WSDC Board announced at the General Membership Meeting in November that members are charged late fees when contest results and/or payments are not submitted on time. **Events must submit their contest results within 5 days or a late fee will be applied.** Timely submission of contest results is especially critical, since it can affect other member events and their competitors.

CHECK YOUR SKILL LEVEL

We have a new flag feature on our website. You can now use the Point Registry database to easily check the Skill Level of yourself or any dancer in the Point Registry. Simply enter the name or WSDC competitor number and in addition to telling you how many points the dancer has, the system will tell you what skill level the dancer has achieved and what level the dancer is eligible to compete in. For example if you search for a competitor you know is an intermediate dancer, the person will show up with the following flag above their competition history:

John Doe (11111)

West Coast Swing

Dance Level: **INT**

Intermediate 7 points

As dancers move up levels there is a transition period where a dancer can choose to dance up to the next level or stay in their current category. During this stage there are two flags that are displayed for the dancer's Level. One in green and one in orange. Once the dancer accumulates points to require them to dance in the next level, the Orange flag will disappear and the green flag will show the new level achieved.

For example, if you have someone who is an advanced dancer who has met the thresholds to dance in All-Star, but is not required to move up, you will see the following flags to show that the person is allowed, but not required to dance in All-Star:

Jane Doe (22222)

West Coast Swing

Dance Level: **ADV** **ALS**

Advanced 52 points

(Continued on page 2)

Upcoming Registry Events

Member Activities are shown in gray.

- **SHOBA DOOBA SWING**
January 2-4, 2019
- **BUDAFEST OPEN WCS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
January 4-6, 2019
- **SWEDEN WESTIE GALA**
January 5-6, 2019
- **MONTEREY SWINGFEST**
January 10-13, 2019
- **AUSTIN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
January 17-20, 2019
- **SWING RESOLUTION**
January 18-21, 2019
- **FREEDOM SWING DANCE CHALLENGE**
January 18-20, 2019
- **AVIGNON CITY SWING ***
January 18-20, 2019
- **SWINGCOUVER**
January 24-27, 2019
- **DERBY CITY SWING**
January 24-27, 2019
- **MUNICORN SWING**
January 25-27, 2019
- **CHARLOTTE WESTIE FEST**
Jan 31 - Feb 3, 2019
- **SWING & SNOW**
Jan 31 - Feb 3, 2019
- **PARIS WESTIE FEST**
February 1-3, 2019
- **SWINGTZERLAND**
February 7-10, 2019
- **DANCE CAMP CHICAGO**
February 8-10, 2019
- **CAPITAL SWING DANCE CONVENTION (NASDE)**
February 14-17, 2019
- **WESTEROS SWING**
February 15-17, 2019

CHECK YOUR SKILL LEVEL (continued from page 1)

This is a great tool to use as an event director or Chief Judge to make sure all of your competitors are in the right category. It is also useful, for competitors to be aware of their status and to be proactive in helping us keep all event records up to date.

We recommend that event directors list the competitors WSDC number in addition to their name on the posting for finals so that competitors can spot check their numbers. Occasionally we have more than one competitor with the same name. Knowing your WSDC number allows you to catch any mistakes when the Finals list is posted and by notifying event staff immediately you help the Event and WSDC reduce errors.

ROLE SWITCHING IN WSDC COMPETITIONS

We have received questions about role switching in WSDC contests. For WSDC competitions, role switching is not allowed in prelims or in Finals. The dancer is being tracked in their chosen role so it is important that the dancer stays in that role throughout the competition. We acknowledge role switching as a skill, and hope that dancers can find opportunities to use it socially or in competitions that explicitly allow it.

NEW EVENT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The New Event Application process is being updated for 2019, and will require events to apply 6 months prior to their Trial Event (vs 45 days prior

for the current process). This will give Demery Leyva, who has been managing new events, sufficient time to review the required documents and request additional information as needed from the Owners / Event Directors. The Board then begins reviewing and approving Trial Events. For more details see the New Event Application guidelines on our website or request a New Event Application by contacting Demery Leyva at WSDCnewevents@gmail.com

WEBSITE AND LOGO UPDATES

The WSDC is planning to update its logo and website. Logo and website prototypes were presented and discussed at the General Membership meeting in November. The feedback was positive. The Board has finalized plans on the new logo and is working on the last stages of the website design. Our goal is to implement branding updates and a new face to the website in mid to late 2019.

INSTAGRAM PHOTOS

Our goal is to tell the WSDC story via pictures, using pictures from WSDC events. We need great photos from the Jack and Jill contests at these events. Send a recent photo from your Instagram account via our Facebook page. Like our Facebook page and use our hashtags:

#worldswingdc, #worldsdc, #westcoastswing, #wcswing on Social Media.

JUNE 2019 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We plan to have a mid-year General Membership Meeting at Liberty Swing Dance Championship during the weekend of June 27 - 30, 2019. More details to come in our next newsletter.

Upcoming Registry Events

- **VALENTINE SWING**
February 15-17, 2019
- **WINTER COAST SWING**
February 21-25, 2019
- **SWEETHEART SWING
CLASSIC**
On Hiatus
- **ROSE CITY SWING**
February 21-24, 2019
- **MID ATLANTIC DANCE
JAM - MADJAM
(NASDE)**
Feb 28 - Mar 3, 2019
- **CHICAGO CLASSIC
(NASDE)**
March 7-11, 2019
- **HIGH DESERT DANCE
CLASSIC**
March 8-10, 2019
- **WEST IN LYON**
March 14-17, 2019
- **SWING ESCAPE**
March 15-17, 2019
- **DUTCH OPEN WEST
COAST SWING**
March 21-24, 2019
- **5280 SWING DANCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
March 21-25, 2019
- **BOSTON TEA PARTY**
March 21-24, 2019
- **KING SWING**
March 21-25, 2019
- **NOVICE INVITATIONAL**
March 22-24, 2019
- **SWING OVER ORLANDO**
March 28-31, 2019
- **ANCHOR FESTIVAL**
March 28-31, 2019
- **RUSSIAN OPEN WCS
CHAMPIONSHIP**
March 28-31, 2019

World Swing Dance Council

9151 Atlanta Ave., #7452
Huntington Beach, CA 92615
www.worldsdc.com

General Questions
Registry Points Issues
WSDC Membership
Surcharge and Payments
New Events

email: info@worldsdc.com
email: points-questions@worldsdc.com
email: membership@worldsdc.com
email: treasurer@worldsdc.com
email: WSDCnewevents@gmail.com