



World Swing Dance Council

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WSDC Points Registry Rules

Points Registry

The WSDC Points Registry was developed and is maintained by the WSDC. The Points Registry is the official record used to track individual competitors' results in WSDC Jack and Jill competitions at WSDC Registry Events ("Event"). Promoters and competitors use the Points Registry data to determine a competitor's appropriate skill level for WSDC Jack and Jill competitions (see WSDC Jack and Jill Advancement Chart). The Points Registry also tracks two (2) age-based levels: Juniors, defined as 17 years of age or younger by close of the event, and Masters, defined as 50 years of age or older by close of the event.

Once competitors earn at least one WSDC point, they are assigned a unique WSDC Competitor ID number in the Points Registry. WSDC points are awarded at WSDC Registry Events, as outlined in the Point Tier section below. The Points Registry is available at worldsdc.com/registry-points. It is accessible online to the general public.

Point Tier Minimums and Guidelines

There must be a minimum of five (5) unique leaders and five (5) unique followers in a specific WSDC Jack and Jill division for a competition to be eligible for inclusion in the Points Registry.

Tiers and Points Awarded Per Tier

Tiers are defined by the number of competitors in each role (leader or follower). There may be two different tiers within the same division (e.g., a Novice competition may have 18 leaders and 35 followers, which would result in a Tier 2 for leaders and Tier 3 for followers). The greater the number of competitors within a division, the higher the Tier, and the greater the points potential.

Dancing in finals does not guarantee that a competitor will be awarded points. Points awarded to leaders and followers may not be identical. The Points Awarded per Tier chart lists the points awarded to a competitor, according to their placement in finals.

Points Awarded Per Tier

Tier	# of Competitors (per role)	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	Additional Placements in Final
Tier 1	5-10	3	2	1	0	0	0
Tier 2	11-19	6	4	3	2	1	0
Tier 3	20-39	10	8	6	4	2	1 (up to 12 th place)
Tier 4	40-79	15	12	10	8	6	1 (up to 15 th place)
Tier 5	80-129	20	16	14	12	10	2 (up to 15 th place)
Tier 6	130+	25	22	18	15	12	2 (up to 15 th place)

Tier Size and Number of Competition Rounds

If the leaders and followers fall into different tier sizes, the number of rounds must be determined by the higher tier size. Effective July 1, 2019, the number of rounds for tiers will be mandatory.

Tier 1: 5-10 Competitors. Finals only. Prelims allowed if numbers are uneven.

Tier 2: 11-19 Competitors. Run 1 or 2 rounds (prelims and final).

Tier 3: 20-39 Competitors. Run 2 rounds (prelims and final).

Tier 4: 40-79 Competitors. Run 3 rounds (prelims, semis, and final).

Tier 5: 80-129 Competitors. Run 3 or more rounds (prelims, semis, and final).

Tier 6: 130+ Competitors. Run 4 rounds (prelims, quarters, semis, and final).

Specific Rules Regarding Competitor Divisions and Points

1. Each competitor has one (1) WSDC Competitor ID number for the Points Registry.
2. Each competitor may compete in only *one (1)* skill level division.
3. Competitors who wish to dance “up” or “down” (i.e., in a higher or lower division than their points would allow) **must** submit a formal petition (see Petition section) or they will *not* receive points if they reach the final. The Event must include all petitions with the WSDC Event Reporting form.
4. Skill points are recorded only for those who place in finals, according to the Points Awarded per Tier chart.
5. If a competitor places twice in a division, the competitor is only awarded points for the higher placement.
6. Competitor may be awarded points as either a leader or follower. All of a competitor’s points at a specific skill level, whether awarded as a leader or follower, count towards the total earned points needed to advance to the next skill level.
7. For Events with combined divisions (e.g., Novice/Intermediate), points will be awarded to the lower of the two divisions.
8. For Events that have different category names for their skill level divisions, WSDC may choose not to record them. Please refer to the WSDC Jack and Jill Advancement Chart for the list of recognized WSDC skill level divisions.
9. **WSDC will record WSDC points for one Junior and one Masters contest.**
10. For Events held over the New Year’s holiday, points will be assigned to December of the outgoing year, not January of the incoming year (e.g., points would be awarded for December 2018, not January 2019).

Recording Points Responsibilities

The Event Director

1. Is responsible for informing competitors of the Registry Points skill levels and points awards as defined by the WSDC.
2. Must have a petition process in place for competitors who wish to dance in a different skill division.
3. Is responsible for reporting the results of the Jack and Jill competitions, **including petitions**, to the WSDC within **five (5)** days of their event.
4. Must provide the WSDC with the number of competitors in each division, so the appropriate Tier level for recording points can be determined.
5. Must submit the Competitor Surcharge to the WSDC.

The Competitor

1. Is responsible for **following** the WSDC Points Registry Rules.
2. Is responsible for using their WSDC Competitor ID number when registering for Jack and Jill competitions at WSDC Registry Events.
3. Is responsible for registering for **only one** WSDC skill level Jack and Jill competition (see WSDC Jack and Jill Advancement Chart).
4. May enter either as a Leader or Follower, **and maintain that role throughout the contest**, at Registry Events that allow this option or as traditional Male / Leader or Female / Follower at Registry Events that maintain traditional roles.
5. Is responsible for submitting a formal petition to dance “up” or “down” (see Petition section).
6. Is responsible for correcting their WSDC Competitor ID number errors, either at the event or with the WSDC directly (contact points@worldsdc.com).
7. **Will not receive WSDC points for placement if they fail to follow the WSDC Points Registry Rules.**

Petitions

Competitors may submit a formal petition to the Event’s Chief Judge to dance at a different skill level than they qualify for in a Jack and Jill division.

1. All Events will offer a petition process.
2. Petitions can be submitted *one skill level up* or *one skill level down* only.
3. The **Chief Judge, or qualified individual(s) designated by the Chief Judge**, will consider the requested reclassification petition after reviewing the competitor’s Points Registry record.
4. Petitions are Event-specific and not transferable. Competitors may need to submit a new petition at their next Event.
5. All petitions must be submitted by the Event Director with the WSDC Event Reporting form.

Note: For additional information or clarification on Registry Event requirements, please review WSDC Registry Event Rules.

WSDC Skill Level Jack and Jill Advancement Chart

Skill Level	WSDC Notes	Allowed	Required
Champion	Champion points are tracked in the Points Registry; however, Champion is a general category that is set by promoters for their higher skill level dancers in attendance.	<div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Champion Dancer</div> Allowed to dance based on event criteria set by Event Promoter	Required to enter if meets criteria set by Event Promoter
All Star	All Star is intended to be extremely competitive, with constantly evolving and changing skill level. Dancers require consistent placements to remain in this category.	<div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">All Star Dancer</div> Allowed to compete in Advanced or All Star with 1 or 2 All Star points	Must receive 3 All Star points in last 36 Months to remain in All Star
Advanced	Advanced is intended to be very competitive where dancers move up from Intermediate or return to from All Star.	Allowed to move up with 45 Advanced points accumulated within 36 Months	Required to move up with 60 Advanced points accumulated within 36 Months
Intermediate	Intermediate is for dancers who are perfecting their social and competitive dance skills.	Allowed to move up with 30+ Intermediate points	Required to move up with 45+ Intermediate points
Novice	Novice is where dancers demonstrate their basic dance skills.	Allowed to move up with 16+ Novice points	Required to move up with 30+ Novice points
Newcomer	Some events offer a Newcomer division. It may be mandatory for new dancers / competitors. New dancers / competitors should check the event's rules.	<div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Newcomer Dancer</div>	