



of Florida presents



May 22 – May 25

J W Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa

## General Rules

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Dress Code Regulations  
Age Classifications

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# COMPETITION DRESS CODE

## ADULTS

*In order to preserve a dignified presence for our students and public, we request a minimum of Dressy Casual attire in the ballroom at all times. Semi-formal or formal attire may be requested for dinners and receptions.*

### GENTLEMEN

American Smooth: Dress pants - plain - shirt and tie, and optional cummerbund or vest or black sweater or tuxedo. No tail suits.

International Ballroom: Male competitors are required to wear one of the following:

Tuxedo or Suit • Dark Colored Tail Suit • Sleeveless Jacket or Vest with high-waisted dance trousers.

A formal tuxedo shirt or plain shirt is required, accompanied by a bow or long tie.

In Bronze, the male competitors are permitted to wear black or solid-colored, long-sleeved cardigans.

International Latin and American Rhythm: Dress pants, plain or ruffled shirt, optional tie and/or vest.

In the Social Foundation and Newcomers divisions only, male students are permitted to wear black or solid long-sleeved cardigans.

Colored shirts to match the ladies attire are permitted.

### LADIES

American Smooth & International Ballroom: Female competitors are required to wear full flared dresses or ball gowns, as currently in vogue.

International Latin and American Rhythm: Competitors are required to wear costumes as currently in vogue.

***If, in the opinion of the judges, too much flesh is exposed, penalties may be issued.***



# COMPETITION DRESS CODE

## PROFESSIONAL CLOSED DIVISIONS

### LADIES

#### American Smooth and/or International Ballroom

A full dress that is one solid color fabric (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.)

A two-piece set (skirt and bodysuit/top) that is one solid color fabric  
(without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.)

*If a lady is dancing in both Styles, she should wear a two-piece set with two separate skirts  
(one option for each Style) in which she can pull on/off to change Styles.*

Costume dance jewelry (bracelets, earrings, etc.) is allowed.

#### American Rhythm and/or International Latin

A short dress that is one solid color fabric (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.)  
Fringe is acceptable.

A two-piece set (skirt and bodysuit/top) that is one solid color fabric  
(without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.) Fringe is acceptable.

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Costume dance jewelry (bracelets, earrings, etc.) is allowed.



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## PROFESSIONAL CLOSED DIVISIONS

### GENTLEMEN

#### **American Smooth and/or International Ballroom**

**Shirt:** a basic shirt for wearing without a jacket (black or white), long-sleeved, with collar and cuffs. The shirt should be one solid color (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.)

**Trouser:** solid black trouser (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.) with a straight leg.

**Vest or Jacket:** solid black vest or jacket (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.) and worn with a necktie or bowtie.

**Necktie or Bowtie:** solid black or white (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.)

#### **American Rhythm and/or International Latin**

**Shirt:** solid black or white buttoned shirt (without patterns, decorations, rhinestones, etc.) with full-length sleeves and sits tight on the man's body.  
The shirt may have a collared neck or may be a mock-turtleneck.

**Trouser:** solid black trouser (without patterns, decorations, etc.) with a straight leg.

Vests are allowed.



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## PROFESSIONAL OPEN DIVISIONS

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### GENTLEMEN

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A formal tuxedo shirt or plain shirt is required, accompanied by a bow or long tie.

In Bronze, the male competitors are permitted to wear black or solid-colored, long-sleeved cardigans.

**International Latin and American Rhythm:** Dress pants, plain or ruffled shirt, optional tie and/or vest.

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## PRE-TEEN BOYS

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### **Trousers**

Black or dark blue only. • High waist optional.  
Underfoot strap optional. • Satin stripes are allowed.

### **Shirts**

Plain white or black long sleeved collared shirt only (no wing collars).  
No pleats or ribbing. • Sleeves to be worn at wrist-length.  
Black or dark blue vests are allowed, but sweaters and jackets are not allowed.  
Tie must be worn - black color only, may be either straight or bow.

### **Socks**

Black or dark blue color only

### **Shoes**

Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches (must be black)

### **Materials**

Fabrics must be plain, ie: cotton, polyester, cotton/polyester blend, wool blend.  
No rhinestones, glitter, metallic thread, patterns or sequins allowed.  
No shiny fabrics.

### **Decorations**

Not allowed

### **Makeup**

Not allowed

### **Hairstyle**

Long hair must be worn in a ponytail



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# COMPETITION DRESS CODE

## PRE-TEEN GIRLS

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### **Dresses**

Skirt with top or simple dress with attached under garment or leotard top with full skirt.

### **Skirts**

Plain or pleated with minimum 1 to maximum 3 half circles, including godets and/or extra panels.

One plain simple underskirt allowed which is no larger or longer than top layer  
and is the same or similar color as the outer skirt.

No uneven hem lines, frills, splits, openings, ruffles, or sequins.

Horsehair/crinoline may be used only inside the hem of the skirt.

Ribbon on the skirt is acceptable, but no other trim is allowed.

Length of skirt must not be shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap,  
and no longer than 3 inches below the knee cap.

At least one of the layers of the skirt must be solid (not sheer).

### **Bodice**

Shoulder less bodices are not allowed.

Edging or trim on the bodice is not allowed. • No backless bodices allowed.

Piping is allowed, provided it is no larger than 1/8" across. • Top stitching is allowed.

Belting, gathering or shirring is permissible from the waist down for a  
maximum of two inches, provided it is part of the dress itself and not an accessory.

### **Necklines**

Boat, high-neck, V-neck, sweetheart, "Peter Pan" collar, and regular collars are allowed.

Simple edging or trim, as well as a simple ruffle around the collar,  
of not more than two inches, is allowed on the neckline.

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# COMPETITION DRESS CODE

## PRE-TEEN GIRLS, *continued*

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### **Sleeves**

Long, short, elbow length, cap, puff or sleeveless styles are allowed.  
Cannot be replaced by trimmings, frills, or edging on the shoulder line.  
No “finger loops” allowed. • Top stitching is allowed.  
Piping is allowed provided it is no larger than 1/8” across.

### **Materials**

Fabrics must be one constant color throughout.  
No rhinestones, glitter, metallic thread, pearls, patterns, sequins, or similar materials allowed.  
No use of feathers, fringes, bows, belts, frills or sequins. • No flesh color fabric.  
Any use of mesh, lace, or any other ‘see through’ fabric must be lined from the waist to the top of the bust line, as well as a corresponding height in the back.  
When mesh, lace, or any “see-through” fabric is used on the arms no lining is needed.  
Burnout (also called Devoré), or similar fabric, must be lined with a fabric of the same color.  
Lycra, spandex, polyester, plain velvet, satin or jersey are encouraged.

### **Shoes**

Heel height not to exceed 1.5” and must be block heel style if a dance shoe.  
If the shoe comes with rhinestones on the buckle, this is allowed.  
If the shoe comes with glitter on the shoe, it is allowed.

### **Socks**

White ankle socks (may have a small amount of lace), flesh colored pantyhose, or light pink or white tights must be worn.





## Age Classifications

### Age Classifications - Pro/Am & Amateur Competitors

In all PRO/AM DIVISIONS students are classified according to age as well as level of accomplishment in the Fred Astaire Trophy System. The minimum age listed below must be met in all cases. In other words, you cannot be younger than the lower age and dance in that age classification. However, a student who is 40 years old (LA2) cannot dance in an older class, say LB1, but she could dance in a younger group such as LA1. The maximum age eligibility for each classification is determined by how old the student will be on the first date of the competition.

#### PRO AM Divisions

LA1	=	18 THROUGH 28	GA1	=	18 THROUGH 28
LA2	=	29 THROUGH 38	GA2	=	29 THROUGH 38
LB1	=	39 THROUGH 49	GB1	=	39 THROUGH 49
LB2	=	50 THROUGH 59	GB2	=	50 THROUGH 59
LC1	=	60 THROUGH 70	GC1	=	60 THROUGH 70
LC2	=	71 THROUGH 80	GC2	=	71 THROUGH 80
LC3	=	81 AND ABOVE	GC3	=	18 THROUGH 28
JV	=	UP TO 13 (JUVENILE)	JD	=	14 – 17 (JUNIOR)

#### Amateur Closed Divisions

Amateur (A)	=	18 THROUGH 40
Amateur (B)	=	41 AND ABOVE

#### Amateur Scholarships

Amateur (A)	=	18 THROUGH 40
Amateur (B)	=	41 AND ABOVE

Note: The Amateur Division age categories are determined by the age of the MALE competitor on the first day of the competition.

#### Championship Divisions

LA & GA	=	18 THROUGH 38
LB & GB	=	39 THROUGH 59
LC & GC	=	60 THROUGH 74
SR	=	75 AND ABOVE
JV	=	UP TO 13 (JUVENILE)
JD	=	14 – 17 (JUNIOR)

#### Scholarship Divisions

LA & GA	=	18 THROUGH 38
LB & GB	=	39 THROUGH 59
LC & GC	=	60 THROUGH 74
SR	=	75 AND ABOVE

**Note: Ladies & Gentlemen will be judged separately in ALL THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS but will be judged against each other in ALL THE SCHOLARSHIP DIVISIONS.**



## **Merging Age Classifications**

All attempts are made to avoid merging Age Classifications in each category, however, in an effort to eliminate uncontested entries and to avoid canceling a category in which fewer than (3) couples are entered, it may become necessary to merge two age classifications where possible.

# **PRO/AM & AMATEUR SCHOLARSHIP DIVISIONS RULES**

## **AGE CATEGORIES**

### **PRO/AM**

SCHOLARSHIP "A" DIVISION	18 - 38
SCHOLARSHIP "B" DIVISION	39 - 59
SCHOLARSHIP "C" DIVISION	60 - 74
SCHOLARSHIP "SR" DIVISION	75 + ABOVE

### **AMATEUR**

SCHOLARSHIP "A" DIVISION - 18 – 40  
SCHOLARSHIP "B" DIVISION - 41 + ABOVE

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**\*\*THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) COUPLES IN EACH SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION, OTHERWISE, THE COMPETITION ORGANIZERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE DIVISION, OR REDUCE THE PRIZE MONEY.**

**\*\*TO COMPETE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP DIVISIONS, A STUDENT MUST HAVE AT LEAST EIGHT (8) OTHER ENTRIES PER SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION ENTERED, IN ANY STYLE.**

**\*\*ANY 1st PLACE WINNERS IN THE BRONZE SCHOLARSHIP DIVISIONS MUST PROGRESS TO THE SILVER LEVEL BY THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THIS PARTICULAR EVENT.**

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