



*Blackpool Dance Festival*  
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BLACKPOOL DANCE FESTIVAL  
**TEACHER/ STUDENT &  
PROAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**2025**  
INFORMATION PACK



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# PROGRAMME OF COMPETITIONS

## SATURDAY 17 MAY

Teacher Student Single Dance Events  
Closed and Open Syllabus  
Ballroom  
American Smooth  
Latin  
American Rhythm

## SUNDAY 18 MAY

**Day**  
ProAm Ballroom Single Dance Events  
Closed and Open Syllabus  
**Evening**  
Teacher Student Championship Events  
Closed and Open Syllabus  
Ballroom  
American Smooth  
Latin  
American Rhythm

## MONDAY 19 MAY

**Day**  
ProAm American Smooth Single Dance Events  
Proam Latin Open single Dance Events to Semi Final  
Proam Latin Closed Single Dance Events  
**Evening**  
Proam Ballroom Championship  
Proam American Rhythm Championship  
Closed and Open Syllabus

## TUESDAY 20 MAY

**Day**  
ProAm Latin Open Single Dance Finals  
ProAm American Rhythm Single Dance Events  
**Evening**  
ProAm American Smooth Championship  
ProAm Latin championship

### **Restricted (closed) steps**

Please refer to the Blackpool Dance Festival website

## CHAMPIONSHIP (MULTI) DANCES:

### **Ballroom Championship (Closed)**

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep

### **Latin Championship**

Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

### **Ballroom Championship (Open)**

Waltz, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Tango, Quickstep

### **American Smooth Championship**

Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz

### **American Rhythm Championship**

Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo



# DEFINITIONS AND AGE GROUPS

## TEACHER STUDENT DEFINITION AND AGE GROUP

Events are for Amateur dancers partnered by a teacher either Professional or Amateur

- Teachers who dance in Teacher Student competitions must be registered by the BDC or their own Organisation /School
- The term Teacher/Student refers to a Professional/Amateur Teacher dancing with their Student.
- Teacher/Student couples must comprise of a Teacher dancing with a Student dancer who does not teach Ballroom, Latin, American Smooth or American Rhythm.
- Teacher/Student competitors may only have one partner in each event. No split partnerships.
- If both competitors are dancing in any other Blackpool Dance Festival Amateur or Professional events together from 23rd to 31st May, they cannot compete in the Teacher Student section as a couple.

### **Age Groups**

OPEN - Z1 – 16- 25 Z2 – 26 -40 Y1 – 41-50 Y2 – 51-65 X1 – 66+

CLOSED – Z1 – 16 -34 Z2 – 35 -49 Y1 – 50-64 Y2 – 65+

## PROAM DEFINITION AND AGE GROUP

Events are for Amateur Dancers being partnered by a Professional Dancer.

ProAm competitions will not offer any level divisions.

To be eligible to enter you must be of beginner level and above.

- a. The term “ProAm” refers to a Professional Dancer/Teacher dancing with their student. In this case the student will be known as a ProAm Student Dancer. A ProAm Student Dancer competes with a Professional Dancer.
- b. A ProAm Student dancer does not teach Ballroom/Latin/American Smooth/American Rhythm. Professional competitors may only have one partner in each event. No split partnerships.

### **Age Groups**

OPEN - A1 16-30 A2 31-40 A3 41-50 B1 51-60 B2 61-70 C 71+

CLOSED – A1 – 16 -34 A2 – 35 -49 A3 – 50-64 B1 – 65+

The age group is devised by the age of the Amateur/Student Dancer. Proof of age may be requested.

The ProAm Student Dancer may also dance two age divisions directly younger; for example B1 may also dance A2 if they wish. Maximum of two age groups can be entered.

Female Dancers to enter the correct Female Category and may compete in either role.

Male Dancers to enter the correct Male Category and may compete in either role

Two people of the same gender may compete without fear or favour.



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# ENTRY FEE, TICKET PRICES & PACKAGE UPGRADES

## TEACHER STUDENT ENTRY FEE

Per Championship - £140.00  
Per Single Dance - £35.00  
Admission Ticket per person - £40.00  
Additional Fee's per Online entry:  
Admin £2.50, Restoration Levy £3.00

## PROAM ENTRY FEE

Per Championship - £220.00  
Per Single Dance - £55.00  
Admission ticket per dancer per day - £40.00  
Additional Fee's per Online entry:  
Booking Fee £2.50, Restoration Levy £3.00

**An Admission Ticket must be purchased  
for all competitors and spectators entering  
the Empress Ballroom**

## REFUNDS

If you are unable to attend the Festival  
**NO REFUNDS** will be given

## ENTRIES

All entries are to be completed via the  
following website;  
<https://www.blackpooledancefestival.com/enter>

**ENTRY CLOSING DATE – 7TH APRIL 2025**

## UPGRADES per person, per day

Reserved Ground Floor Table £30.00  
VIP North Balcony £70.00  
Reserved Ground Floor Table Plus  
VIP North Balcony £100.00

VIP North Balcony includes; Continuous service of  
soft drinks, tea/coffee. Breakfast, lunch and evening  
snacks will be available throughout the day.

## CONTACT US

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# HALL OF FAME AWARDS AND DINNER DANCE WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2025

We will once again be presenting a very special evening on Wednesday 21st May in the splendour of the magnificent Empress Ballroom. The Blackpool Dance Festival Hall of Fame Awards will recognise key individuals who have supported or contributed to the ongoing success of the Blackpool Dance Festival. Including a 3-course gala dinner guests will enjoy the sounds of the Empress Orchestra under the musical direction of Ashley Frohlick. The evening is strictly by ticket only and closing date for tickets applications is Friday, 16th May 2025.

This unique event is open to all and a limited number of tickets are now on sale at [blackpooldancefestival.co.uk](https://blackpooldancefestival.co.uk)

£175.00 each

£1,600.00 for a table for ten people.

VIP Seat and Sponsorship Packages are available,  
please contact Natalie Hayes for further information.

**FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK**

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