

Open 3 Dance Championship Rules 2017

- 1) The Open 3 Dance Salsa Championship competition is open to professional and top amateur couples. Each couple will dance three dances to win the competition with the same partner. The dances are cha cha, bachata, and salsa. Competitors must wear costumes or shall be disqualified; no props are permitted.
- 2) Entry fee is \$25 per couple.
- 3) Competitors must be in attendance and register at the contest desk at least one hour before the scheduled time of the competition. Competitors shall maintain a professional and sportsmanlike manner.
- 4) Each couple will be allowed to do open choreography for all 3 dances. Tricks, dips, lifts will be allowed. All tricks, dips, and lifts **MUST NOT** be more than 50% of the routine. This is not a cabaret division.
- 5) All couples will dance on the floor at the same time for round the cha cha round and the salsa final round. The second round is the "spotlight"/individual round.
- 6) Each couple will dance cha cha for 1 minute and 30 seconds cha cha as their first dance. Cha Cha must be danced on the "2." After the cha cha round each couple will be asked to leave the floor and remain in the assigned area of the competition floor. Each couple will be asked to return individually to the floor for a "spotlight"/individual comparison round and will dance to a bachata song for 1 minute and 30 seconds.

After the "spotlight"/individual comparison round all couples will be asked to return to the dance floor and will dance the final third round to a salsa song for 1 minute and 30 seconds. Salsa can be danced on the "1" or the "2" for the competition.
- 7) The DJ will play the preselected music for each round. The music will be known only to the HDDC staff. You do not need to bring your own music.
- 8) Prize money \$500 first place and trophy, \$250 second place and trophy, \$125 third place and trophy.
- 9) Each couple will be judged on the following: Technique, timing and rhythm, presentation/showmanship, connection and partnering, and originality.
- 10) Please note in an event of a tie; the head judge reserves the right to break the tie.

Any questions: please call **Liz Gonzalez at (661) 860-2105**

