



**USA Dance Heartland Classic  
DanceSport Championships  
(A 2009 National Championships Qualifier)  
at the Adams Mark Airport Hotel  
(A sanctioned USA Dance Event)**

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The public is invited to attend. Competition is open only to members of USA Dance or other IDSF member associations.

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This is the premier event to attend in the Heartland of America. If you enjoy anything associated with ballroom dancing, this is the best place to be on Sept. 27-28, 2008. Reserve your tickets soon for best prices.

# 2008 Heartland Classic—USA DanceSport Competition

## Competition Terms and Information

### **Eligibility**

USA DanceSport Competition membership must be confirmed before participation in this competition is allowed. Athletes will be required to present their valid USA DanceSport "Athlete" registration card to the registrar. Please bring your membership card to the competition! All competitors certify by signing the entry form that they are eligible under USA DanceSport rules to compete in the events they have marked on the entry form.

A competitive couple consists of a male and a female dancing in a partnership.

### **General Format and Entry Divisions**

All events are danced in the freestyle format (no exhibitions). Each event consists of three, four, or five dances in succession. Places in multi-dance events will be determined by the best combined score for all dances in that event. Awards will be presented to the top six couples in each event and age category. The competition events are organized into Syllabus events (Bronze, Silver, Gold) and Open events (Novice, Pre-championship, Championship).

### **Rules for Competitors**

All competitors will abide by Article 4 Rules for Competitors of the 2008-2009 USA DanceSport Rulebook.

### **Syllabus Steps**

American style competitors may follow steps accepted by any nationally recognized syllabus committee.

All categories and events are subject to registration. The organizers reserve the right to combine or cancel events when necessary.

In accordance with USA DanceSport rules, time will be allowed between rounds of any one event; however, this time will be used to run other events. When possible, different age categories will be run; however, competitors should be aware that entering multiple events may result in less

than the normal break period. Competitors may enter two consecutive proficiency levels per age category with the exception that any one entering syllabus levels may also enter novice. Competitors may not enter more than two age categories for any given style.

### **Age Classifications**

Preteen I: 9 or under  
Preteen II: 11 or under  
Junior I: 13 or under  
Junior II: 15 or under  
Youth: 18 or under  
Adult : 19 or older  
Senior 1: 35 or older  
Senior 2: 45 or older  
Senior 3: 55 or older  
Senior 4: 65 or older

Couples qualifying for these categories should select the appropriate age group(s) on the entry form. Couples must both meet the age requirement. **The age of an individual is determined by the age reached during the calendar year whether or not it precedes the date of the competition.**

### **Formation Teams**

**Note: A special registration form is required for Formation Teams.** This form is not available for on-line registration; therefore, it must be downloaded from the [indyusadance.org](http://indyusadance.org) website and mailed to the registrar.

### **Dress Code**

PLEASE NOTE: There have been changes in regard to what is and is not permissible for costumes. The revised dress code will be strictly enforced. 2008-2009 USA DancesSport Rulebook Section 3.10 Dress Code will be followed. Please review this and make sure your costuming is in compliance.

Please note that pursuant to the dress code, costumes ARE NOT permitted in the "adult" syllabus events. Costumes ARE permitted in the S1, S2, S3, S4 syllabus events, but dancers will not be judged based on their costumes. Adults, Preteen, Junior and Youth are not allowed to wear costumes in syllabus level (or anything which

includes rhinestones). Please check the rulebook for exact requirements.

### **Entry Rules and Deadline**

Final Entry fees and completed entry forms must be **received** no later than **Sept. 13, 2008**. To avoid possible rejection of entry, participants are urged to register early. **Events may not be added after Final Entry Deadline.** Checks should be made payable to **Heartland Chapter #2022 USA Dance** and should be mailed to:

Heartland Ballroom Dancers  
c/o Suresh Nair  
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### **Refund Policy**

Full refund is only available prior to the **Sept. 13, 2008** deadline. Refunds after that date will be considered on a per case basis provided documentation is furnished.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

Adams Mark Airport Hotel  
2544 Executive Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46241  
Tel. 317-248-2481  
Or 800-444-ADAM

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate. Please identify yourself as attending the USA Dance Competition to secure this rate. The block will be released on August 27 so make your reservations early.

Other hotels are nearby but they are **NOT** within walking distance. Please contact hotels directly for rates and availability.

### **Food and Restaurants**

Since there are few restaurants nearby and the hotel restaurants have limited seating, we are arranging buffet meals which can be included in your registration. The Saturday evening buffet is **included for all competitors** and is optional for all others. It will feature seasonal fresh vegetables, chef's choice of potato, rice or pasta, 2 entrees, 2 salads, dessert table, and beverages. Watch [indyusadance.org](http://indyusadance.org) for details.

### Welcome Dance & Package Pickup

A free welcome dance is being planned for Friday evening from 8-10 p.m. Package pickup will be Friday evening as well.

### Video and Photography

The competition organizers do not prohibit participants from bringing their own video and photography equipment; but they must remain unobtrusive. Arrangements have been made for a commercial videographer to offer his services. A still photographer (Tim McGhee) will also be available.

### Notification of Events

Please note that all times are approximate. Competitors **MUST** be in the ballroom and ready to dance 30 minutes prior to the scheduled event. **COMPETITION WILL NOT BE DELAYED!** Please consult the official program for the final schedule of events at the competition.

### Vendors

The Heartland Chapter will once again host a variety of vendors offering items such as ball gowns, costumes, jewelry, ballroom music, dance shoes and other products of interest to dancers. Previous vendors included Dance Shoes of Atlanta, Sewlutions, and Toe to Toe Dance Shoes. This year we anticipate additional vendors.

### Workshops

Two workshops will be offered during the lunch break on Saturday with U.S. and World Champion instructors. Alain Doucet & Anik Jolicoeur will teach "exercise, balance and posture." Bill Davies will teach "floor craft." Workshops are \$15 per person for each. They are offered simultaneously so you cannot sign up for both. Workshops also available at the door.

### Tentative Schedule of Events

#### **Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 Morning Session**

7:00 am Open ballroom practice  
8:00 am American Rhythm Syllabus  
American Rhythm Novice & Pre-Champ  
12 noon Workshops to be announced  
1:00 pm International Standard Syllabus  
International Standard Novice and Pre-Champ  
Theatre Arts  
Formation Teams

#### **Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 Evening Session**

7:00 pm Cabaret Championship  
American Rhythm Championship  
American Smooth Championship  
9-Dance Championship  
International Latin Championship  
10-Dance Championship

#### **Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008**

8:00 am Open ballroom practice  
9:00 am American Smooth Syllabus  
American Smooth Novice and Pre-Champ  
12:00 pm International Latin Syllabus  
International Latin Novice & Pre-Champ

**Please note: Events MAY NOT BE ADDED after the Final Entry Deadline.**

*\*\*\*\*Special Jack & Jill Swing & Hustle Dance Competition open to everyone regardless of skill level or age is planned for Saturday night between championship rounds.\*\*\*\**

#### **Entry Fees (per person)**

Early Adult Competitor entry postmarked by Aug. 22, 2008	\$145
Final Adult Competitors entry received by Sept. 13, 2008	\$175
Early Collegiate Competitors entry postmarked by Aug. 22, 2008	\$ 30
Final Collegiate Competitors entry received by Sept. 13, 2008	\$ 45
Competitors under 19 syllabus only recd. by Aug. 22, 2008	\$ 30
Competitors under 19 syllabus only recd. by Sept. 13, 2008	\$ 45
Early Formation Team entry postmarked by Aug. 22, 2008	\$100
Formation Team entry received by Sept. 13, 2008	\$125
Saturday Lunch Buffet (optional)	\$ 22
Saturday Dinner Buffet (included in package) Optional for others	\$ 35
Sunday Brunch Buffet (optional)	\$ 15
Spectators (Day Sessions)	\$ 10
Spectators (Evening Session)	\$ 15
Spectators Weekend Package (All sessions)	\$ 25
Workshop/Doucet & Jolicoeur "Exercise, Balance & Posture"***	\$ 15
Workshop/Davies "Floor Craft" **	\$ 15

\*\*Also available at the door.