

WINTERGARDENS —BLACKPOOL—

SYLLABUS

Fiftieth Annual

British National Dance Championships

Celebrating 50 years

Presented by Blackpool Entertainment Company Ltd
on behalf of Blackpool Council

All Championships recognised by the British Dance Council

20th to 22nd NOVEMBER 2025

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RULES - The Championships will be conducted under the Rules of the British Dance Council.

ENTRY - There will be an Entry Fee for each championship entered per couple, a General Admission ticket to the Ballroom is also required per each dancer. All Competitors will defray their own travelling expenses. – **Entries close Friday, 17th October.** All Entries are to be completed online via the website; www.blackpooldancefestival.com; a confirmation order will be forwarded to your email address on completion of successful payment.

All Competitors wishing to enter the National Championships must hold a valid registration as an Amateur or Professional. Closed championship is one in which the competitors must be qualified by birth or residence (12 months immediately prior to the final) for the area covered by the competition or championship.

The decision of the Organiser is to be taken as final.

All Competitors must check their Confirmation to ensure names and events entered are correct. Should any details not be correct they must contact the Dance Festival office immediately.

If any Competitor withdraws from any Championship after entry, immediate notification in writing should be made. Failure to do this renders them liable to disqualification from entering any future events.

The role in which competitors commence the competition must be maintained throughout the event. No role changing during/mid dance.

Anyone competing or spectating (any event) do so at their own risk. The venue will not accept responsibility for any existing health issues/allergies, injury or situation.

The Management reserve the right to limit the number of entries accepted in any of the Championships.

Late entries may be accepted, should the timetable allow, however an additional late fee of £20.00 will be applied.

The aggregate votes of the Adjudicators in the early rounds, and the individual placings of each Adjudicator in the Final Rounds, will be available on the Official Dance Festival website after the conclusion of the Festival.

COMPETITOR'S PRACTICE:

The Winter Gardens Ballroom will be open for Competitor's practice on Thursday from 12.00pm to 2.00pm, Friday from 12.00pm to 2.0pm and Saturday 10.00am to 11.30am. Public and Competitors will be admitted on production of Season/Daily Admission Tickets without extra charge. (Times subject to change)

ENTRY FEE/ ADMISSION TICKETS AND RESERVED SEATS (Including VAT at 20%)

Juvenile/ Junior Entry Fee (per couple, per championship)	£21.00
Amateur including Formation Entry Fee (per couple/team, per championship)	£24.00
Professional Entry Fee (per couple, per championship)	£28.00

Adult General Admission each day £37.95

Child General Admission each day £25.00

A Season Ticket is available for all events £78.75

Reserved Seats (Ground Floor and 1st Balcony)

At an additional charge each day of: £21.00

All seats are reserved from the start of the competitions
each day for patrons who have purchased seat tickets.

All bookings are subject to a £2.50 Administration charge and a Restoration Levy of £3.00
via the Dance Festival entry system and ticket application form.

These prices are subject to any variation in rate of Value Added Tax.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Ticket applications by post/email may be made at any time but should reach the Festival Bookings Office, Winter Gardens, Church Street, Blackpool FY1 1HW by 26th September 2025. Seats will be allocated from this date.
2. They are to be accompanied by your remittance – debit/credit card or bank transfer. Unfortunately we no longer accept cheques.
3. Tickets will issued as an E-ticket unless requested on the ticket application form, please ensure you supply an email address.
4. All applications are subject to availability.
5. Preference will be given to those purchasing Season Tickets and seats for the full Festival.
6. There will be NO REFUNDS on Season Tickets or Daily Admission Ticket including the Competitor Entry Fee if a Competitor withdraws.
7. For Refunds on Seats please return your tickets to the Dance Festival by Monday, 27th October at the latest.

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 2025

Class A NORTH OF ENGLAND AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
CASH PRIZES to the value of £765.
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £160, 3rd Couple £140, 4th Couple £120 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all Amateur Couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are 16 years of age or over, who must be qualified by birth or residence (more than 12 months immediately prior to the event) for the area covered by the Championship which comprises the counties of Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham, Cleveland, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Humberside, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Staffordshire, Shropshire, West Midlands. Please indicate Town on the Entry Form.
Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.
Competitors will be required to dance the Viennese Waltz in the Semi-Final and Final only.

Class A1 BRITISH NATIONAL SENIOR (OVER 35's) BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
CASH PRIZES to the value of £765.
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £160, 3rd Couple £140, 4th Couple £120, 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all Couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are both over 35 years of age. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.
Competitors will be required to dance the Viennese Waltz in the Semi-Final and Final only.
Exemption: Exemption from the First Round will be granted to those couples who reached the highest 12 places in the 2024 British National Senior Ballroom Championship. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class A2 BRITISH NATIONAL UNDER 21 YEARS LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: OVER 16 AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE
1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
CASH PRIZES to the value of £725.
1st Couple £165, 2nd Couple £150, 3rd Couple £130, 4th Couple £105, 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all couples who are Amateurs under the Rules of the British Dance Council, and are over 16 and under 21 years of age on Thursday, November 20th 2025. Proof of age may be required. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance the JIVE in the Semi-Final and Final only.

Class A3 BRITISH NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM SHOWDANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
CASH PRIZES will be awarded to all, couples in the Final.
This event is held to select the couple(s) who will represent Great Britain in the 2025 World & European Showdance Championships.

Class A4 BRITISH NATIONAL OVER 50's LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
CASH PRIZES to the Value of £765.
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £160, 3rd Couple £140, 4th Couple £120, 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all couples who are Amateurs under the Rules of the British Dance Council, and are over 50 years of age. Both competitors must both be over 50 years of age. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

Class A5 BRITISH NATIONAL LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES
GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
1st CASH PRIZE £220 to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with CASH PRIZE £245 to the members of the Winning Team.
This Competition is open to Teams of Amateurs, entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. The number of couples comprising a Team must be Six to Eight. This Team MUST be registered with the British Dance Council.
The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin Dances.

Class A6 BRITISH NATIONAL SENIOR (OVER 35'S) LATIN FORMATION DANCING COMPETITION

PRIZES: FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES
GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
1st CASH PRIZE £200 to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with CASH PRIZE £225 to the members of the Winning Team.
This Competition is open to Teams of Amateurs and are over 35 years of age, entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. The number of couples comprising a Team must be six to eight couples. This Team MUST be registered with the British Dance Council.
The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin Dances.

FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 2025

Class B BRITISH NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
PRIZE MONEY amounting to over£3,600
The PRIZE MONEY will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £140, 3rd Couple £130, 4th Couple £110, 5th Couple £90, 6th Couple £80.
A cash prize of £30 will be awarded to each couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.
Open to all Professional couples who are registered with the British Dance Council, 16 years of age or over. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances and each dance will be adjudicated separately.
Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The Couple showing the best all-round standard in the five dances will be declared the BRITISH NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONS and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

Class B1 BRITISH NATIONAL AMATEUR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
CASH PRIZES to the value of £850.
1st Couple £180, 2nd Couple £170, 3rd Couple £155, 4th Couple £130, 5th Couple £115, 6th Couple £100.
Open to all Couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are 16 years of age or over. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.. Competitors will be required to dance the Viennese Waltz in the Semi-Final and Final only.
Exemptions: Exemption from the first Round will be granted to those couples who reached the highest 12 places in the 2024 British National Amateur Ballroom Championship. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class B2 BRITISH NATIONAL SENIOR (OVER 35's) LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months
CASH PRIZES to the value of £765.
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £160, 3rd Couple £140, 4th Couple £120, 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are both over 35 years of age. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance the Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

Class B3 BRITISH NATIONAL OVER 50's BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months
CASH PRIZES to the value of £765.
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £160, 3rd Couple £140, 4th Couple £120, 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are over 50 years of age. Both competitors must both be over 50 years of age. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Exemptions: Exemption from the first Round will be granted to those couples who reached the highest 12 places in the 2024 British National Over 50's Ballroom Championship. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class B4 BRITISH NATIONAL LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR TEAMS OF FOUR COUPLES
PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
1st CASH PRIZE £220 to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with CASH PRIZE £245 to the members of the Winning Team.
This Competition is open to Teams of Amateurs, entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. The number of couples comprising a Team must be of four couples. This Team MUST be registered with the British Dance Council.
The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin Dances.

In the event of Television coverage, live streaming or the production of a video recording for commercial purposes of any Competition or Championship event, all Competitors, Officials and Spectators agree that the rights to and any fees from such television streaming or video recording will vest solely with Blackpool Council and Blackpool Entertainment Company Limited (The Organiser). No Competitors or Associations shall have any claim against the Organiser, Television Company or Video Producer at any such event.

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 2025

Class C **BRITISH NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

PRIZES: **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months**
PRIZE MONEY amounting to over **£3,600**.
The **PRIZE MONEY** will be allocated for **EACH DANCE** as follows:
1st Couple £170, 2nd Couple £140, 3rd Couple £130, 4th Couple £110, 5th Couple £90, 6th Couple £80.
A cash prize of £30 will be awarded to each couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.
Open to all Professional Couples who are registered with the British Dance Council, 16 years of age or over. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESEWALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances, and each dance will be adjudicated separately. Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The Couple showing the best all-round standard in the five dances will be declared the BRITISH NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM CHAMPIONS, and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

Class C1 **BRITISH NATIONAL AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

PRIZES: **1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months**
CASH PRIZES to the value of **£850**.
1st Couple £180, 2nd Couple £170, 3rd Couple £155, 4th Couple £130, 5th Couple £115, 6th Couple £100.
Open to all couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are 16 years of age or over. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

Exemptions: Exemption from the first Round will be granted to those couples who reached the highest 12 places in the 2024 British National Amateur Latin Championship. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class C2 **BRITISH NATIONAL UNDER 21 YEARS BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 16 AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
CASH PRIZES to the value of **£725**.
1st Couple £165, 2nd Couple £150, 3rd Couple £130, 4th Couple £105, 5th Couple £95, 6th Couple £80.
Open to all couples who are Amateurs under the rules of the British Dance Council, and are over 16 and under 21 years of age on **Saturday, November 22nd , 2025**. Proof of age may be required. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. Competitors will be required to dance the Viennese Waltz in the Semi-Final and Final only.

Class C3 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUNIOR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 12 AND UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY- Winners hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists.
Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

Class C4 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUNIOR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 12 AND UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY- Winners to hold for a period of 12 months**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists.
Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. Competitors will be required to dance Viennese Waltz in Semi-Final and Final only.

Class C5 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUVENILE LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 6 AND UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY – Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists.
Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and JIVE.

Class C6 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUVENILE BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 6 AND UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Class C7 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUNIOR ALL GIRL BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 12 AND UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Class C8 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUVENILE ALL GIRL BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 6 AND UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Class C9 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUNIOR ALL GIRL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 12 AND UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and JIVE.

Class C10 **BRITISH NATIONAL JUVENILE ALL GIRL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

OVER 6 AND UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE
PRIZES: **1st-CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.**
TROPHIES to be presented to all finalists. Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and JIVE.