



Blackpool Dance Festival

Teacher Student /Pro Am

Championships

BLACKPOOL DANCE FESTIVAL **TEACHER/ STUDENT & PROAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** **2026** INFORMATION PACK



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PROGRAMME OF COMPETITIONS

SATURDAY 16 MAY

Teacher Student Single Dance Events

Open Syllabus Closed Syllabus

Ballroom Ballroom

American Smooth Latin

Latin

American Rhythm

SUNDAY 17 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 18 MAY

Day

ProAm American Smooth Single Dance Events

Closed and Open Syllabus

Proam Latin Open single Dance Events to Semi Final

Proam Latin Closed Single Dance Events

Evening

Proam Ballroom Championship

Closed and Open Syllabus

Proam American Rhythm Championship

Closed and Open Syllabus

TUESDAY 19 MAY

Day

ProAm Latin Open Single Dance Finals

ProAm American Rhythm Single Dance Events

Closed and Open Syllabus

Evening

ProAm American Smooth Championship

Closed and Open Syllabus

ProAm Latin championship

Closed and Open Syllabus

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

Restricted (closed) steps

Please refer to the Blackpool Dance Festival website



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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.

- 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.
- 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+ D 76+ (female only) E 80+ (female only)

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 - £150.00
Per Single Dance - £37.50
Admission Ticket per person - £49.00
4 Day Ticket per person - £168.00
Additional Fee's per Online entry:
Admin £2.50, Restoration Levy £3.00

PROAM ENTRY FEE

Per Championship - £240.00
Per Championship | American Smooth - £220.00
Per Single Dance - £57.75
Admission ticket per dancer per day - £49.00
4 Day Ticket per person - £168.00
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.blackpooldancefestival.com/enter>
ENTRY CLOSING DATE – 7TH APRIL 2026

UPGRADES per person, per day

Reserved Table £35.00
VIP Balcony Hospitality £85.00
Reserved Table Plus VIP
Balcony Hospitality £110.00

VIP Balcony Hospitality includes; Soft drinks, tea, and coffee will be served continuously. A hot or cold meal, along with snacks, will be available during the day.

CONTACT US

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HALL OF FAME AWARDS AND DINNER DANCE WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACKPOOL DANCE FESTIVAL

We will once again be presenting a very special evening on Wednesday 20th May in the splendour of the magnificent Empress Ballroom. This year's event will be particularly memorable as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Blackpool Dance Festival. 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, 15th May 2026.

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

£185.00 each

£1,700.00 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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