

February 23-24, 2018

COUGAR CLASSIC 2018

University of Houston, Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRWC)

4500 University Drive, Houston, TX 77004

ENTRY FEE

Competition fee, for unlimited entries, events, dances and categories:

- Student Competitors (full-time student): \$35/dancer
- UH-affiliated: \$15/dancer
- Adult Competitors (18 and above, not a full-time student): \$50/dancer
- Friday Workshops and Welcome Dance
 - Cougar Dancesport Members: \$5/dancer
 - General Admission: \$10/dancer
- Spectators will be FREE of charge on both days.
- ***BOTH partners will need to pay for entry fees***

REGISTRATION

- Registration and payment will be done via <http://o2cm.com>
- Please look for us in the Events section, Cougar Classic.
- O2CM requires an account to register. We recommend to use only ONE account per team/group to register for multiple dancers/members of the team/group.
- To avoid being double charged, we recommend dancers that are dancing with multiple partners to use only ONE account to register.
- You only need to register ONE time on ONE account for BOTH dancers in a couple. There is NO need to create an account for both dancers in a couple.
- Please note that it is important for you to make payment in your correct Age Category. Failure to do so may result in your disqualification from the competition unless prior arrangement is made.
- **Though you are required to pay based on your age range, competitors at all age will be competing in the same Categories defined as “Collegiate”.**

*For more information or questions, please contact competition director
Tin – tinphtr2508@gmail.com (director)*

PRIZES

- Ribbons will be awarded in all events. Medals or prizes maybe offered in selected events.

GENERAL RULES

- There will be NO solo competitions.
- Offered levels: Newcomers/Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Novice, Pre-Championship, Championship and Open (For Social and Country Western ONLY)
- NO lifts will be permitted in ANY categories. Dancers must have at least one foot on the floor at all times.
- Dips and Drops: Dips will be permitted for Open, Novice, Pre-champ and Championship level. Drops will not be permitted in any category.
- NO props will be allowed in any category.
- Salsa must break primarily on 1. Mambo must break primarily on 2.

**Due to the limit of time allowed of the facility, we can only offer two levels for Country Western and Social. You are required to register for only ONE level of these dances.*

*** Open will be considered as "Intermediate/Advanced" for Country Western and Social.*

PROFICIENCY LEVELS

- **SINGLE-DANCE EVENTS** - Newcomer events are open to individuals that started dancing no earlier than June 1st, 2017 and this MUST be the competitor's first competition. If you competed at Dances with Owls 2017 as Newcomers, you are eligible to compete in Newcomers categories at Cougar Classic IF you have not competed at any competitions in between and you did NOT win first place in ANY dances. Competitors may dance at two consecutive levels for each dance style/categories entered. Acceptable combinations of levels are:

Newcomer/Bronze

Bronze/Silver

Silver/Gold

Gold/Novice

Novice/Pre-Champ

Pre-Champ/Championship

- **SYLLABUS MULTI-DANCE EVENTS** – You can compete in ONLY ONE Syllabus Multi-dance event per style. You must compete at the highest level you compete in Single-Dance events. Required dances in multi-dance events are listed in below. Couples will be placed based on cumulative placement from all dances in their respective levels.
 - *Mixed-proficiency will NOT be allowed in Syllabus Multi-dance events.*
 - **For example:** *If you are competing in Bronze/Silver Int. Waltz, Quickstep, Tango (Single-dance events), you are REQUIRED to ONLY compete at SILVER Int. Standard event. If you are competing in Gold/Novice Int. Latin, you are REQUIRED to ONLY compete at Novice International Latin but NOT PreChamp.*

Styles	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Novice	PreChamp	Champ.
Standard	Waltz Quickstep	Waltz Quickstep Foxtrot	Waltz Quickstep Foxtrot Tango	Waltz Quickstep Foxtrot	Waltz Quickstep Foxtrot Tango	Waltz Quickstep Foxtrot Tango V.Waltz
Latin	Cha Cha Rumba	Cha Cha Rumba Samba	Cha Cha Rumba Samba Jive	Cha Cha Rumba Samba	Cha Cha Rumba Samba Jive	Cha Cha Rumba Samba Jive Paso Doble
Smooth	Waltz Foxtrot	Waltz Foxtrot Tango	Waltz Foxtrot Tango V.Waltz	Waltz Foxtrot Tango	Waltz Foxtrot Tango V.Waltz	Waltz Foxtrot Tango V.Waltz
Rhythm	Cha Cha Rumba	Cha Cha Rumba Swing	Cha Cha Rumba Swing Bolero	Cha Cha Rumba Swing	Cha Cha Rumba Swing Bolero	Cha Cha Rumba Swing Bolero Mambo

- For each style of dance, the competitor is restricted to two consecutive levels. For example, you are required to compete Silver/Gold Waltz and all other Standard dances but you can compete in Bronze/Silver in Smooth, Rhythm or Latin.
- Mixed Proficiency events are ONLY open to combination of:
 - A more advanced amateur dancer dancing with a less-experience partner. Only the less experienced dancer will be judged. *(Both dancers must be registered and pay INDIVIDUALLY to be eligible to compete)*
 - *Mix-Proficiency events are only provided at Bronze and Newcomer levels.*
 - Dancer, registered as a lower level dancer, is NOT allowed to compete with another partner to be judged as a couple at the same level in the same category.
 - *Ladies and Gentlemen that will be judged in Mixed Proficiency events will register under Mixed Ladies and Mixed Gents respectively.*
- If you have placed consistently in a specific level, we recommend you to dance up a level to keep it fair for all competitors. Any dancers not dancing in their respective level may be disqualified by our invigilator.

SYLLABUS STEPS

- Syllabus dancers are restricted to only dance steps from their categories or lower, recognized by USA Dance or WDSF. Please refer to USA Dance website for most updated guidelines. Repeating violations of the syllabus will result in disqualification.
If you have any questions regarding Syllabus Guidelines, please email our invigilator (Tin Pham-Tran – tinphtr2508@gmail.com).

DRESS CODE

- Costumes will be permitted at ALL levels. However, we do not recommend rhinestones or costumes with reflective materials at Beginners levels. Jeans are ONLY allowed in Country Western Events.
- Please stay formal, professional and appropriate because this may affect your results. If you have any questions about your costumes, please do not hesitate to check with us BEFORE the competition. Our facility's staffs reserve the rights to reject entrees to

anyone with inappropriate attire. Cougar Classic organizers are not responsible for any complaints regarding this matter.

- Gentlemen: Shorts, sleeveless, tank tops are NOT permitted when competing. Please keep your shirt on at ALL TIMES in the public area.
- Ladies: Dresses that are too short or too revealing may result in your denial of entry to the facility. See-through attires are not permitted.
- Hats are allowed for gentlemen/lead but not required at Country Western Open level.
- Accessories are allowed but not required at all events.

FOOTWEAR

- Dancers are required to wear proper dance shoes. No slides, sandals or flip-flops will be permitted in any events. NO casual or formal high-heels are allowed on the dance floor.
- Boots will be permitted in Country Western events ONLY.
- Competitors are recommended to wear dance shoes appropriate to the style of dances in which they are competing.
- **Note: All women's shoes are REQUIRED to wear heels protectors, failure to do so WILL lead to being denied to compete.**

ENTRY RULES AND DEADLINE

- Registration will be CLOSED at **11:59 pm February 19, 2018**.
- Late registration will be opened from **8:30 P.M Friday February 23, 2018 until 9:00 A.M Saturday February 24, 2018**.
- If you have NOT made payment arrangement by **11:59 pm February 19, 2018**, you will be required to pay \$15 late fee with no exception.
- Competitors are responsible to check their events before we start our first heats. There will be NO adding entries once we start our first competitive event.
- Competitors are required to check in and pick up numbers at least one hour prior to their competitive events.
- Competitors are responsible to follow the schedule closely and report to the deck captain prior to their heats. Failure to do so may eliminate the competitors from their heats.

- Please note that all times are approximate. Events may run earlier or later than scheduled, and will not be delayed under any circumstances.
- **We reserve the right to combine or cancel UNCONTESTED events if necessary.**
- ALL ENTRY FEES/PAYMENTS ARE FINAL AND NON-REFUNDABLE.

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- We encourage competitors, participants to bring their own video and photography equipment.
- Please note that all tripods must be set up in designated areas.
- NO unauthorized tripods or photography are allowed in judges' designated area.

LIABILITY

- All competitors are required to sign a waiver prior to their participation. This waiver will apply to their participation throughout the time of Cougar Classic 2018.
- Cougar Dancesport and the University of Houston as well as UH CRWC cannot accept liability for injury sustained by persons attending this event; all competitors compete at their own risk.
- Cougar Dancesport and the University of Houston as well as UH CRWC accept no responsibility for loss or theft of unsupervised articles. Public lockers are provided throughout our main gym.

PROSPECTIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Friday, February 23, 2018** – UH Campus Recreation and Wellness Center
 - 6:30 P.M – Facility Open, Warm-Up, Late registration
 - 7:30 P.M – 8:30 P.M – Latin Workshop with Milana Pliner
 - 8:30 P.M – Welcome dance, Late registration, Entries adjustment
 - 10:30 P.M – Good night, see you tomorrow!
- **Saturday, February 24, 2018** – UH Campus Recreation and Wellness Center
 - 8:00 A.M – 9:00 A.M – Check-in & Late Additional Entries.
 - 9:00 A.M – 9:15 A.M – Warm-Up

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- 9:15 A.M – 12:150 P.M – Session 1 – Country Western, American Smooth
- 12:30 P.M – 1:30 P.M – Break/General Dancing
- 1:30 P.M – 8:00 P.M
 - Session 2 - International Standard
 - Session 1 & 2 Awards
 - Session 3 - American Rhythm, International Latin, Social Dances
 - Fun Dances (TBA)
 - Session 3 Awards

*** Times and order of events are subject to change*

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

- The UH Campus Recreation and Wellness Center address is 4500 University Dr., Houston, TX 77004. It is located at the intersection of University Dr. and Calhoun Rd.
- From I-45, you can take Exit 44B for Texas 5 Spur S. Turn right onto University Dr., the Recreation and Wellness Center will be on your left.

PARKING

- Free Parking Lot 20C can be found across the venue on University Dr. Two Garage Parking buildings can be found on Calhoun Rd, also right across the CRWC.

FOOD AND RESTAURANTS OPTIONS

- There will be NO food allowed behind the check-in desk of UH CRWC.
- No coolers or microwave will be provided.
- Variety of restaurants are available for competitors throughout UH campus.

HOTELS

- Please contact Cougar Dancesport if you need assistance with housing and hotels during your participation of Cougar Classic. We are going to try our best to accommodate and host as many competitors as we can. All requests will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

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