

# WINTERGARDENS —BLACKPOOL—

## Syllabus

*100th Annual*

# Blackpool Dance Festival

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**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Including ProAm and Teacher student**

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## THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> and SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### Class S.1 BRITISH AMATEUR “RISING STARS” BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who are awarded a 2 Star (\*\*))

Exemption at the British Amateur Ballroom Championship 2025).

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,465.00

1st Couple £335 2nd Couple £285 3rd Couple £250 4th Couple £225 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on “All-Round” efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

The 1st Qualifying heat will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May when all Competitors entering will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying heat will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. Times to be confirmed. 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper will commence Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> and SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### Class S.2 BRITISH AMATEUR “RISING STARS” LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who are awarded a 2 Star (\*\*))

Exemption at the British Amateur Latin Championship 2025)

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,465.00

1st Couple £335 2nd Couple £285 3rd Couple £250 4th Couple £225 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on “All-round” efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

The 1st Qualifying heat will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May when all Competitors entering will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying heat will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. Times to be confirmed. 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper will commence Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## FRIDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026

### Class A.R PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN RHYTHM COMPETITION

**PRIZES:** 1st - CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,490.00

1st Couple £350 2nd Couple £290 3rd Couple £260 4th Couple £220 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on “All-round” efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, RUMBA, SWING, BOLERO and MAMBO.

### Class F BRITISH PROFESSIONAL “RISING STARS” LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the world with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Latin Championship 2025 and those who danced in all five dances in the Semi-Final).

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,490.00

1st Couple £350 2nd Couple £290 3rd Couple £260 4th Couple £220 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on “All-round” efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying heats, both will be danced on Friday when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Competition proper will commence on Friday at 4.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS - Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2025 competition and are exempt from the first two qualifying heats this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2025 competition and are exempt from the 1<sup>st</sup> qualifying heats this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

### **Class F.1 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380.00

1st Couple £310 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £225 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

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.

There will be one Preliminary Qualifying heat and will be danced on Friday when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Friday at 2.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS - Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2025 British Senior Ballroom Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

### **Class A.S PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN SMOOTH COMPETITION**

**PRIZES:** 1st - CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,490.00

1st Couple £350 2nd Couple £290 3rd Couple £260 4th Couple £220 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, TANGO, FOXTROT and VIENNESE WALTZ.

### **Class H BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 19 YEARS BALLROOM COMPETITION** OVER 16 AND UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,450.00

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £275 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £225 5th Couple £205 6th Couple £180

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

## **SATURDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026**

### **Class A.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP** OVER 16 and UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,465.00

1st Couple £335 2nd Couple £285 3rd Couple £250 4th Couple £225 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

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 Rounds only.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying heats, both will be danced on Saturday when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Saturday at 4.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS - Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the First Two qualifying heats this year.**  
**Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the First qualifying heats this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

## **Class G BRITISH OVER 50's BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,380.00

1st Couple £310 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £225 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying heats both will be danced on Saturday when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Saturday at 4.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS - Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those that danced in the Semi Final Round Proper of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from both Qualifying heats this year.**  
**Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Second Round Proper of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the first Qualifying heat this year. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.**

## **PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)** Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

**MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

## **Class A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION**

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Ballroom Championship 2025 and those who danced in all four dances in the Semi-Final).

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,490.00

1st Couple £350 2nd Couple £290 3rd Couple £260 4th Couple £220 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying heats, both will be danced on Monday when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Competition proper will commence on Monday at 4.00pm approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS - Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2025 competition and are exempt from the first two qualifying heats this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2025 competition and are exempt from the First qualifying heats this year.**  
The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually

## **Class F.2 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,380.00

1st Couple £310 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £225 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

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 Rounds only.

## **Class H.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 19 YEARS LATIN COMPETITION**

OVER 16 and UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE.

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,450.00

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £275 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £225 5th Couple £205 6th Couple £180

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, JIVE

## MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> and TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### Class B BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

**PRIZES:** 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,690.00

1st Couple £370 2nd Couple £320 3rd Couple £295 4th Couple £260 5th Couple £235 6th Couple £210

See **RULES** for clarification.

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.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying heats. The First will be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> and the Second on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>, times to be confirmed, when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

**The Championship proper will commence from 3.30 p.m. approx. on Tuesday. Times subject to change.**

**EXEMPTIONS** - Exemptions from the Qualifying Heats on the Monday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fourth Round proper in the 2025 British Amateur Latin Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Heats only will be marked with an asterisk (\*)

Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Tuesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Semi Final Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying heats will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (\*\*)

The exemptions only apply to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

## TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### Class B.1 BRITISH AMATEUR 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.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,465.00

1st Couple £335 2nd Couple £285 3rd Couple £250 4th Couple £225 5th Couple £195 6th Couple £175

See **RULES** for clarification.

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 J BRITISH AMATEUR AMERICAN SMOOTH COMPETITION

**PRIZES:** 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,690.00

1st Couple £370 2nd Couple £320 3rd Couple £295 4th Couple £260 5th Couple £235 6th Couple £210

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and VIENNESE WALTZ,.

## WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### Class D THE BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

**PRIZES:** **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**. Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.  
**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,690.00

1st Couple £370 2nd Couple £320 3rd Couple £295 4th Couple £260 5th Couple £235 6th Couple £210

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying heats, both will be danced on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>, times to be confirmed, when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

**The Championship proper will commence on Wednesday evening at 5.00 p.m. approx. Times subject to change.**

**EXEMPTIONS** - Exemptions from the First Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Second Round in the 2025 British Amateur Ballroom Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying heats only will be marked with an asterisk (\*). Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Semi Final Round in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying heats will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (\*\*)

The exemptions apply only to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

## **Class G.1 BRITISH OVER 50's LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRIZES:** 1st **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to **£1,380.00**

**1st Couple £310 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £225 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £175**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

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## **Class E.1 BRITISH LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES**

**PRIZES:** 1st **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**1st CASH PRIZE £380** to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with **PRIZE MONEY amounting to £430** to the Members of the Winning Team.

See **RULES** for clarification.

The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin dances.

Rehearsal times will be advised.

**THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

## **Class C BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRIZES:** **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to over £6,950.00 will be allocated for **EACH DANCE** as follows:

**1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £280 3rd Couple £250 4th Couple £215 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £165**

A Cash Prize of **£70** 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.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE (Jive will be danced from the 3rd Round). All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances from the Third Round, and from the last 48 couples 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 PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONS and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying heats, both will be danced on Thursday when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Thursday at 6.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS** - Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fifth Round of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the first two qualifying heats this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (\*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fourth Round of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the first qualifying heats this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

## **Class C.1 BRITISH BALLROOM FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES.**

See **RULES** for clarification.

**PRIZES:** 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**1st CASH PRIZE £380** to the Teacher, together with **PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £430 to the Members of the Winning Team.  
Rehearsal times will be advised.

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

**Class C2 BRITISH PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITION COMPETITION**

**PRIZES:** 1st CHALLENGE TROPHY- Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY:** amounting £3,095

**1st Couple £660 2nd Couple £580 3rd Couple £530 4th Couple £485 5th Couple £440 6th Couple £400**

Open to all couples that are Professional. Both members of the partnership must be Professional.  
The competition will take place on Thursday only.

**FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

**Class E THE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRIZES:** GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool - Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to over £6,950.00 will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:

**1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £280 3rd Couple £250 4th Couple £215 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £165**

A Cash Prize of £70 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.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO, QUICKSTEP. (Viennese Waltz will be danced from the 3rd Round). All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances from the Third Round, and from the last 48 couples 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 Professional Ballroom Champions, and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying heats, both will be danced on Friday when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Thursday at 6.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

**EXEMPTIONS** - Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fifth Round of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the first two qualifying heats this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (\*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fourth Round of the 2025 Championship and are exempt from the first qualifying heats this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

**AMATEUR "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)**

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive.

In the event of Television coverage or Production of a Video Recording for commercial purposes of any Competition or Championship event, all Competitors agree that the rights to any fees from such television or video recording will vest solely with Blackpool Council, Winter Gardens. (The Organiser) and no Competitors or Associations shall have any claim against the Organiser, Television Company or Video Producer at any such event

## PROAM & TEACHER STUDENT EVENTS

<b>SATURDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	Teacher Student Single Dance Events (Open and Closed)
<b>SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	ProAm Ballroom Single Dance Events (Open and Closed) Teacher Student Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)
<b>MONDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	ProAm American Smooth Single Dance Events (Open and Closed) ProAm Latin Single Dance Events to Finals (Closed) ProAm Latin Single Dance Events to Semi-Finals (Open) ProAm Ballroom Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed) ProAm American Rhythm Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open)
<b>TUESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	ProAm Latin Single Dance Events Finals (Open) ProAm American Rhythm Single Dance Events (Open) ProAm American Smooth Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed) ProAm Latin Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)

Please refer to the ProAm and Teacher Student information pack for full rules/ information and entry prices.

Closed – Restricted steps can be found on the website; [www.blackpooldancefestival.com](http://www.blackpooldancefestival.com)

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## ENTRY CLOSING DATE – 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

### RULES

#### ENTRY. – CLOSING DATE – 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

All entries are to be completed online via the following website; [www.blackpooldancefestival.com](http://www.blackpooldancefestival.com) A confirmation of entry will be emailed to the email address given on the account. If Competitors do not receive a **Confirmation of Entry within seven days of the closing date** it is their responsibility to contact the organiser to verify that they are entered in the relevant Competitions.

**JUDGING** - For all Competitions the Board of Adjudicators will consist of members selected from the various Associations of Teachers of Dancing, together with any other Judges who may be appointed. Should any adjudicator suffer illness we reserve the right to replace at any time.

#### COMPETITORS' PRACTICE:

**The Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom** will be open for Competitors' Practice at certain times. Please see the Programme for details. Public and Competitors will be admitted on production of Daily or Season Ticket, without Extra Charge.

All Competitors wishing to enter the British Championships/Competitions **MUST** hold a valid licence with their Country of entry as an Amateur OR Professional.

**Amateur/Professional:** 16 years of age or over (one competitor must be over 16 years or over)

**Over 35 Years:** Both to be over 35 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

**Over 50 Years:** Both to be over 50 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

**Under 19 Years:** One competitor must be over 16 and both under 19 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

**Under 21 Years:** One competitor must be over 16 and both under 21 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

**Formation:** Open to teams of amateurs who are entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. British Teams **MUST** be registered, Non British Teams must hold a valid Registration with their Country of entry.

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 situations.

Where a competition requires qualifying rounds, exemptions from the Cimen International Ballroom Championships held in November 2025 may be included. The times of the first-round proper will be clearly advertised.

There is an Entry Fee for each couple for each Competition entered, a General Admission ticket to the Ballroom is also required for each dancer for each day they dance, and all Competitors will defray their own travelling expenses.

**Amateur Rising Stars** - The Entry Fee only covers the 1st Qualifying Heat/2nd Qualifying Heat on the same day. Should you be re-called to the 1<sup>st</sup> round proper then tickets must be purchased for that day, these will be in the form of a discounted admission ticket - Please ensure you collect the discounted ticket voucher for Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May from the control table once the recall to the Sunday has been announced.

Competitors may enter any event that falls within the stated rules and fits the criteria of the couple.

**If any Competitor withdraws from any Competition after entry, immediate notification in writing should be made. Failure to do this renders them liable to disqualification from entering any future events. There will be no refunds on the Entry Fee/Admission Tickets.**

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE** - Late entries may be accepted, should the timetable allow, however an additional late fee of £25.00 will be applied.



## ENTRY FEE / ADMISSION TICKETS AND RESERVED SEATS

(Including VAT at 20%)

Dancer Daily Admission Ticket (Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>£54.75</b>
Amateur Entry Fee (per dancer, per competition/championship)	<b>£28.00</b>
Professional Entry Fee (per dancer, per competition/championship)	<b>£38.00</b>
Amateur Rising Stars Admission Ticket – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> (per dancer)	<b>£24.00</b>

### **Season Admission Ticket with Seat**

Front Row - £656.25  
1<sup>st</sup> Raised Row - £603.75  
Ground Floor/ 1<sup>st</sup> Balcony - £556.50

### **Daily Admission Ticket with Seat – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Front Row - £99.75  
1<sup>st</sup> Raised Row - £89.25  
Ground Floor/ 1<sup>st</sup> Balcony - £78.75

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Daily Ticket with Seat**

Front Row - £69.80  
1<sup>st</sup> Raised Row - £59.25  
Ground Floor / 1<sup>st</sup> Balcony - £48.75

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

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

**Applications for Tickets with seats should be made on the Ticket Application Forms.**

## ***FUTURE DATES***

**16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**22<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027**