



Handbook of Rules and Guidelines

Note:

If you have any questions, please email us at any time: letsdance@fdfest.com

Here is our [GoFundMe](#) page.

Welcome dancers! Thank you for entering the first ever FD Online Salsa Competition! Our mission is to support dance studios and come together during this difficult time. Please read through the following guidelines before submitting your entry. Best of luck and happy dancing! - The FDComm Team

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Categories

There are **four** categories; all dancers have potential eligibility to compete in 2 of 4 categories.

Please adhere to all current social distancing guidelines

- Pro Couple
- Pro Individual
- Amateur Couple
- Amateur Individual

Definitions

Pro: Dancer has been paid to teach or to perform dance.

Amateur: Dancer has not been paid to teach or to perform.

Couple: Male/female or same gender

Dancers are allowed to compete as both individuals and as a couple. If one member of a couple is pro, the couple should compete as pro. Contestants are **not** allowed multiple video entries per category. This means any dancer can submit 1 video as an individual and 1 video as part of a couple.



Video Guidelines

1. Option 1: Youtube is the preferred and recommended option for uploading your video file online. Please make sure you have uploaded it either public or unlisted or we will not be able to view it.
Options 2: Submissions are accepted via email **letsdance@fdfest.com**. If you are emailing us the video, please be sure to change the file name to "Dancer/s Name/Salsa VDC" before sending!
2. Options 3: Whatsapp: **519.830.0016**
3. Dance Duration: Minimum time (1:00 minute) | Maximum time (2:30 minutes)
4. All videos should be filmed on 'landscape mode' (not vertical)
5. The submission video in its entirety may not exceed 3:00 minutes
6. The submission video must be one continuous clip
7. The camera view must be front and center, and stationary (this is about dancing not video making skills)
8. Dancers full bodies must be visible (don't accidentally cut off your feet or head)
9. Videos recorded in an unsafe environment, or on unsafe surfaces will not be allowed
10. Costumes and presentations will not be judged

Submission Dates

All videos must be submitted in an accepted format during the period of **12:00am, July 1st to 11:59pm, July 15th, 2020**.

Awards

This competition is in line with support for our ["Help Keep Our Dance Communities Dancing"](#) fundraiser through [GoFundMe](#).

A portion of the funds will be awarded to 1st place winners of each category. Winners will be decided by a panel of judges based on scoring | A smaller portion will go to expenses for this venture | The remaining funds will be divided among participating dance studios.

Rules | Individuals

1. No props
2. Salsa on 1 or 2 is acceptable
3. No flips or tricks; at least one foot of each partner must be touching the ground.

Scoring

Timing 20%

Musicality 20%

Connecting with audience 20%

Dance technique 15%

Choreography -10%

Overall presentation 10%

Difficulty 5%

Additional special awards, honourable mentions and people's choice awards will all be awarded bragging rights.

Rules | Couples

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3. No lifts or tricks; at least one foot of each partner must be touching the ground.

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Timing 20%

Musicality 20%

Partner connection 20%

Dance technique 15%

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Fees

Contestants' entry fees should be submitted via interac e-transfer (letsdance@fdcommunity.com), or paypal (links below). This helps us track the contestants and how many contests they would be participating in.

* 1 video submission - **\$15**

* 2 video submission - **\$10**

* 3 video submissions - i.e. a couple is submitting 2 individual videos, and a video as a couple.
The total fees for the 3 submissions would be **\$40**

Paypal Links

1 video submission: <https://www.paypal.me/vdc1submission/15>

2 video submissions: <https://www.paypal.me/vdc1submission/10>

3 video submissions: <https://www.paypal.me/vdc1submission/40>

Ready to submit? Here's the Final Checklist

1. Ensure videos meet the time & filming requirements
2. Include name(s), category & your dance studio or the studio you would like to support
3. Ensure fees are paid
4. Please submit only within the allocated dates (**12:00am, July 1st to 11:59pm, July 15th, 2020**)
5. Everyone must submit a copy with the [Registration & Waiver](#), plus the Fees (please download pdf, print, initial sign, take a picture of this form. Then text us the picture with your name via WhatsApp - 519.830.0016)

If you have questions, please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Nico (FDComm Director)

Registration & Waiver:

Registration email: letsdance@fdfest.com

E-transfer email: letsdance@fdcommunity.com

GOFUNDME link: "[Help Keep Our Dance Communities Dancing](#)"

Website: <http://fdfest.com/video-dance-competition/salsa-video-dance-competition/>