UNITED COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE COUNCIL Newsletter

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Executive Committee



VP Rules Beth Emerson

The 2020 rules have been updated at https://ucwdc.org/rules/

Here are some things to note:

- Newcomer costume rules change
- Couples music length will be 1 1/2 minutes
- Female ProAm Juniors may dance with their Female Pro
- Preview article from 2019 ~ https://ucwdc.org/hot-2020-rules-preview/

UCWDC Special Directors Meeting

A summary of the meeting can be found at https://ucwdc.org/ucwdc-special-directors-meeting/

The Spring meeting is scheduled for late February 2020.

UCWDC 2020 WORLDS RECAP



Worlds: From the Director

Worlds 2020 is now part of our history, but what a memorable experience we had last week at what may be our final event at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

I'd like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed the 2020 Country Dance World Championships. Along with the entire UCWDC, I sincerely appreciate your decision to join us in Nashville at a time of year that affords us so many other opportunities. Thanks also to everyone who joined us live via the

internet with Flodance. Now, I'd like to personally thank the staff, attendees, and numerous volunteers who worked so hard to make the event successful:

First, thank you to all the competitors who worked so hard all year to come to Nashville and perform so well. You turned out in record numbers! In terms of dance entries, this was the biggest Worlds contest we've had this decade. And thank you everyone who attended Worlds and didn't compete. We enjoyed seeing you participating in our workshops, social dancing until far too late at night, attending the New Year's Eve dinner and supporting the hundreds of contestants by watching from the stands and cheering them on. (Read full letter)

Congratulations 2020 World Champions!

A complete list of 2019 Dance Year and 2020 World Championship graduations will be available soon!

We'd like to recognize the Champions of our ascension divisions as well as those who are now candidates. Masters, SuperStars, RisingStars, and Crown division candidates, who have become Ascension eligible, may only achieve their status after they have danced a full program at that level of competition.

SuperStars

Fiona Murray (IRL) Female SuperStars Champion

Linus Dunn-Backstrom (GBR) Male SuperStars Champion

Rebecca Ann Cassidy (GBR) Line Dance Show case Female Open Champion, SuperStars candidate

Showcase Masters

Chris Bailey & Emily Bailey (USA) Show case Masters Champions

Charles Jones & Nicole Wardell (USA) Show case Open Champions, Show case Masters candidates

Classic Masters

Mike Wagner (USA) & Satu Ketellapper (NLD) Classic Masters Champions

Jimmy Mulligan & Elina Sharipova (USA) Classic Open Division I Champions, Classic Masters candidates

Sebastian Quinones & Alexis Garrish (USA) Classic Masters candidates

RisingStars

Zara Chanice Dunn (GBR) RisingStars Champion

Couples Showcase Crown

Danny Guenther & Cynthia Kinnett (USA) -Show case Crow n Champions

Line Dance Crown

Gillian Armstrong (GBR) Female Line Dance Crow n Champion

Joseph Armstrong (GBR) Male Line Dance Crow n Champion

Brigette Thompson (USA) Line Dance Show case Female Diamond Champion, Line Dance Crow n candidate

Ronnie Mullins & Cindy Mullins (USA) Classic Crow n Plus Champions

Couples Classic Crown

Bobby Pritchard & Carla Romine (USA)

Classic Crown Champions

Bob Hohn & Brenda Vaughn (USA) Classic Couples Gold II/I Champions, Classic Crow n Plus candidates

Daniel Harshberger & Emilee Harshberger (USA) Couples Crystal I Champions, Classic Crow n candidates

UCWDC Competition Results

Upcoming Events: March 2020



Renew Your Associate Membership



2020 Dance Year

A UCWDC Associate Membership is required for any UCWDC competition entry. Please make sure your membership is current before you register for an event!

https://ucwdc.org/become-a-member/

Points Championship

Are you the next UCWDC Points Champion?!

UCWDC Points Championship points are earned for every dance completed by each contestant at every UCWDC event around the world during the dance season. Check your standing after points start accruing!

https://ucwdc.org/associatemembercenter/ucpoints.php



Worlds is coming to San Antonio!



December 27, 2020 - January 3, 2021				
Worlds 2021 makes its mark deep in the heart of Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa -				
San Antonio! Group rate reservations are available. A tentative schedule has been posted to help you plan your				
stay.				
Stay tuned to the website for event updates.				
https://ucwdcworlds.com/hotel/				
UCWDC Website	<u>Rules</u>	Line Dance	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Results</u>

The United Country Western Dance Council promotes, protects, and advances Country Western Dance and Line Dance as an art form and competitive sport worldwide.

