



Greeting to all our competitors from UCWDC Judge Certification!

As our 2022 season is upon us, we wish everyone a successful and fun year! The Judge Certification Committee has been working hard to update curriculums, methodology, and other tools to continually improve our adjudication system. Together with our team of judges we look forward to helping you have a fantastic competitive experience.

Your Judges Need Your Help!

One of our most prized possessions in the UCWDC is our friendly dance community. At our events, we all enjoy socializing, social dancing, workshops, watching performances with old and new friends, as well as all the event staff. That is why UCWDC dance events are a blast!

But wait! Did you catch what aspect of an event we left out? We specifically left *competition* out!

So how do we all - judges and competitors alike - keep the fun and friendly atmosphere surrounding competitions while we maintain the professionalism required to run each contest?

If you are competing at an event, please try to avoid direct one-on-one conversations with judges who will serve on your panel until your contest is over. We must all keep in mind public perception is important. While a private conversation with a judge may only be about the weather, your competitors may not understand that. The best way for everyone to enjoy a fair and equitable playing field is to respect the Judge Certification Code of Conduct. Working together, judges will be able to maintain professionalism and we can all enjoy each other's company after your contest is done. We appreciate your help!

Calling All Competitors!

UCWDC judging panels have your back! Our UCWDC judges are deeply committed to judging fairly and equitably. The role of a judge is taken very seriously. Judges are aware you have spent an amazing amount of time preparing to compete.

Judges dedicate their full attention to watching the entire competition floor as they make medal determinations. From time to time, you may see faces of determination on your judges rather than engaging smiles. This is a result of true focus to make the best evaluation of all the dancers on the floor. Along with watching the floor, judges are trying to mark ballots correctly to ensure you receive the correct medal placement.

Please do not mistake a judge's demeanor to be anything but commitment to you as an individual, your dancing, and the others sharing the floor with you. Your UCWDC judges are working hard for each one of you!

Always Feel Free to Contact Judge Certification

Should you have questions regarding judge certification, please contact Kathy St Jean at judgecertification@ucwdc.org. I will be more than happy to assist you in a prompt manner.