

UCWDC Judge Certification General Medal Descriptions

- **Honorable Mention**: Failed performance of the dance/rules repeatedly not followed.
- **Bronze**: Poor performance of the dance (patterns or “vanilla”) for the skill level.
- **Silver**: Average performance – meeting the base line requirement of the skill level.
- **Silver Plus**: Showing more technique and understanding of necessary skill for the level.
- **Gold**: Good performance. The dancer is beginning to show understanding of the technique needed for the skill level.
- **Gold Plus**: Beginning to show skills that are above the gold level. Consistency is more apparent.
- **Honors**: Excellent Performance. Meeting the technical skills and beginning to show the artistic/stylistic expectations required for the level
- **Honor Plus**: Excellent performance showing consistency in artistry, style as well as technique.
- **Gold Graduate**: Superior performance. Exceeding all expectations for the level – ready for next level!

UCWDC Skill Level Medal Descriptions

Medal	UCWDC Judge Certification Newcomer & Division 4 (Medal Descriptions)
Honorable Mention	Dance is not recognizable.
Bronze (poor)	No evidence of timing or signature figures.
Silver (base line)	Timing & core footwork attempted. Beginnings of Lead Follow. Signature Figures used.
Silver Plus	Better Silver skills, becoming consistent with silver skills.
Gold (good)	Timing is more consistent, adding in posture/frame, balance, and turn technique.
Gold Plus	Better Gold skills, becoming consistent with gold skills.
Honors (excellent)	Animation, comfort/ease is becoming evident, arms and other novice skills developing.
Honors Plus	Better honor skill, becoming consistent with honor skills.
Gold Graduate (superior)	Timing is clear and consistent. Technical aspects of Newcomer are excellent. Showing elements for next division, mainly rhythm.

Medal	UCWDC Judge Certification Novice & Division 3 (Medal Descriptions)
Honorable Mention	Dance not recognizable.
Bronze (poor)	Lacking timing. No evidence of Rhythm.
Silver (base line)	Rhythm attempted. Developing lead follow, floor craft, timing variations in couples, variations in line dance. Signature figures used.
Silver Plus	Better Silver skills, becoming consistent with silver skills.
Gold (good)	Rhythm is beginning to be clear, posture/frame, balance, turn tech continue to develop, use of phrasing begins.
Gold Plus	Better Gold skills, becoming consistent with gold skills.
Honors (excellent)	Smooth vs Rhythm styling per dance. Cohesive fluid dancing with big picture presented to audience. Conveys "unique" feeling for each dance.
Honors Plus	Better honor skill, becoming consistent with honor skills.
Gold Graduate (superior)	Timing and Rhythm are clear and consistent. Novice technical aspects are excellent. Novice artistry is evident. Motion is starting to develop.

UCWDC Skill Level Medal Descriptions

Medal	UCWDC Judge Certification Intermediate & Division 2 (Medal Descriptions)
Honorable Mention	Dance not recognizable.
Bronze (poor)	Lacking timing or rhythm.
Silver (base line)	Motion attempted. Varied footwork, better transfer of weight, use of body and shapes. Controlling body flight, acceleration, and deceleration.
Silver Plus	Better Silver skills, becoming consistent with silver skills.
Gold (good)	Motion is beginning to be clear. Correct use of adagio or theater arts. Variety contrast in movements and positions.
Gold Plus	Better Gold skills, becoming consistent with gold skills.
Honors (excellent)	Role of the dancer become clear. Beginning of characterization. Fullness of styling concepts, intermediate footwork, turn, posture, partner skills, etc.
Honors Plus	Better honor skill, becoming consistent with honor skills.
Gold Graduate (superior)	Motion is clear and consistent. Intermediate technical aspects are excellent. Character is developing.
Medal	UCWDC Judge Certification Advanced & Division 1 (Medal Descriptions)
Honorable Mention	Dance not recognizable.
Bronze (poor)	Lacking timing, rhythm, or motion.
Silver (base line)	Character attempted. Full use of floor, full understanding of partnership, use of animation. Advanced elements presented at lower levels. Energy considerations.
Silver Plus	Better Silver skills, becoming consistent with silver skills.
Gold (good)	Character is beginning to be clear. Use of advanced choreography and dance technique. All dance points becoming consistent.
Gold Plus	Better Gold skills, becoming consistent with gold skills.
Honors (excellent)	Maximum personality. Blending characterization and integrity of each dance.
Honors Plus	Better honor skill, becoming consistent with honor skills.
Gold Graduate (superior)	Timing, Rhythm, Motion, Character along with all technical skills and artistic skills realized.