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RULES COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Fall – 2022

1. **LINE DANCE:**

- a. **The Line Dance Committee** is working hard on choosing new dances, making videos/step sheets more consistent, etc.
- b. **New Line Dance Chair:** We are very excited to welcome our new Line Dance Chair Satu Ketellapper. She is taking over from Clive Eaton-Stevens. Thank you, Clive, for all your great work as Line Chair!! Clive will remain on the Line Committee.
- c. **Line Dance Showcase Crystal and Line Dance Showcase Silver will be added.**
- d. **Line Dance Crystal Advanced will now ascend to SuperStars Plus once they are 35 (as will Line Dance Showcase Crystal).**
- e. **Line Dance Showcase Silver will ascend to Crown Plus once they are 55.**

2. **PROAM/PROPRO:**

- a. **AllStars is being created:** We will add an ascension division for ProAm. This will be a flighted format. Ascension from ProAm Advanced will require 4 lifetime eligible wins. Once a competitor ascends to this level, they will not be eligible for Advanced. The Age Categories will include Juniors, Open, Diamond, and Gold. Once an overall is danced in this level, the competitor may not return to advanced. The overall will not be different from our other ProAm divisions. ProAm competitors are not required to ascend to AllStars.
- b. **ProAm Platinum Int/Adv will be split into ProAm Platinum Intermediate and ProAm Advanced**
- c. **ProAm 80+ is being added.** This division will be called PEARL (thank you Mary Bryant!) Pearl will have all ProAm Levels: Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced
- d. **ProPro GOLD will be added.**
- e. **Report on Syllabus:** The Syllabus groups are progressing. The divisions will not be called 'Syllabus' though the patterns will be limited.
 - i. **The ProAm Syllabus levels will be Newcomer IV, Newcomer III, Newcomer II. The Level that is Newcomer now will be Newcomer I**
 - ii. **The ages for Newcomer IV, III, II will be:** Junior, Open, Diamond, Gold
 - iii. **The graduation from Newcomer IV, III, II:** A competitor may enter any level of Syllabus (Newcomer IV, III, II) until they have won overall twice. Once they have won twice, they may no longer enter that level or those below. They would still be able to compete in the divisions through Worlds (same as Newcomer/Novice graduation rules). They must dance Overall in Newcomer II to dance in Newcomer I. Again, they would still be able to dance Worlds in the lower level then graduate following Worlds.

3. **COUPLES:** For Couples the Syllabus divisions will be Newcomer IV, Newcomer III, Newcomer II. The ages for these will be Junior, Open, Diamond and Gold. The current IV Divisions will be Newcomer I. Couples III, II and I will have no changes.

4. **PROAM/PROPRO AND COUPLES:**

- a. **Hats:** All leaders will be required to wear a cowboy hat no matter what division.

- b. **Dance order:** We surveyed our top 90 pros and the clear winner for dance order: Triple Two, Nightclub, Waltz, Polka, Cha Cha, East Coast, Two Step, West Coast
- c. **BPM:** We will add the statement: **In comingled divisions, the tempo may match the lower level or higher age.** Below are the new BPM's (Some dance BPM's have changed, some have not).

Two-Step: For Syllabus, Division IV, Newcomer, (All Gold and Platinum 80+ 168-174): 170-178, For Division III and Novice: 176-186, For Division II or Intermediate, Advanced and PP: 184-192; Division I, Crown and Masters: 190-198

Waltz: 84-90. (All Gold and Platinum 80+ upper end of range) Div I, Crown and Masters: Lower end of beat range,

East Coast Swing: For Syllabus, Division IV, Newcomer, All Gold and Platinum 80+: 126-132. For Division III or Novice: 130-138. For Division II, Intermediate or above: 136-144.

West Coast Swing: 92-100

Triple Two: 76-84. (All Gold and Platinum 80+ upper end of range) Div I, Crown and Masters: Lower end of beat range,

Polka: All Syllabus, Division IV, Gold and Platinum 80+:106-110; Division I, Crown and Masters: 114-120.

NightClub 54-60. All Syllabus, Division IV, Gold and Platinum 80+ + upper end of beat range

Cha-Cha: For Syllabus, Division IV, Division III, Newcomer, Novice, 102-110. All Gold and Platinum 80+; 102-106 For Division II or Intermediate and above: 108-116.

- d. **Newcomer Music (for non-phrased dances):** Now that we are narrowing some of our music windows, our DJ's are looking for new music. We will allow non-phrased music for the non-phrased dances in Newcomer only.
- e. **Open Role:** We will start by not changing the existing divisions. In the existing divisions, the Pro (who is not being judged) may be either gender. We will add Open Role. This will be 'Leader'/'Follower' divisions and will be reviewed each year in the coming Rules Cycle (2023-2025)
 - i. **ProAm/ProPro:** We will require the Leader or Follower role remain throughout all dances.
 - ii. **Couples:** Role must remain throughout the dance but may change dance to dance.
 - iii. **Competitor Level must remain consistent no matter the role.**
- f. **We are removing music previews from rules:** Each event may run warmups as they see fit.

5. Music Committee update:

- a. After pausing the release of new proam/propro/couples showcase music during COVID 19 pandemic, the Music Committee released 2 new songs for use in the 2022 dance season: Triple Two and Two Step. Beginning with the 2023 dance season, 3 new songs will be introduced each year. Attached is a schedule for releasing and using new music for 2 complete cycles, through 2027, which can be posted to the UCWDC website for planning and accountability purposes
- b. The music committee is starting to facilitate a process to review, add and refresh the list of approved music for the Classic couples competition. (aka, the Bucket List). This is not intended to squelch the DJ's creativity or limit the addition of new music, The goal is to have committee participation in the selection and approval of competition music and to make sure that appropriate music is available to all DJs who play Classic couples competition music at our regional events.

UCWDC SHOWCASE MUSIC RELEASE AND USAGE SCHEDULE

RELEASE MONTH	YEAR	DANCE	USE MONTH/DAY	YEAR
December	2021	Triple Two	March 15	2022
February	2022	Two Step	June 15	2022
December	2022	Waltz	March 15	2023
February	2023	Nightclub	June 15	2023
May	2023	West Coast Swing	September 15	2023
December	2023	Cha Cha	March 15	2024
February	2024	East Coast Swing	June 15	2024
May	2024	Polka	September 15	2024
December	2024	Triple Two	March 15	2025
February	2025	Two Step	June 15	2025
May	2025	Waltz	September 15	2025
December	2025	Nightclub	March 15	2026
February	2026	West Coast Swing	June 15	2026
May	2026	Cha Cha	September 15	2026
December	2026	East Coast Swing	March 15	2027
February	2027	Polka	June 15	2027
May	2027	Triple Two	September 15	2027

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Emerson
VP Rules