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Dear Associate Members,

Since 1989, the United Country Western Dance Council® has provided the most unique competitive dance experience in the world. We are delighted that you have chosen to be part of this global dance community.

On behalf of the UCWDC Rules Committee, I am pleased to share the 2023-2025 Rules, Contest Procedures and Scoring Format.

Highlights of our updated rules include:

- A **new dance order** for ProAm, ProPro and Couples: Triple Two, Nightclub, Waltz, Polka, Cha Cha, East Coast Swing, Two Step and West Coast Swing. Please note that flighted contests will retain their current dance order.
- A new ProAm division for **competitors age 80 years and over**: the Pearl division.
- A new ProPro division for **competitors age 60 years and over**: the Gold division.
- A new **flighted ProAm division for advanced** dancers: the AllStars division.
- New **Mixed Role divisions** in which traditional dance-gender roles (i.e., males lead, and females follow) are not required.
- **Expanded Newcomer Divisions** in ProAm and Couples. Newcomer IV, III, and II will replace the former "Syllabus" divisions.

*This short list of highlights is not intended to include all the changes or be a substitute for reading the published rules.*

The full rules are available at [www.ucwdc.org/rules](http://www.ucwdc.org/rules).

Just like driving a car or playing football/futbol, you need to know the rules. Take some time to read the document(s) that are relevant to your dance journey. Reach out to me at [rules@ucwdc.org](mailto:rules@ucwdc.org) if you have questions or need further explanation.

Wishing you the very best in this new dance season,

Beth

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