



# Dance News

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## Special Edition

### 2011 Heart of Ballroom Dancing Event Weekend Details and Forms

This is the fourth year USA Dance FWDancesport #2046 has held a competition. In fact we held "2 comps in 1" under the name of USA Dance FWDancesport Competitions for three years. We have made some changes for 2011 and this Special Edition of our chapter newsletter has been developed to let you know all about those changes.

First we have changed our events name. Over the past three years we have seen first hand how hard all the competitive dancers have worked to prepare themselves for the competition. They all put their hearts and souls into getting ready and all the officials and spectators have commented on how this event has touched their hearts. So what would be more fitting to call our event than **"THE HEART & SOUL OF BALLROOM DANCING EVENT"** weekend.

It has always been our motto that **"Ballroom Dancing is for Everyone"** and our weekend of dancing for 2011 has been designed to give everyone in the dance community ample opportunities to take to the competition floor and dance while they visit Fort Wayne, IN.

As we have had for three years there is scheduled time to watch USA DanceSport athletes take to the competition floor and dazzles us all. We made sure that

our spectators always had dance time on the competition floor for social dancing all through out the dance competitions and a large social dance in the evening. So spectators don't forget your shoes because we don't want you to just sit and watch. We want to see you enjoy this beautiful ballroom dance floor and music. All of this was done in order to present the competition dancing of our newest group of ballroom dancers the Special Olympics Indiana athletes.

For the first time Special Olympics athletes from other states will be dancing in the Special Olympics Indiana portion of the competition. This is unusual in that each state has its own sports that are offered and a sport is usually started in that state from the ground up before they attend events in other states. Ballroom dancing is a different enough sport that Special Olympics has made an exception and allowed Special Olympics Indiana to issue "Invitations" to the Special Olympics groups of other states that might be interested in attending.

USA DanceSport athletes are accustomed to attending competitions all across the USA so the idea that an "Invitation" has to be issued is a little unusual for us. We of FWDancesport #2046 are extremely appreciative of Special

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July 29, 2011  
Plan to come  
to a  
PJ & Pizza  
Dance  
Party



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Olympics Indiana for making this happen in 2011. We are proud and honored to have the opportunity to host a ballroom dance competition for the Special Olympics athletes in Indiana. It is our hope that those who attend this event from out of state will take the excitement back home with them and get their states to build a program like that of Special Olympics Indiana.

The FWDancesport chapter of USA Dance is very excited with these new additions and wants to make sure that we take a moment right now and thank all those who are planning to participate in our outstanding week end of ballroom dancing. It is your participation that enables our chapter to continue to

support the teaching of ballroom dancing to individuals with intellectual disabilities and host a Special Olympics Indiana Ballroom Dance Championship competition for those new dancers to show what they are learning and **reach for the GOLD.** It is also important for everyone to know that 100% of the profit from this competition filled week end will be given to this program.

There is a lot going on and this special addition hopefully has all the information you need to attend **The Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event** weekend and truly have an outstanding time. Though out this issue there has been a different section devoted to each aspect of our event I encourage you to take a minute and read about each

of these section so you will have an idea of what all there is to participate in and to watch. How many times can you go to an event and see such a variety of dance levels and styles.

We can tell you. Only once at that is here at **The Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event** Weekend. Make plans to join us on July 30, 2011 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana because **“Ballroom Dancing is for Everyone!”** and this event truly gives Everyone the opportunity to take to the competition dance floor and **DANCE DANCE DANCE DANCE!!!**



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**Who Are We**

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**Publication Policy:**

FWDancesport # 2046 chapter of USA Dance posts this Special Edition newsletter to the chapter web site. It is the policy of this newsletter to promote ballroom dancing throughout the dance community without bias or favoritism and to inform all readers of the happenings of **“The Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event”** weekend.

**Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event**

**Deadline Dates**

**June 20, 2011**

**Special Olympics registration**

**June 20, 2011**

**Vendors Contracts submitted**

**July 1, 2011**

**USA DanceSport discounted registration**

**July 8, 2011**

**USA DanceSport final registration**

**July 8, 2011**

**Program Advertising Ads**

**July 16, 2011**

**Release of FINAL Competition Event Schedule**

**July 20, 2011**

**Spectators final reservations**



## USA DanceSport Athlete Competition Information

### Information:

- (1) Special Olympics has invited USA DanceSport athletes to join them in the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympic Ballroom Dance Competition as a part of the parade of athletes. This means that you would parade in and around the dance floor behind the banner of USA Dance as a group. You would be the first group of athletes to enter the ballroom thus you would be able to see the Special Olympics athletes as they paraded in.
  - (2) For 2011 the heats of USA Dance athletes and the Special Olympic athletes will not be intermixed. This was an approach we tried in 2010 and although many enjoyed this approach Special Olympics Indiana has withdrawn their consent to use this approach so the two competitions will be held separately.
  - (3) The competition package will consist of: two (2) day passes to Saturday and Sunday sessions for reserved table seating; entry fee to all selected dances, including fun dances (*but not including solo dances*); two (2) copies of heat sheet and admission to the Friday night PJ & Pizza Dance
  - (4) Registration fees will be:
 

Adult discounted	- \$90 per dancer
Adult final	- \$110 per dancer
Student* discounted	- \$40 per dancer
Student* final	- \$55 per dancer
Fun Dance Discounted	- \$10 one or all
Fun Dance Final	- \$20 one or all
Solo Routine Dance	- \$25.00 per dance
  - (5) Registration deadlines are:
    - Discounted if received by July 1, 2011
    - Final if received by July 8, 2011
  - (6) The following forms, items and payment must be submitted to complete registration :
    - ©Amateur Dance Couples Competitor Package Entry Form (*page 4*)
    - ©Amateur Dance Couples Competitor Registration Fee Sheet (*page 5*)
    - ©USA DanceSport Athlete Disclosure Statement (*page 6*)
    - ©Copy of USA Dance membership cards
- ©Check or money order made payable to  
**“USA Dance #2046”**  
 ± Fun Dance and Solo Entry Form **only** if you will be dancing one of the events listed on this form (*page 7*)
- (7) All documents and copies and payment listed in item (6) above should be mailed to the following address:  
**Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046**  
**Attn: Registrar**  
**9718 Woodland Ridge East**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4776**
  - (8) There will be **NO adds** allowed after the close of registration.
  - (9) This competition will follow the rules of the USA DanceSport 2011 Rule Book in effect as of July 30, 2011.
  - (10) All athletes in this competition must be a DanceSport athlete member of USA Dance in good standing with the exception of any athlete dancing in Newcomer and/or Bronze can be either a Recreational or DanceSport dance member of USA Dance in good standing.
  - (11) It is the responsibility of all athletes to make sure that their dance attire meets the requirement of the Dress Code Regulations in force as of July 30, 2011.
  - (12) Fun Dance dancers will not be required to follow the Dress Code Rules of USA Dance.
  - (13) Proficiency points will not be awarded for this competition.
  - (14) Full detailed schedule will be published on July 16, 2011
- We wish you all the best of luck and hope you have a truly enjoyable experience at **The Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event** weekend. If you have spectators that will be attending with you please check out our Spectator Ticket Information page 8 in this publication.
- If you have any questions please contact Vivian at  
 260-494-3185 or  
 organizer@fwdancesport.org**



# Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing

## Event Weekend July 30 & 31, 2011



(formerly USA Dance Fort Wayne Dancesport Competitions)

Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Amateur Dance Couples Competitor Package Entry Form

Man \_\_\_\_\_ USA Dance # \_\_\_\_\_ Collegiate Student (circle one) Yes or No  
Lady \_\_\_\_\_ USA Dance # \_\_\_\_\_ Collegiate Student (circle one) Yes or No

Check all that apply (white boxes only)	Age category	Pre-Teen	Junior	Youth	Adult	Senior I	Senior II	Senior III	Senior IV	Mixed Profi
<b>International Style:</b>										
Newcomer Standard (WF)										
Bronze Standard (WQ)										
Silver Standard (WFQ)										
Gold Standard (WTFQ)										
Novice Standard (WFQ)										
Pre-Champ Standard (WTFQ)										
Championship Standard (WTVFQ)										
Newcomer Latin (CR)										
Bronze Latin (CR)										
Silver Latin (SACR)										
Gold Latin (SACRJ)										
Novice Latin (SaCR)										
Pre-Champ Latin (SaCRJ)										
Championship Latin (SaCRPJ)										
<b>American Style:</b>										
Newcomer Smooth (WF)										
Bronze Smooth (WF)										
Silver Smooth (WTF)										
Gold Smooth (WTFV)										
Novice Smooth (WTF)										
Pre-Champ Smooth (WTFV)										
Championship Smooth (WTFV)										
Newcomer Rhythm (CR)										
Bronze Rhythm (CR)										
Silver Rhythm (CRSw)										
Gold Rhythm (CRSwB)										
Novice Rhythm (CRSw)										
Pre-Champ Rhythm (CRSwB)										
Championship Rhythm (CRSwBM)										

Mix Proficiency: Judge Proficiency Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Proficiency points will not be awarded for this competition.



# Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing

## Event Weekend July 30 & 31, 2011



(formerly USA Dance 2010 Fort Wayne Dancesport Competitions)  
 Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
 Amateur Dance Couples Competitor Registration Fee Sheet

	<u>Fees</u>	<u># Dancers</u>	<u>Total</u>
Discounted Adult Competition Package* (received by July 1, 2011)	90.00	* 2 =	_____
Final Adult Competition Package* (received by July 8, 2011)	110.00	* 2 =	_____
Discounted Student (Pre-Teen, Junior, Youth & Collegiate) Competition Package* (rec by July 1, 2011)	40.00	* 2 =	_____
Final Student (Pre-Teen, Junior, Youth & Collegiate) Competition Package* (rec by July 8, 2011)	55.00	* 2 =	_____
Fun Dance Discounted Entry (one or all dances) (received by July 1, 2011)	10.00	_____	_____
Fun Dance Final Entry (one or all dances) (received by July 8, 2011)	20.00	_____	_____
Solo Routine Dance Entry (received by July 1, 2011)	25.00	_____	_____

### TOTAL COMPETITOR REGISTRATION FEES DUE \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee Instructions:** Please multiply the appropriate fee times the number of dancers (except for Fun Dances & Solos) and that is the amount to be entered above. Should one dancer be dancing with two partners both registrations must be submitted together and on this form strike out the 2 and write in 3. One dancer can dance with a maximum of two partners unless prior provisions have been made with competition Organizer.

\* Competitor's Competition Package Includes: two (2) day passes to Saturday and Sunday sessions; entry fee to all selected dances, including fun dances (but not including solo dances); heat sheet and admission to the Friday night PJ & Pizza Dance]

Names of both dancers : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **USA Dance #2046** and mail to:

**Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046**  
**Attn: Registrar**  
**9718 Woodland Ridge East**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4776**

To be used by Registrar:

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date confirmation of entries sent: \_\_\_\_\_



*Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing*  
*Event Weekend July 30 & 31, 2011*

(formerly USA Dance 2010 Fort Wayne Dancesport Competitions)  
Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
**USA DanceSport Athlete DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

We hereby declare that we both have read and understand the USA Dance Rule 4.1 (Registration Requirements); Rule 4.2 (Eligibility Criteria); Rule 4.5 (Competitive Classifications); and Rule 4.7 (Competitor's Responsibilities) and are both eligible to enter all events noted on this entry form. In the event we violate these rules, we are liable for suspension of our Amateur Athlete competitor status.

Portions of the Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event organized by USA Dance, Inc and Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046 may be filmed, videotaped and/or photographed for promotional and educational purposes. Since there is no way of knowing what audience background or competitor shots/footage might be utilized, it is considered that everyone who attends or participates in these events, by their presence has consented to the use and release of any video/film/pictures and names to identify those who may appear. If any person has an objection to the possibility of being seen in any photography, video, film or television productions, please notify Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046 in writing. Failure to do so will be considered, "permission granted." No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in the changing rooms, ballrooms, hotel rooms, or other event facilities, can be accepted by USA Dance, Inc or Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046, or Special Olympics Indiana. Nor can USA Dance, Inc or Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046 or Special Olympics Indiana be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending the event; it is being hereby stated that persons attending the event do so at their own risk. All persons attending this event, whether as spectators, athlete competitors, officials or guests of the organizer, shall be bound by the rules of USA Dance, Inc.

All Athletes may be subject to drug testing by the IDSF or USA Dance.

The organizer reserves the right to deny the registration of any athlete who fails to provide all requested and required information, documentation and payment for the Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event. Information that is illegible, incomplete or falsified will void the Athlete's registration. The organizer reserves the right if any participant displays bad sportsmanship to have them escorted from the premises and further entrance will be denied.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand, and accept the above terms and conditions. (If under 18, parent or guardian must sign.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gentleman's Signature (Required)  
(Parent or guardian, if competitor is under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lady's Signature (Required)  
(Parent or guardian, if competitor is under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



*Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing*  
*Event Weekend July 30 & 31, 2011*

(formerly USA Dance Fort Wayne Dancesport Competitions)

**Fun Dance and Solo Entry Form**

Single Dance Fun Dances

The following represents the Fun Dances that are being offered at the Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dance Event of 2011. Each of these dances will be danced as a single dance in open style. Limited to one age group per couple these dances are included in the competitor's package at no extra fee.

Fun Dances Check all that apply	Name of Competitors	
Open – Salsa		
Open – Hustle		
Open – West Coast Swing		
Open – Bolero		

The following fees apply only to dancers who are not purchasing a ballroom competitor's package. Athlete membership category is not required to participate in Fun Dance events (open to social dancers).

- Discounted Registration by July 1, 2011: \$10 per couple for any one or all fun dances.
- Final Registration by July 8, 2011: \$20 per couple for any one or all fun dances.

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Solo Dance

Solo Routine dances will be permitted in all competition dance categories and open style. Levels are merged bronze through gold with no restrictions as to syllabus figures. Solos time restrictions: Music for routine 3 minutes maximum; Entrance and Exit combined 30 seconds maximum; Total time allowed per solo is 3 ½ minutes maximum. Music must be on individual CDs. Solo judging is on impression. Dancers receive scores and comments and placement based on ability level of individual dance couples.

Name of Dancers	Category of Dance	Ability Level	Length of Routine

Solo Routine dances are offered at \$25.00 per couple per dance. This event is not included in the competition package price and must be selected in Discounted Registration.



## Spectators and Social Dance Information and Tickets



### *Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing* *Event Weekend July 30 & 31, 2011*



(formerly USA Dance Fort Wayne Dancesport Competitions)  
Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Spectator & Dance Ticket Order Form

#### Table & VIP Spectator Ticket Orders:

(Orders must be postmarked by July 15, 2011 and tickets will be held at the ticket pick up table under the name at the bottom of this page) Both Table Seating and VIP Seating will only be sold in advance. The only seating available at the door is chair seating and there is no fee for chair seating but admission is limited to 200

	<u>Fee</u>	<u># needed</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Saturday</b>			
Table Seating daytime session	10.00	* _____	_____
Spectator Package (table seating for Saturday sessions & Dance)	15.00	* _____	_____
Spectator VIP Package (front table seating for Saturday sessions & Dance)	20.00	* _____	_____
<i>(Limited number of VIP tables available)</i>			
<b>Friday PJ Pizza Social Dance Tickets:</b>			
Friday PJ Pizza Social Dance - Adult USA Dance Member	6.00	* _____	_____
Friday PJ Pizza Social Dance - Student USA Dance Member	3.00	* _____	_____
Friday PJ Pizza Social Dance - Adult non-member	10.00	* _____	_____
Friday PJ Pizza Social Dance - Student Non-member	5.00	* _____	_____

#### TOTAL TICKET ORDER FEES DUE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **USA Dance #2046** and mail to:

**Fort Wayne Dancesport #2046**  
**Attn: Registrar**  
**9718 Woodland Ridge East**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4776**

- At the Door admission will be chair seating only and limited to 200 seats
- Table seating has six (6) chairs per table only sold in advance
- VIP Front table seating has four (4) chairs per table only sold in advance

To accommodate the Spectators who are accustomed to table seating at competitions and to offer front row VIP seating to Spectators tickets will be **sold in advance only for both of these types of seating**. In Special Olympics the family and friends of Special Olympics athletes are to be able to see the athletes compete at no charge. To accommodate this custom there will be chair seating only available at the door each day. Chair seating is open to anyone who wishes to utilize it. Chair seating is limited to the first 300 Spectators and children are counted in that number. Plan ahead and purchase table or VIP seating to assure yourself of table type seating. **Deadline to purchase Spectator tickets is July 15, 2011**. Tickets can also be purchased on this form for the Friday night dance or at the Packet Pick Up table on Friday, July 29, 2011. PJ and Pizza party fun, get acquainted with the dancers and let your hair down before the comp begins.



## Special Olympic Indiana Athletes' Competition Information

### **SOI Ballroom Dance Management Team Established:**

The concept of a Management Team has been added to the running of the Special Olympics Indiana sport "ballroom dancing" and the following individuals are members of that team and will coordinate specific aspects of the 2011 event:

- **Mark Bradburn** of Fort Wayne - Dance Pro
- **Jane McGill** of Kokomo - Coordinator of Awards
- **Gladys Dormire** of Fort Wayne - Coordinator of Event Officials
- **Juanita Myers** of Mishawaka - Coordinator of Athlete Staging Activities
- **Emily Chalupa** of Goshen - Coordinator of Dress Attire Approval and On Deck
- **Vivian Hans** of Fort Wayne - Sports Director of SOI Ballroom Dancing
- **Tracy Miller** of Indianapolis - Manager of Program Operations

We are still looking for a couple of other individuals to round out this Management Team so if you are interested please contact [soiballroomdancing@frontier.com](mailto:soiballroomdancing@frontier.com).

### **Competition Details:**

- (1) Special Olympics competition will be on Saturday, July 30, 2011
- (2) SOI and USA Dance heats will not be intermixed in 2011
- (3) Awards will be given at the end of each dance style
- (4) Schedule with full details and sequence of dances will be released on or before July 16, 2011
- (5) Hand held equipment allowed in designated area for short term use only of video taping and photograph. No photography or video taping will be allowed from the seating areas.
- (6) Please be courteous to your fellow spectators and do not stand in front of seated spectators.
- (7) To accommodate spectators of SOI athletes chair only spectator seating will be free on Saturday and Sunday to the first 300 spectators. No table or VIP seating will be sold at the door
- (8) Special Olympics Indiana at the request of USA Dance has made it possible for out of state Special Olympic athlete to participate in the Special Olympics Indiana Ballroom Dance competition. Please join us in welcoming these competitors.
- (9) The SOI athletes will have an assigned seat during the entire event weekend that they can use. As athletes enter the ballroom there will be alpha lists on the wall telling athletes what row & seat has been assigned to them. Please make sure to locate your seat as soon as you arrive.
- (10) Opening Ceremony line up will be handled the same as the seating. On the walls of the staging hallway there will be alpha lists indicating where each couple is to stand in the line up by an assigned number. Locate your position by looking for the corresponding numbers on the wall of the hallway and stand by that number. It is recommended that the Unified Sports® Dance Partner be available to help locate the couples place in line as all non competition participants are ask not to go into the staging area hallway.
- (11) During Opening Ceremony parade of athletes each county will be identified by a county sign carrier and the athletes of that county will be lined up behind this sign carrier. Each county is to have a designed color and ribbon sticks of that color are to be carried in the free hand of both dancers in each couple. Ribbon sticks will be provided by each County. (Instructions on how to make ribbon sticks are in this issue.)
- (12) A designated person from each county needs to be established as the "County Red Tag Holder". This person will be called to show the Medical form of any athlete from that county needing medical assistance. This person should identify themselves to the Ballroom Dance Management Team by July 1, 2011.
- (13) All the designated persons mentioned in 12 above will be provided with reserved seating during the SOI competition. A packet will be at the "WILL CALL" desk that contains seating passes and ID tag. No dancer will be allowed to take to the competition dance floor until this packet has been picked up and the Red Tag Holder representing their county is seated in the ballroom. To confirm compliance prior to start of heat dancing the MC will request Red Tag Holder of each county to stand and be recognized. If the Red Tag Holder needs to leave the ballroom they must provide a replacement person to remain in the ballroom.
- (14) All competitors participating in USA Dance held or hosted events must have a valid USA Dance "Athlete" membership. The Dancesport: Special Olympics



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Athlete category with a fee of \$10 has been established by USA Dance to meet this requirement. But in order to follow the rules of Special Olympics the athlete nor his family should be required to pay this fee. Donated or raised funds should be used to cover this fee. If this is a problem for your group please contact [organizer@fwdancesport.org](mailto:organizer@fwdancesport.org).

### **Registration & Qualification Details:**

- (1) Effective with 2011 SOI comp each dance couple is limited to a **maximum of five (5) entries**
- (2) There will be NO Rehearsal in 2011. It will be replaced with a Dress Attire Approval & Photo dates. You can attend whichever location fits our schedule. SOI athletes must attend one of the following dates. Plan to put your outfit on (*including your shoes*).
  - ☉ **June 25** - Fort Wayne - Aboite Library, 5630 Covington Ln, Noon to 3:00pm
  - ☉ **June 26** - Mishawaka - BK Club, corner of 9th & West Streets, 3:00 to 5:30 pm
  - ☉ **June 27** - Huntington - Renaissance Ballroom Dance Studio, 5:30 to 7:00 pm
  - ☉ **June 28** - Indianapolis - location & time TBA
  - ☉ **July 6** - Indianapolis - location & time TBA
  - ☉ **July 9** - Fort Wayne - IPFW Walb Ballroom 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- (3) Detailed Dress Code can be found at USA Dance web site [usadance.org](http://usadance.org) at the bottom of the home page. A general description is:
  - ☉ Age of SO athlete determines the age category of the Unified Sports® couples
  - ☉ Age of youngest SO athlete determines the age category of the Traditional couples
  - ☉ Under age 35 you wear **NO BLING**
  - ☉ Age 35 and up you can wear BLING
  - ☉ Gentlemen: **no suites or tuxedos** for smooth dark navy or black slacks; long sleeve white shirts with black tie or bow tie and for rhythm long sleeve black shirt; black tie or bow tie. The smooth attire can also be worn for rhythm, no need to change.
  - ☉ Ladies watch sleeve length and fabric and material pattern selections
  - ☉ Not sure ASK before you BUY - instructors should review USA Dance Dress Code and be able to advise you but if still not sure ASK organizer
- (4) SOI Athletes' Photos will be taken at the time of the Dress Attire Approval and those photos will be in the competition program "Hall of Fame for Special Olympics Dane Athletes of 2011"
- (5) **Registration forms are due IN HOUSE by June 20, 2011** to the State Office of Special Olympics Indiana, 6100 W. 96th Street, Suite 270, Indianapolis, IN 46278 or faxed 317-328-2018 or e-mailed to [entries@soidindiana.org](mailto:entries@soidindiana.org).
- (7) The forms needed for registration can be found on line at <http://soindiana.org/ProgramInformationGuide> The forms are also reproduced on the next few pages of this issue.
- (8) More detailed information about the rules and general ballroom dance competition information can also be found on line at the above web site and these pages can also be found in the next few pages of this issue.
- (9) **NOTE:** since the printing of the Program Information Guide there have been a few changes. Please make note of these changes in your Guide so as to help eliminate confusion.
  - a: Page 102 dates needs changed to July 30, 2011 Saturday only (*while there will be competition dancing on Sunday it will not be SOI heats*)
  - b: Page 102 Schedule - **disregard this entire schedule** the only available schedule will be published on or before July 16, 2011 with full times and sequence of dances.
  - c: Page 103 Uniform Specifications statement (1) please change the Rulebook number to 2011
  - d: Page 103 Equipment statement (3) change the Rulebook number to 2011
  - e: Page 105 change the following statement to read: "A participant may enter a maximum of **five (5)** individual dances."
  - f: Page 106 change the following statement to read: "A participant may enter a maximum of **five (5)** individual dances or a maximum of **five (5)** individual dance skills."
  - g: Page 107 in the "Verification by" column remove the title "Competition Organizer"
- (10) If there are questions about the details of completing the registration forms contact Tracy Miller (800) 742-0612 ext 234 or by e-mail at [tmiller@soindiana.org](mailto:tmiller@soindiana.org)

We wish you all the best of luck and hope you have a truly enjoyable experience at **The Heart & Soul of Ballroom Dancing Event** weekend. If you have spectators that will be attending with you please check out our Spectator Ticket Information page 8 in this publication.

## Program Information Guide

**Dates:** July 30, 2011 Saturday

**Site:** Grand Wayne Center  
120 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**Sports:** Ballroom Dancing

**Schedule:**

Schedule will be published on or before  
July 16, 2011 with full times and sequence  
of dances.

**Entry Deadline:** Monday, June 20, 2011 - Entry Forms

**Entry Fees:** \$10.00

**State Office Contact:** Tracy Miller (800) 742-0612 ext 234 or tmiller@soindiana.org

**Entry Information:**

- County Programs must be registered with the State Office to enter this event.
- All entry forms must be **IN HOUSE** by the deadline. They may be emailed, mailed or faxed to the State Office.
  - Mailing Address: Special Olympics Indiana, 6100 W. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 270, Indianapolis, IN 46278.
  - Fax: (317) 328-2018.
  - Email: entries@soindiana.org.
- The entry or registration fee will be transferred from the County account to the State account on the deadline date. Insufficient funds in the County account is cause to reject the entries or registration. The County Program is responsible to notify the Vice President of Programs *before* the deadline if special circumstances exist.
- Once past the entry deadline, no refunds will be given. In the event of cancellation of the entire event, entry fees will be refunded.
- All athletes and Unified Sports® partners must have an *Application for Participation* on file with the State Office. New Applications must be received in the State Office by the entry deadline for the athlete/partner to be eligible for that event.
- A current and complete *Medical Form* must be completed for each Special Olympics athlete listed on the roster and on-hand for any Special Olympics-related activity. *Medical Forms* will be checked at registration. Athletes without *Medical Forms* will **NOT** be allowed to participate.
- All Class A volunteers (coaches/chaperones) entered by a County Program **MUST** be registered volunteers, have completed a *Coach/Volunteer Application*, have completed the Coach/Volunteer Orientation, and have completed the Online Protective Behaviors training.
- Athletes are expected to be properly trained for a minimum of eight (8) weeks prior to the event.

**Additional Information:**

- All Unified Sports® partners entered by a County Program **MUST** have completed the *Unified Sports® Partner Application* and completed the *Unified Sports® Dance Partners Proof of Dance Form*.
- When Special Olympics athletes or Unified Sports® Partners require the use of wheelchairs or other mobility assistance devices, participation in team sports (basketball, softball, volleyball, and flag football) likely creates undue health and safety risks for that athlete and others in the game. The County Coordinator may apply to the State Office for special consideration for athletes who require such assistance. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Athletes in question should not compete at any level without State Office approval.

**TRADITIONAL EVENTS**

American Smooth Newcomer Waltz  
  
American Smooth Bronze Waltz  
American Smooth Newcomer Foxtrot  
American Smooth Bronze Foxtrot  
American Rhythm Newcomer Rumba  
American Rhythm Bronze Rumba  
American Rhythm Newcomer Cha Cha  
American Rhythm Bronze Cha Cha  
American Rhythm Newcomer Swing  
American Rhythm Bronze Swing

**UNIFIED EVENTS**

American Smooth Newcomer Waltz  
  
American Smooth Bronze Waltz  
American Smooth Newcomer Foxtrot  
American Rhythm Newcomer Rumba  
American Rhythm Bronze Rumba  
American Rhythm Newcomer Cha Cha  
American Rhythm Bronze Cha Cha  
American Rhythm Newcomer Swing  
American Rhythm Bronze Swing

**MODIFIED EVENTS**

American Smooth Skills Waltz Left & Right Foot -  
Closed Changes  
American Smooth Skills Foxtrot Basic  
American Smooth Skills Foxtrot Promenade Walk  
American Rhythm Skills Rumba Box  
American Rhythm Skills Rumba - Side Breaks  
American Rhythm Skills Cha Cha - Basic  
American Rhythm Skills Swing Basic  
American Rhythm Skills Swing Underarm Turn Right

The Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Ballroom Dancing shall govern all Special Olympics competitions. Special Olympics has created these rules based upon USA Dance, Inc. rules, which shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules or Article I. In such cases, the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules shall apply.

**RULES OF COMPETITION**

**UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS**

- USA Dance, Inc. DanceSport Rulebook 2009A Dress Code Section 3.10 will be strictly enforced.
- Pursuant to the dress code, costumes (or anything which includes rhinestones) will **NOT** be permitted in the Junior II, Youth, or Adult syllabus events.
- Costumes **ARE** permitted in the Senior I, Senior II, or Senior III syllabus events, but dancers will not be judged based on their costumes.

**GENERAL RULES**

- A competition dance couple will consist of a male and a female dancing in a partnership.
- Athletes are expected to be properly trained for a minimum of eight (8) weeks prior to event.
  - Individuals taking dance lessons for less than a full year, or has never competed in a ballroom dance competition or whose workshop progress and/or individual progress reports limit registration is considered a Newcomer.
- Although no qualification score is necessary for dancing events, **dancers must have passed badge level #3 prior to entering the Dance Competition** (in dances in which they register).
- Registration Limits
  - Competitors may dance in either or both of the dance styles and as many dance events per age category as qualified.
  - Competitors may not enter more than two (2) age classifications for any given style. Those two (2) age classifications must be consecutive and must include the oldest classification for which the couple is eligible.
  - Unified Sports® partners may dance with no more than two (2) different Special Olympics athletes and the two (2) may not be in the same age category and same dance styles.
- General Format
  - All events are danced in the freestyle format (no exhibitions).
  - The minimum and maximum length of each dance must range from 90 -120 seconds.
  - The tempi for each dance shall be specified by the IDSF. (mpm = measures per minute)
  - Competitors, their dance instructors and their County Coordinator should determine in which dance style(s), dance event(s), and age classification(s) the competitive couples qualify by completing the entry form. The workshop progress reports, group class attendance and individual dancers' progress reports shall be used as documentation of dancer's progress to assist in determine of dance qualifications. Athletes may be entered in a maximum of 10 dance events.
- Age Classification
  - The age of the youngest dancer when dancing as a Traditional Dance Couple determines the dance couple's age classification.
  - The age of the Special Olympics athlete when dancing as a Unified Sports® Dance Couple determines the dancer couple's age classification.
  - The age is determined by the age reached during the calendar year whether or not it precedes the date of competition.

**EQUIPMENT**

- All Competitors must wear ballroom dance shoes on the competition dance floor.
- All gentlemen shall wear a cloth or paper number on the upper mid back.
- All dancers' wearing apparel must comply with USA Dance, Inc. DanceSport Rulebook 2009A Dress Code Section 3.10.

**SYLLABUS RULES & MODIFICATIONS**

- American Smooth and Rhythm Syllabi listed under Syllabus ([www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org)) will be the syllabus steps requirement that the competitors must stay within.
- The Newcomer dancer will follow the Pre-Bronze steps.
- The Bronze dancer is free to follow any of the Pre-Bronze and Bronze steps listed.

AGE CLASSIFICATION	
Age Group	Classification
Ages 14 - 15	Junior II
Ages 16 - 18	Youth
Ages 19 - 34	Adult
Ages 35 - 44	Senior I
Ages 45 - 54	Senior II
Ages 55 & older	Senior III

DANCE TEMPI	
Dance	Tempi (mpm)
American Waltz	28-30
American Foxtrot	30-32
American Cha Cha	30
American Rumba	32-36
American East Coast Swing	34-36



Special Olympics Indiana ❖ Ballroom Dancing





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**BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS DELEGATION FORM**

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**Program Information:**

County Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_

County Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach/Chaperone List:** Please list all Class A volunteers (coach/chaperone) from your County Program for the Ballroom Dancing Championships.

Last Name	First Name	Gender Male/Female	Completed VOLUNTEER APPLICATION	CVO Trained	Completed ONLINE PROTECTIVE BEHAVIORS
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**Entry Fee:**

Number of Athletes: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Partners: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Packet should include:**

- Dancer Profile Form
- Delegation Entry Form
- Individual Entry Form
- Proof of Dance Form

**For County Coordinator Use Only**

By signing the line below, the County Coordinator verifies that entry numbers are correct and the amount listed is to be transferred.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
County Coordinator Signature

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A participant may enter a maximum of 5 individual dances.

Dancers Information Page	Waltz	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Rumba	Swing
Skills level attained by Special Olympics Athlete in each dance style?					
Total number of group lessons attended by Special Olympics Athlete?					
Total number of private lessons attended by Special Olympics Athlete?					
Male Dancer Last Name					
Male Dancer First Name					
Address					
City, Zip					
Gender	M	F	Date of Birth		
Email					
USA Dance Membership No.					
Female Partner Last Name					
Female Partner First Name					
Address					
City, Zip					
Gender			Date of Birth		
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USA Dance Membership No.					

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**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

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County Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name male dance partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name of female dance partner: \_\_\_\_\_

*A participant may enter a maximum of 5 individual dances or a maximum of five (5) individual dance skills.*

*This page is to be completed by dance instructor.*

Name of dance instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

American Style Smooth & Rhythm Dances	Traditional or Unified	Junior II 14 - 15	Youth 16 - 18	Adult 19 - 34+	Senior I 35+	Senior II 45+	Senior III 55+
Newcomer Waltz							
Bronze Waltz							
Newcomer Foxtrot							
Bronze Foxtrot							
Newcomer Cha Cha							
Bronze Cha Cha							
Newcomer Rumba							
Bronze Rumba							
Newcomer Swing							
Bronze Swing							
Waltz - Left and Right Foot Closed Changes							
Foxtrot - Forward Basic							
Foxtrot - Promenade Walk							
Rumba - Box							
Rumba - Side Breaks							
Cha Cha - Basic							
Cha Cha - Forward and Back Basic							
Swing - Basic							
Swing - Underarm Turn Right							

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**Program Information:**

County Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete Information:**

Male Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Female Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of Dance page is to be completed by Unified Sports® Partner.

Date of Group Lesson/ Private Lesson/Workshop/ Packet Pickup	Signature Dance Instructor	Signature Unified Sports® Partner	Verification by County Coordinator
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