

# Canyon County Fair & Festival Annual Dance Contest & Competition

## Prizes:

First Place Adult Category (Ages 16 and over) Couple or Individual (one winner each for Salsa, Hip-Hop and Swing categories) wins \$165.00

First Place Junior Category (Ages 11-15) Couple or Individual (one winner each for Salsa, Hip-Hop and Swing categories) wins \$165.00

First Place Children's Category (Ages 8-10) Couple or Individual (one winner each for Salsa, Hip-Hop and Swing categories) wins one Canyon County Fair & Festival unlimited ride carnival wrist band and two return fair admissions (*if individual, double if couple*). (A prize valued at \$33.00 per individual)

**Qualifications:** This is an amateur dance competition. Therefore paid or professional dance instructors are ineligible to compete. All dancers and/or couples must sign a liability release form. Contestants under 18 years of age must have parental permission and a parent signature is required on liability release form.

Age categories will be determined by the age of the oldest contestant in the couple.

**Registration: The Dance Competition is comprised of three individual dance styles with the final round on the same day.**

## **Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Registration for all three competitions begins at 11:30 a.m. Registration is limited to the first 20 couples/individuals in each category. Registration will be accepted until the beginning of each competition.
- 12:30 p.m. - Hip-Hop Dance Competition
- 2:00 p.m. – Salsa Dance Competition
- 3:30 p.m. – Swing Dance Competition
- The Final Round of the dance contest will follow the Swing Dance Competition and will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

**The top three in each age category from each competition will be invited back to compete in the Final Round.**

**Registration for any of the various dance contests is FREE with paid Fair Admission.**

**Order of Events:** After registration is complete, couples will be randomly selected to dance to their chosen style of music on the night of their chosen competition. (Dance floor 20' x 20').

From each dance grouping, judges will select 0-4 couples to participate in the semi-final round. Judges will not use score sheets until the elimination round of the Finals.

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**Final Round:** Final Round Contestants will be announced at the end of each individual dance competition, (ie, swing, salsa and/or hip-hop), final round contestants will be announced. Each couple will be required to draw numbers for their dance order position. Each couple can select three song choices for their performance. The chosen song from the couples' registration form will be played during their dance performance. **Couples will not be allowed to submit their own music. Rather, each couple or individual will choose from a pre-approved list of songs. The song list(s) will be available on the Canyon County Fair & Festival website at [www.canyoncountyfair.org](http://www.canyoncountyfair.org) or with the registration packet on the day(s) of the competition(s).** Each couple will be allowed to dance to their chosen song for no longer than 2 minutes.

### **Judging:**

- DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR ALL DANCE CATEGORIES. NO INNAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING OR ATTIRE WILL BE PERMITTED IN ANY WAY. ENTRANTS NOT ADHERING TO SAID RULES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED.
- All decisions from the Judges are final. Score sheets for the final round are available to contestants after the completion of the event. Consultations with judges will not be available.
- The judges will score and rank the contestants from first to third place. In the event of a tie, participants will select a new song for a second performance. The winner of the tie-breaking performance will be the Champion.
- Judging will take place during the couple's dance performance but may be influenced by a couple's actions during the entire time they are on the floor. **Therefore, good conduct and sportsmanship should be maintained at all times.**
- Lifts, drops and aerials are allowed but couples are encouraged to practice common sense and exercise caution before attempting these moves.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct or harassment of judges or officials by contestants or associates of a contestant may result in the couple's disqualification.
- Vulgar or inappropriate dance moves may result in a couple's disqualification.
- Floor props are not allowed.
- Costumes are not required and will have no effect on scores, however, themed attire is encouraged.

**Judging Criteria:** The judges will base their decisions on the following four criteria:

- **Movement:** Originality of steps, Variety of movements and/or degree of difficulty. Few repetitions and contrast of movements. 1- 10 points possible.
- **Execution:** Ease of transition between movement, Continuous motion in dance and maintaining hand connection with partner if applicable. Dance free from hindrances or difficulties. 1- 10 points possible.
- **Attire:** Themed dress is encouraged but not required. (I.e. Salsa, Swing and Hip-Hop all have their own style of clothing). Clothing must be tasteful. 1- 10 points possible.
- **Presentation** – Movements are performed with vitality and energy. Dancers exhibit confidence, enthusiasm and charisma and maintain eye contact between partners and with judges. 1- 10 points possible.

**Scoring:** The following formula will be used to tabulate scores. A total of 120 points are possible.

$$\text{Movement} \times \text{Execution} = \text{Attire} + \text{Presentation} = \text{TOTAL}$$