



DANCE COMPETITION

*for country western couples
and line dancers*

APPLICATION

2015 The Best Little Hoedown in Texas Country & Western Dance Contest

Rules and Regulations

DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION

Beginner – This is for the first time or inexperienced competitor. Neither member of the couple has, currently or in the past, taught country and western dancing. Neither member of the couple, currently or in the past, has won first (1st) place in a local or National dance contest.

Advanced – This division is open to all members regardless of prior experience. Either member may have taught and/or danced on a professional level.

CATEGORIES

Country Western 2/3-step - The style must follow a traditional 2/3-step pattern. Variations will be allowed, as long as the character of the dance remains intact. No lifts, drops, aerials, or acrobatics allowed. The same selection shall be played for multiple heats within the division if needed. The music selection is as follows:

- **Beginner 2/3-step** - TBD

- **Advanced 2/3-step** - TBD

Waltz

The style must follow a traditional Waltz pattern. Variations will be allowed, as long as the character of the dance remains intact. No lifts, drops, aerials, or acrobatics allowed. The same selection shall be played for multiple heats within the division if needed. The music selection is as follows:

- **Beginner Waltz** - TBD

- **Advanced Waltz** - TBD

Freestyle

Each couple will dance to a freestyle selection of their choice. This may utilize any country western dance style or combination of styles. Lifts, drops, aerials, or acrobatics are allowed. Couples will **choose their own musical selection** not to exceed four minutes. All music must be recorded on a compact disc. If solo music choices exceed 4 minutes time limit for freestyle the couple will be disqualified from that category of competition.

Line Dance

Each individual will dance to a line dance. The same selection shall be played for multiple heats within the division if needed. All contestants will be judged individually by each judge. The music selection and corresponding line dance is:

- **Beginner (Tush Push) - *Earthquake*** by Ronnie Milsap
- **Advanced (Fake ID) - *Fake ID*** by Big & Rich

JUDGING

The Best Little Hoedown in Texas will utilize a **comparative scoring system**. Therefore, couples do not receive a score from each judge, but rather a placement. You will **receive bonus points for creative costuming** in all categories. This can be pride, dance, eclectic, you name it!

GENERAL RULES

- Registration will start at 7:00 PM. Contest will start at 9:00 PM on Thursday, June 18, 2015.
- Music for each division will be played (30 seconds) before the dance competition begins (by category.)
- All music for the Freestyle divisions will be turned in during the contestants meeting. Please make sure that all CD's are visibly labeled with couples names and song titles along with track numbers.
- The contest director in conjunction with the head judge will handle any discrepancies or extenuating circumstances with the head judge.
- There is a zero tolerance for any un-sportsman like behavior on the dance floor.
- **Themed costuming and / or western wear highly encouraged for bonus points.**
- There will be no entry fees.

AWARDS / PRIZES

The overall winners will be decided by their total score of all styles that were danced.

- Overall Beginner couple will receive medals and \$100 cash.
- Overall Advanced couple will receive medals and \$100 cash.

The individual winners of the line dance will be decided by their individual score.

- Beginner Line Dance winner will receive a medal and \$50 cash.
- Advanced Line Dance winner will receive a medal and \$50 cash.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS AN AMATEUR DANCE CONTEST, LET'S HAVE FUN!

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REGISTRATION

Contestant 1 Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Category: 2/3 Step

Beginner: _____ Advanced: _____

Category: Waltz

Beginner: _____ Advanced: _____

Category: Freestyle

Beginner: _____ Advanced: _____

If dancing, song title: _____

Category: Line Dance

Contestant Name: _____

Category: **Beginner** **Advanced**

I understand that the decision of the judges will be final. I have read and understand the rules of the competition; and furthermore will follow these rules and regulations as set forth by the promoters of this contest.

Contestant 1 Signature

Contestant 2 Signature