

**DANCE SPORTS  
BALLROOM DIVISION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. No entries accepted by phone. All entries must be postmarked no later than July 7, 2008. We are not responsible for lost mail.
2. There is no limit to the number of dances competitors may enter. In the event of a single entry, competitors will still be judged using the current scoring range and is not considered an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> place.
3. Amateur age division is determined by the age of the older partner. Pro/Am age division is determined by the age of the amateur dancer. The Professional division does not have skill or age divisions.
4. Spotlight Routine competitors must provide their own music on a separate cassette tape or CD. The tape or CD must be clearly identifiable.
5. Competitors who dance steps of a level higher than the level of their event can be disqualified.
6. Decisions by the judges are final.
7. Flash photos will be prohibited during competition, but will be allowed during awards ceremony.
8. This is a family event; sexually explicit dance, music or dress will not be tolerated. Sportsmanship is expected at all times.
9. Competition fees are non-refundable.
10. Big Sky State Games and its employees, volunteers and sponsors cannot be held responsible for personal injury or loss of property.
11. Contestant(s) will be judged on these 4 factors:
  1. Technique (style, ability, footwork, lead and follow)
  2. Presentation (poise, presence, expression, showmanship, personality, appropriate dress)
  3. Execution (precision, rhythm, timing, continuity)
  4. Choreography (creativity, quality, originality)

Each factor is worth 5 points. Points are awarded based on each judge's standards. Contestants are not judged by comparison to other contestants. The Scoring Range is: 10-13 total points = Bronze, 14-17 total points = Silver, 18-20 total points = Gold.
12. The top three scores in each age division and skill level in each dance will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.
13. Medals not picked up at the awards ceremony may be picked up at the Big Sky State Games office in Billings after the Games. Medals/awards will not be mailed.
14. Lifts, drops and throws are allowed only for those competing in the Pro/Am and Pro categories with a skill level of Intermediate and/or Advanced.