

GENERAL RULES - All Championships and Competitions will be conducted under the British Dance Council Rules governing the recognition of Championships. Trophies to be held for a period of Twelve Months. All Juvenile and Junior Competitors **MUST** hold a valid Licence as an Amateur. The role in which competitors commence the competition must be maintained throughout the event. No role changing during/mid dance. This rule applies to both members of the partnership. Any alteration to, or arrangements other than is provided for in such rules and regulations, shall be solely at the discretion of the Management of the Blackpool Dance Festival.

ENTRY - Direct entry for all Competitions must be made via online registration on our website; www.blackpooldancefestival.com. If any Competitor withdraws from any entry, immediate notification in writing should be made. Failure to do this renders them liable to disqualification from entering any future events. The Management reserve the right to limit the number of entries accepted in any of the Competitions. The decision of the Organiser is to be taken as final. It is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure they have sufficient time to compete in Solo competitions if they also enter as a couple and vice versa. There will be an Entry Fee for each championship/ competition entered per couple and solo, a General Admission ticket to the Ballroom is also required for everyone entering the ballroom each day. All competitors will defray their own travelling expenses. There will be NO REFUNDS on Season or Daily Admission Ticket (standing room only) including the Competitor Entry Fee due to non attendance. All Competitors must check their Confirmation to ensure names and events are correct. Should any details not be correct they must contact the Dance Festival Office immediately.

ENTRIES CLOSE – 20th MARCH 2026

AGE OF COMPETITORS: Competitors must be within the stated age group on the day of the championship/ competition. Juniors must both be under 16 years of age for the Junior Championships and Competitions with one competitor being 12-15 years, and both under 12 years of age for the Juvenile Competitions and Championships. For under 10 years both competitors must be under 10 years on the day of the competition. 12/13 years, both competitors must be under 14 years of age on the day of the competition with one competitor 12/13. The group in which a couple may dance shall be determined by the elder member of the partnership. Juvenile Competitors are not permitted to dance in Junior Competitions/ Championships. Split partnerships are not permitted. **Proof of age must be available upon request - either BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT FORMATION** – each registered team can only enter one competition/ championship each day.

PLEASE NOTE - Late entries will be accepted providing the timetable allows and names will not be printed within the programme – a late entry fee of £25.00 will be charged in addition to the entry fee. There will be no spare numbers, nor will anyone be allowed to dance in place of competitors who have not claimed their numbers.

JUDGING - Should any adjudicator suffer illness we reserve the right to replace at any time. The aggregate votes of the Adjudicators in the Early Rounds, and the individual placings of each Adjudicator in the Final Rounds, will be available on the Official Dance Festival website.

TIMES OF COMPETITIONS - The Competition first round times will be available via the Blackpool Dane Festival website approximately 2 weeks before the Festival. Competitors will be required to obtain their numbers from the Stewards AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE TIME OF THE COMPETITION.

DRESS FOR JUVENILES - All competitors must dress in accordance with British Dance Council Rules (see Appendix 4). A copy of the Rules and their clarification can be found on the British Dance Council website. Should there be any queries, please contact the Organiser.

Any correspondence regarding the Festival must be made within seven days of the said event.

Complaints – Any complaints should be made in writing to the Festival organiser within 7 days of the Festival completing.

ENTRY FEE / ADMISSION TICKETS AND RESERVED SEATS
(Including V.A.T. at 20%)

Entry Fee;	
Competition -	£9.00 per competition per couple
Championship -	£20.00 per championship per couple
Presale Admission Ticket Prices (up to 27th March 2026)	
General Admission each day (Adult & Child)	£33.00
A Five Day Admission Ticket is available Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th	£145.00
A Two Day Admission Ticket is available Saturday 11 th & Sunday 12 th	£57.00
Reserved Seats all days (Ground Floor & 1st Balcony) at an additional charge per day £10.00	

All bookings are subject to a £2.50 Administration charge and £3.00 Restoration Levy per ticket application form.

Please note: All seating is reserved and comes into effect at the start of the first competition each day.
The Winter Gardens does not allow patrons to bring their own food onto the premises.

These prices are subject to any variation of V.A.T.
No plan will be issued. Applications may be forwarded at any time but must reach Festival Bookings Office by 24th **February 2025** Applications must be accompanied by a remittance covering the full amount and made payable to “Winter Gardens”, and addressed to the FESTIVAL BOOKINGS OFFICE, WINTER GARDENS, CHURCH STREET, BLACKPOOL FY1 1HW.

Anyone competing or spectating (any event) do so at their own risk. The venue will not accept responsibility for any existing health issues/ allergies, injury or situation.

By attending this event, whether as a participant or otherwise (e.g. as a spectator), you acknowledge that images may be captured during the event using film photography, digital photography, video or other medium and may be used by the Festival Organisers for the purpose of live streaming and to promote the organisation and its work, or other future events by us via our websites, social media websites, promotional leaflets and brochures and other publicity material (such as internal and external newsletters). The images may also be provided to the media for publication in international or national newspapers or magazines.

We acknowledge our responsibilities in capturing images by photography or other means in particular with reference to:

- The Protection of Children Act 1978;
- An individual's right to privacy under The Human Rights Act 1998; and
- The Data Protection Act 1998
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Organiser shall take no responsibility for the capture and use of any images taken at the event by any third party not directly engaged by us to do so on our behalf and accepts no liability for the actions of such third parties.



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Sixty- Eighth Annual

BLACKPOOL DANCE FESTIVAL FOR JUNIORS

OPEN TO THE WORLD

Ballroom, Sequence and Latin

Monday 6th – Sunday 12th April 2026

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MONDAY, 6th APRIL 2026

A NORTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to couples born or resident for 12 months in the North of England)

(Recognised by the British Dance Council) 12 - under 16 years of age.
Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango and Quickstep.

A1 JUVENILE JIVE COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

A2 JUNIOR ALL GIRL “REGIS WALTZ/ RIALTO TWO STEP” COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

A3 JUVENILE ALL GIRL "VELETA/ TAYSIDE TANGO" COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

A4 JUNIOR BOY/GIRL "SAUNTER SANTARNA/ TARANTELLA TANGO COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

A5 JUNIOR VIENNESE WALTZ COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

A6 JUVENILE BOY/GIRL "GAINSBOROUGH GLIDE/ LIBERTY TWO STEP" COMPETITION 6

- under 12 years of age.

A7 12/13 YEARS FOXTROT/TANGO COMPETITION

12 -13 years of age.

A8 JUNIOR AMERICAN SMOOTH COMPEITITON

12 – under 16 years of age
Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot and Viennese Waltz

BLACKPOOL JUNIOR INVITATION TEAM MATCH CLASSICAL SEQUENCE

Countess Waltz, Saunter Reve,Tango Magenta, and Rialto Two Step

TUESDAY, 7th APRIL 2026

B JUNIOR SAMBA COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

B1 JUVENILE "FYLDE WALTZ / TANGO SERIDA TWO STEP" COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

B2 JUNIOR "WINDSOR GLIDE/ PREMIER TWO STEP" COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

B3 BRITISH JUVENILE BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council) under 12 years of age.

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango and Quickstep.

B4 12/13 YEARS CHA-CHA-CHA/RUMBA COMPETITION

12 - 13 years of age.

B5 UNDER 10 YEARS “VELETA/BOSTON TWO STEP” COMPETITION

Under 10 years of age.

B6 12/13 YEARS “ENGAGEMENT WALTZ/ TORQUE TANGO”

12-13 years of age

BLACKPOOL JUNIOR INVITATION TEAM MATCH

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz
Cha cha cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble and Jive

WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL 2026

C BRITISH JUNIOR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

12 - under 16 years of age.

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango and Quickstep.

C1 JUVENILE CHA-CHA-CHA COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

C2 BRITISH JUNIOR MODERN SEQUENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

12 - under 16 years of age.

Engagement Waltz, Daiquiri Foxtrot, Torque Tango and New York Quickstep

C3 JUVENILE “MIDNIGHT TANGO / WASHINGTON TWO STEP” COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

C4 BRITISH JUVENILE LATIN SEQUENCE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

under 12 years of age.

Bellissimo Cha Cha Cha, Sizzlers Samba,

Paso La Paz, Midnight Jive

C5 UNDER 10 YEARS JIVE COMPETITION

under 10 years of age.

C6 JUVENILE AMERICAN SMOOTH COMPETITION

under 12 years of age

Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot and Viennese Waltz

BLACKPOOL JUVENILE INVITATION TEAM MATCH CLASSICAL SEQUENCE

Veleta, Midnight Tango, and Boston Two Step

THURSDAY, 9th APRIL 2026

D BRITISH JUNIOR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

12 - under 16 years of age.

Cha-Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble and Jive

In the Semi-Final and Final Rounds of this Championship Competitors will be required to dance JIVE in addition to the other FOUR Dances.

D1 JUVENILE VIENNESE WALTZ COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

D2 JUNIOR "SAUNTER REVE/ TITAN TANGO” COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

D3 BRITISH JUVENILE CLASSICAL SEQUENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

under 12 years of age.

Veleta, Gainsborough Glide, Tayside Tango and Liberty Two Step.

D4 BRITISH JUNIOR LATIN SEQUENCE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

12 – under 16 years of age

Bellissimo Cha Cha Cha, Springwell Samba, Rumba Italia and Jovic Jive.

D5 UNDER 10 YEARS QUICKSTEP COMPETITION

under 10 years of age.

D6 JUNIOR ALL GIRL BALLROOM COUPLE COMPETITION

12 – under 16 years of age

Waltz, Tango and Quickstep

D7 JUVENILE ALL GIRL LATIN COUPLE COMPETITION

under 12 years of age

Cha Cha Cha, Samba and Jive

BLACKPOOL JUVENILE INVITATION TEAM MATCH

Waltz, Tango and Quickstep,

Cha cha cha, Samba and Jive

FRIDAY, 10th APRIL 2026

E BRITISH JUNIOR CLASSICAL SEQUENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

12 - under 16 years of age.

Waltz, Saunter Santarna, Tarantella Tango and Rialto Two Step

E1 BRITISH JUVENILE LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

under 12 years of age.

Cha-Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba and Jive

E2 JUNIOR JIVE COMPETITION

12 - under 16 years of age.

E3 JUVENILE "GAINSBOROUGH GLIDE / MIDNIGHT TANGO" COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

E4 12/13 YEARS “STARDUST SAUNTER / TANGO MAGENTA” COMPETITION

12 -13 years of age.

E5 JUVENILE MODERN SEQUENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

under 12 years of age.

Derwent Waltz, Tango El Cid and Quando Quickstep

E6 JUNIOR ALL GIRL LATIN COUPLE COMPETITION

12 – under 16 years of age

Cha cha cha, Samba and Rumba

E7 JUVENILE ALL GIRL BALLROOM COUPLE COMPETITION

under 12 years of age.

Waltz, Tango and Quickstep

E8 JUVENILE / E8A JUNIOR OPEN CLASSICAL SEQUENCE FORMATION COMPETITION FOR TEAMS OF FOUR TO EIGHT COUPLES

Under 16 years

Cash Prizes to the Teachers and **Medals** to the Teams’ Members.

There will be a Rehearsal from 11.00 am but this time is subject to alteration.

SATURDAY, 11th APRIL 2026

F JUVENILE BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

Under 12 years

Cash Prizes to the Teachers

and **Medals** to the Teams’ Members

F1 JUNIOR BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF FOUR COUPLES

Under 16 years

Cash Prizes to the Teachers

and **Medals** to the Teams’ Members

F2 UNDER 10 YEARS BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING COMPETITION

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

Cash Prizes to the Teachers and **medals** to the

Teams’ members.

F3 UNDER 14 YEARS BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING COMPETITION

FOR TEAMS OF FOUR COUPLES

12 – UNDER 14 years of age

Cash prizes to the Teaches and **medals** to the

Teams’ members

SUNDAY, 12th APRIL 2026

G JUVENILE BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF FOUR COUPLES

Under 12 years

Cash Prizes to the Teachers

and **Medals** to the Teams’ Members

G1 JUNIOR BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

Under 16 years

Cash Prizes to the Teachers

and **Medals** to the Teams’ Members

G2 UNDER 10 YEARS BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING COMPETITION

FOR TEAMS OF FOUR COUPLES

Cash Prizes to the Teachers and **medals** to the

Teams’ members

G3 UNDER 14 YEARS BALLROOM/LATIN FORMATION DANCING COMPETITION

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

12 – under 14 years of age

Cash prizes to the Teachers and **medals** to the Teams’ members

PRIZES

Trophies or medals will be presented to all the finalists in every event.