

Syllabus

97th Annual

Blackpool Dance Festival Open to the World

Thursday 25th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
The World's First and Foremost
Festival of Dancing

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THURSDAY, SUNDAY 25th and 28th MAY 2023

Class S.1 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who danced in the 3rd Round of the

British Amateur Ballroom Championship 2022).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £305 2nd Couple £265 3rd Couple £235 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-Round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 25th May at approx. 4.00 p.m. when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday, 25th May at 7.00 p.m. approx. Times subject to change.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SUNDAY, 25th, 26th and 28th MAY 2023

Class S.2 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who danced in the 4th Round of

the British Amateur Latin Championship 2022)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £305 2nd Couple £265 3rd Couple £235 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 25th May at approx. 12.30 p.m. when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Friday, 26th May at 10.00 a.m. Times subject to change.

THURSDAY, 25th MAY 2023

Class A.R PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN RHYTHM CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st - CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £205 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, RUMBA, SWING, BOLERO and MAMBO.

FRIDAY, 26th MAY 2023

Class F BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the world with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Latin Championship 2023 and those who danced in all five dances in the Semi-Final).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £240 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2022 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2022 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class F.1 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £280 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £160

See RULES for clarification.

SENIOR COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY IN EACH BRANCH.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2022 British Senior Ballroom Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

Class A.S PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN SMOOTH CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st - CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £205 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See RULES for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, TANGO, FOXTROT and VIENNESE WALTZ.

SATURDAY, 27th MAY 2023

Class A.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)
OVER 16 and UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £255 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £165 See RULES for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the First Two Rounds this year.

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class G BRITISH OVER 50's BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £275 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £220 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £155

See RULES for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The First will be held on Saturday at 9.30am approx. and the Second on Saturday at 10.55am approx. when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Saturday at 4.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those that danced in the Third Round Proper of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from both Qualifying Competitions this year.

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Second Round Proper of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the first Qualifying Competition this year. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)

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

MONDAY, 29th MAY 2023

Class A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Ballroom Championship 2022 and those who danced in all four dances in the Semi-Final).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

RIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £240 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See RULES for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2022 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2022 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class F.2 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £280 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £160

See RULES for clarification.

SENIOR COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY IN EACH BRANCH.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 29th and 30th May 2023

Class B BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,575

1st Couple £340 2nd Couple £300 3rd Couple £275 4th Couple £245 5th Couple £220 6th Couple £195

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The First will be held on Monday at 10.30 a.m. and the Second on Tuesday at 11.30 a.m., when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

The Championship proper will commence at 4.25 p.m. approx. on Tuesday. Times subject to change.

EXEMPTIONS:

Exemptions from the Qualifying Heats on the Monday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Third Round proper in the 2022 British Amateur Latin Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with an asterisk (*)

Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Tuesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fourth Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (**)

The exemptions only apply to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

TUESDAY, 30th May 2023

Class B.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)
OVER 16 AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £255 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £165

See RULES for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

WEDNESDAY, 31st May 2023

Class D THE BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY. Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,575

1st Couple £340 2nd Couple £300 3rd Couple £275 4th Couple £245 5th Couple £220 6th Couple £195

See RULES for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The First will be held on Wednesday at 11.30 a.m. approx. and the Second on Wednesday at 1.00 p.m. approx. when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

The Championship proper will commence on Wednesday evening at 5.00 p.m. approx. Times subject to change.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from the First Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fourth Round in the 2022 British Amateur Ballroom Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with an asterisk (*) Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fifth Round in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (**)

The exemptions apply only to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

Class G.1 BRITISH OVER 50's LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £275 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £220 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £155

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

Class E.1 BRITISH LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council) FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

PRIZES: 1st GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st CASH PRIZE £380 to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with PRIZE MONEY amounting to £430 to the Members of the Winning Team.

See **RULES** for clarification.

The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin dances.

Rehearsal will commence at 2.00 pm approx.

THURSDAY, 1st June 2023

Class C BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to over £6,525 will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £260 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £200 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

A Cash Prize of £60 will be awarded to each couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE (Jive will be danced from the 3rd Round). All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances from the Third Round, and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the five dances will be declared the BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONS and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fifth Round of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fourth Round of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class C.1 BRITISH BALLROOM FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES.

See **RULES** for clarification.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st CASH PRIZE £380 to the Teacher, together with PRIZE MONEY amounting to £430 to the Members of the Winning Team.

Rehearsal will commence at 10.00 a.m. approx.

FRIDAY, 2nd June 2023

Class E THE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to over £6,525 will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £260 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £200 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

A Cash Prize of £60 will be awarded to each Couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all four dances, but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO, QUICKSTEP and VIENNESE WALTZ. (Viennese Waltz will be danced from the 3rd Round). All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances from the Third Round, and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The Couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the four dances will be declared the British Professional Ballroom Champions, and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

EXEMPTION - Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those who danced in ALL four dances in the Fifth Round of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (*) are those who danced in ALL four dances in the Fourth Round of the 2022 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class C2 BRITISH PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITION COMPETITION

PRIZES: 1st CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY: amounting £3,095

1st Couple £660 2nd Couple £580 3rd Couple £530 4th Couple £485 5th Couple £440 6th Couple £400

Open to all couples that are Professional. Both members of the partnership must be Professional. A First round will take place on Thursday, 1st June with Final Round on Friday, 2nd June.

AMATEUR "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)

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

RULES - All Championships and Competitions will be conducted under the Rules of the British Dance Council governing the recognition of Championships.

ENTRY. - CLOSING DATE - 24th MARCH 2023

All entries are to be completed online via the following website; www.blackpooldancefestival.com A confirmation of entry will be emailed to the email address given on the account. If Competitors do not receive a **Confirmation** of **Entry within seven days of the closing date** it is their responsibility to contact the organiser to verify that they are entered in the relevant Competitions. Qualifying Competitions will be held for the British Rising Stars Amateur Latin and Ballroom Competitions, British Over 50'S Ballroom Championships and the British Amateur Latin and Ballroom Championships. These will take place in the **Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom** on

THURSDAY, 25th MAY at 12.30 p.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR LATIN COMPETITION 1st Qualifying Heats

THURSDAY, 25th MAY at 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR BALLROOM COMPETITION 1st Qualifying Heats/2nd Qualifying Heats

FRIDAY, 26th MAY at 10.00 a.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR LATIN COMPETITION 2nd Qualifying Heats

SATURDAY, 27th MAY at 9.30 a.m. and 10.55 a.m.

BRITISH OVER 50's BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Qualifying Heats/2nd Qualifying Heats

MONDAY, 29th MAY at 10.30 a.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Qualifying Heats

TUESDAY, 30th MAY at 11.30 a.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP 2nd Qualifying Heats

WEDNESDAY, 31st MAY at 11.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Qualifying Heats/2nd Qualifying Heats

THURSDAY, 1st JUNE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITION CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Round

*TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JUDGING - For all Competitions the Board of Adjudicators will consist of members selected from the various Associations of Teachers of Dancing, together with any other Judges who may be appointed. Should any adjudicator suffer illness we reserve the right to replace at any time.

COMPETITORS' PRACTICE:

The Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom will be open for Competitors' Practice at certain times. Please see the Programme for details. Public and Competitors will be admitted on production of Daily or Season Ticket, without Extra Charge.

In the event of Television coverage or Production of a Video Recording for commercial purposes of any Competition or Championship event, all Competitors agree that the rights to any fees from such television or video recording will vest solely with Blackpool Council, Winter Gardens. (The Organiser) and no Competitors or Associations shall have any claim against the Organiser, Television Company or Video Producer at any such event.

All Competitors wishing to enter the British Championships/Competitions MUST hold a vaild licence as an Amateur OR Professional.

Amateur/Professional: 16 years of age or over.

Over 35 Years: Both to be over 35 years of age. Proof of age may be required.

Over 50 Years: Both to be over 50 years of age. Proof of age may be required.

Under 21 Years: Competitors must be over 16 and under 21 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

Formation: Open to teams of amateurs who are entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. British Teams MUST be registered with the British Dance Council. Non British Teams must hold a valid Registration.

There is an Entry Fee for each competitor for each Competition entered which includes General Admission to the Ballroom, and all Competitors will defray their own travelling expenses. Amateurs - The Entry Fee only covers the 1st Qualifying Heat/2nd Qualifying Heat on the same day. Should you be re-called to the 2nd Qualifying Heat then tickets must be purchased for that day.

If any Competitor withdraws from any Competition after entry, immediate notification in writing should be made. Failure to do this renders them liable to disqualification from entering any future events. There will be no refunds on the Entry Fee/Admission Tickets.

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.

PLEASE NOTE - No late entries will be accepted and there will be no spare numbers, nor will anyone be allowed to dance in place of competitors who have not claimed their numbers.

The role in which competitors commence the competition must be maintained throughout the event. No role changing during/mid dance. 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 situations.

ADMISSION AND RESERVED SEATS

(Including VAT at 20%)

General Admission each day (Excluding Thursday 25th and Sunday 28th and does not include Reserved Seat)	£48.00
General Admission Ticket Thursday 25th	£15.00
General Admission Ticket Sunday 28th	£20.00
A Season Ticket available for all events (Does not include Thursday 25th and Sunday 28th or Reserved Seat)	£208.00
Reserved Seats (Front Row only Ground Floor) at an additional charge of	£42.00 each day
Reserved Seats Ground Floor 'C' Row (excluding South) at an additional charge of	£35.00 each day
Reserved Seats (Ground Floor and 1st Balcony) at an additional charge of	£30.00 each day
Reserved Seats Top Balcony at an additional charge of	£16.50 each day
All bookings are subject to a £2.50 Administration charge and a £3.00 Restoration Levy.	

These prices are subject to any variation in rate of Value Added Tax

Applications for Tickets should be made on the Ticket Application Forms.

Please read the Ticket Information enclosed with this Syllabus.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

FOR YOUR

DIARY:

2022 Blackpool Sequence Dance Festival Adults: 16th to 18th October Children: 15th October

2022 British National Dance Championships

17th to 19th November

2023 Blackpool Dance Festival for Juniors 10th to 16th April

2023 Blackpool Dance Festival **20**th May to 2nd June