



## BLACKPOOL OPEN JUNIOR & JUVENILE SOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Ballroom, Sequence and Latin*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Conference Centre

Syllabus

**GENERAL RULES** - All Championships and Competitions will be conducted under the British Dance Council Rules governing the recognition of Championships. 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. 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](http://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 dancer, a General Admission ticket to the venue is also required for everyone entering the venue 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.

**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, competitors must be under 12/13 years of age on the day of the competition. Juvenile Competitors are not permitted to dance in Junior Competitions/ Championships.

**Proof of age must be available upon request - either BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT**

Late entries will be accepted providing the timetable allows – a late entry fee of £25.00 will be charged in addition to the entry fee. There will be no spare numbers on the day, 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 Dance 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

**FULL LIST OF COMPETITIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DANCE FESTIVAL WEBSITE.**

**ENTRIES CLOSE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**ENTRY FEE / ADMISSION TICKETS** (including VAT at 20%)

**Entry Fee;**

Ballroom & Latin

1 Dance Competition - £5.75  
2 Dance Competition – £11.95  
Championship/ Multi Dance - £22.00

Sequence

1 Dance Competition - £3.25  
2 Dance Competition - £5.75  
Multi Dance - £11.95

**Presale Admission Ticket Prices (up to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026)**

General Admission each day (Adult & Child) - £33.00

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

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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