

National Smooth Dancers, Inc.

2018 State Convention "The Big Apple New York New York"-
Hosted by the Fresno Chapter
Competition Information

In accordance with the N.S.D Officially Approved 2018 Dance Rules, pre-registration is required. All entrants that have registered by August 4th, 2018 will be allowed to dance, however, some categories may be combined (but judged separately) if there are not at least three entrants (3 couples) in a category.

Pre-registration forms must be postmarked, emailed, or hand delivered by August 4th, 2018.

Late entries at the Convention may be accepted at the discretion of the Hosting Chapter and Competition Chairperson. The decision will be based on the number of entrants already received, and will be made in an attempt to produce the most effective, practical schedule accommodating the greatest number of competitors, while avoiding logistical issues that affect other Convention attendees.

Dance competitions are "closed" and are thus open only to N.S.D. Members who are in good standing in accordance with the N.S.D. Officially Approved 2018 Dance Rules. These rules can be found on the National Smooth Dancers, Inc. centralized website (<http://www.nationalsmoothdancers.org/>) under the competition section.

Dancers must be amateurs (they must not make their living by teaching or performing dance), must purchase the complete "Package Deal", and must sign the liability release on the Competition Registration form in order to be allowed to compete. Please consult your chapter's Dance Rules Chairperson or check the latest N.S.D. dance rules for information on proper attire and dance tempos.

You are advised to send in your Competition Registration and Package Deal Convention Registration early to avoid missing the deadline.

The Sanctioned Competition Chairperson is Lynn Sanders. Entries can be mailed to her at: 600 E Weddell Dr. Sp141, Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1736. If your Competition Registration is mailed with your packet registration, it will be forwarded to Lynn Sanders.

You will receive an email acknowledging your registration within ten days of receipt by the competition chairperson. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, you are NOT REGISTERED to compete. If this should happen, contact Lynn Sanders immediately at (408) 220-4075 or email: lksanders2017@outlook.com

TENATIVE DANCE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Saturday Afternoon, September 1st, 2018

Approximate Time	Category	Dances
2:30 PM	Senior Cha Cha	Cha Cha
2:35 PM	One Star International Latin	Rumba
2:45 PM	Two Star International Latin	Cha Cha, Rumba
2:50 PM	Senior Waltz	Waltz
3:05 PM	One Star American Smooth	Waltz
3:15 PM	Two Star American Smooth	Waltz, Foxtrot

Saturday Evening, September 1st, 2018

Approximate Time	Category	Dances
8:45 PM	Three Star American Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
9:00 PM	Four Star American Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
9:15 PM	Three Star International Latin	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba
9:30 PM	Four Star International Latin	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Jive

Sunday Afternoon, September 2nd, 2018

Approximate Time	Category	Dances
2:30 PM	Senior Rumba	Rumba
2:35 PM	One Star International Standard	Waltz
2:45 PM	Two Star International Standard	Waltz, Foxtrot
3:00 PM	One Star American Rhythm	Cha Cha
3:10 PM	Two Star American Rhythm	Cha Cha, Bolero

Sunday Evening, September 2nd, 2018

Approximate Time	Category	Dances
8:45 PM	Three Star International Standard	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
9:00 PM	Four Star International Standard	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Quickstep
9:15 PM	Three Star American Rhythm	Cha Cha, Bolero, Swing
9:30 PM	Four Star American Rhythm	Cha Cha, Bolero, Mambo, Swing

Hosting Chapter reserves the right to alter the Competition Schedule as may be required to accommodate the entire Convention Program.

Excerpts from NSD Dance Rules

The following are excerpts from the NSD Dance Rules meant to assist persons who wish to compete at the 2018 Convention. Although care has been taken to insure accuracy, this information is not a substitute for the official NSD Dance Rules or any portion thereof. If any conflict should arise, the official NSD Dance Rules in effect at the time of the Convention shall prevail. You are advised to consult your chapter's Dance Rules Chairperson for further information or clarifications.

Tempo of Music

- A.** The tempo of music shall be in accordance with that suggested by recognized amateur societies and shall be stated in terms of measures per minute (mpm).

Dance	International Style	American Style
Waltz-1 & 2 Star	28 mpm	30 mpm
Waltz-3 & 4 Star	28 mpm	28 mpm
Foxtrot	28 mpm	30 mpm
Viennese Waltz	N/A	54 mpm
Tango	32 mpm	30 mpm
Quick Step	50 mpm	N/A
Samba	52-53 mpm	N/A
Rumba	26-28 mpm	N/A
Cha Cha	30 mpm	30 mpm
Bolero	N/A	24-25 mpm
Swing	N/A	34-36 mpm
Jive	42-44 mpm	N/A
Mambo	N/A	47-51pm

- B.** In the Novelty Division, the tempo of each dance shall be at the discretion of the hosting chapter.
- C.** The duration of any single dance within a Sanctioned Competition shall be limited to 90 seconds. If any judge has not completed marking the dancers within that time, an additional 30 seconds may be run at his or her request.
- D.** All multiple dance events shall be danced in the following order:
International Standard: W/T/F/Q
International Latin: CC/S/R/J
American Smooth: W/T/F/VW
American Rhythm: CC/B/M/SW

Lifts: Lifts are allowed only when the feet of the lifted dancer do not come above the waist of the partner doing the lifting. A lift is defined as a movement during which one dancer is supported by the partner and has both feet off the floor at the same time.

Attire:

- A.** Dress for all approved competitions, preliminaries, semi-finals, and finals shall be of the appropriate formal mode for the Division as shown below:

1. International Standard Division

Level	Ladies Attire	Gentlemen Attire
One Star	Semi-formal attire suggested; costumes optional	Semi-formal attire suggested; costumes optional
Two Star	Ball gown or gown	Vest, Tuxedo, or Tails
Three Star	Ball gowns or gown	Vest, Tuxedo, or Tails
Four Star	Ball gowns	Tuxedo or Tails

2. International Latin/ American Rhythm Divisions

Level	Ladies Attire	Gentlemen Attire
One Star	Dress or Skirt & Top, No gowns or costumes	Shirt, Slacks, or Vest
Two & Three Star	Dress or Skirt & Top. Latin attire permitted	Shirt, Slacks or Vest. Latin Attire permitted.
Four Star	Dress or Skirt & Top. Latin attire permitted	Shirt, Slacks or Vest. Latin Attire permitted.

3. American Smooth Division

Level	Ladies Attire	Gentlemen Attire
One Star	Dress or Skirt & Top/Blouse, or Unadorned Palazzo Pants & Top. No Gowns or Costumes	Slacks, Shirt & Tie
Two Star	Dress or Skirt & Top/Blouse, Cocktail Dress, or Unadorned Palazzo Pants & Top. No Gowns or Costumes	Slacks, Shirt, or Vest with Tie, and/or Suit
Three & Four Star	Formal Dress, Below the knee and above ankle, no exposed midriff-Nude Illusion is acceptable or Ball gowns	Tuxedo, Tails. Or Shirt & Vest with Tie

- B.** Attire for Novelty Division contests shall be at the discretion of the Hosting Chapter.