

## **Classic Balboa/Bal-Swing Championships**

There is a 30 couple maximum...so register early!!!

Weekend Pass Holders                    \$20    per couple  
Non-Weekend Pass Holders    \$50    per couple

### **Preliminary Round: Pure Balboa.**

This round will take place during the first band break on Saturday night.

This round of the Championships will be BALBOA only. Close body contact between partners must be maintained at all times.<sup>1</sup>

This round will be danced in heats. There will be 6 heats consisting of 5 couples each. If the maximum number of couples is less than 30, then there will be fewer couples in each of the 6 heats. And/or there will be less than 6 heats.

Each heat will dance to a 2 minute song of approximately 200 BPM (190-210).

ALL SKATE - When all of the heats are complete, ALL of the couples will dance to a 2 minute song of approximately 150 BPM (140 - 160).

Before the second band break the finalist will be announced. Approximately 10 couples will be brought back for the final round. The number of couples brought back will be determined by the natural break in scores.

Please note that you are being judged against ALL of the other couples in the contest not just your heat. Therefore the couples brought back for the final round will be the best out of the entire group. There is no minimum number of couples to be brought back from each heat.

Judges will be looking for timing, teamwork, finesse, foot work and musicality.

### **Final Round: Swing (Bal-Swing).**

This round will take place during the second band break on Saturday night.

Anything goes in this round. There are NO restrictions.<sup>2</sup>

ALL SKATE – To start this round, ALL of the couples will dance to a 2 minute song of approximately 240 BPM (230-250).

Each couple will then get a 1 1/2 minute solo dance at approximately 200 BPM (190-210).

ALL SKATE – To finish this round, ALL of the couples will dance to a 2 minute song of approximately 150 BPM (140-160).

Once again, judges will be looking for timing, teamwork, finesse, foot work and musicality.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER THE FINAL BAND SET.

<sup>1</sup>What does close body contact mean? Couples torsos must maintain contact the entire round. This means: no cross-overs, no breakaway turns, no lollies, no rock-step start/reset, etc.

<sup>2</sup>Emphasis will be placed on finesse, footwork, and musicality. Therefore, if a dip, trick, or aerial does not fit the music, it may not be beneficial to your final score.

\*\*\*Please note that this is a BALBOA/BAL-SWING CONTEST. NOT a shag, jitterbug, or lindy contest. Expect GOOD balboa and bal-swing to be rewarded.