

COMPETITIONS RULES

SIMPLY ADELAIDE WEST COAST SWING (WCS)

Simply Adelaide WCS is a World Swing Dance Council ("WSDC") Sanctioned Event since 2020 with points allocated in the Jack & Jill competitions according to WSDC rules. Competitions are run in accordance with the WSDC rules and policies.

COMPETITIONS

This event is gender neutral, noting that a competitor qualifies for their dance level based on either Leader or Follower points, whichever is highest. This defines their primary role as a leader or follower throughout the event. Competitors are allowed to compete in their non-dominant role one level down in Jack & Jill competitions (only), as long as they don't qualify in both for the same division in which case competitors will not be permitted to dance both roles in the same division. Examples and further details are available at the end of this document.

The Simply Adelaide competition guidelines are as follow:

- I. We encourage participants to be suitably dressed for competitions by wearing slacks/dress pants when competing. JEANS are appropriate if clean and unripped.
- II. Appropriate shoe wear is required.
- III. No lifts are allowed (lifts will be determined as both of the followers' feet leaving the ground).
- IV. Unless warranted by the Chief Judge, swapping partners during a competition will disqualify the entire division.
- V. For all Jack & Jill & Strictly competitions, no choreography is allowed, dancing should be spontaneous lead and follow style.
- VI. For all Jack & Jill & Strictly competitions, no 'costumes' are allowed. Matching or complementary appropriate outfits are acceptable.

STRICTLY SWING COMPETITION

Strictly competitions are designed to highlight skills in spontaneous WCS dancing and the ability to dance well with a chosen partner and enter the competition as a couple to dance to music pre-selected by the Head DJ.

JACK & JILL COMPETITION

Jack & Jill competitions are designed to highlight skills in spontaneous WCS dancing and the ability to dance well with a variety of partners. Competitors enter as individuals, are randomly assigned partners, and dance to music pre-selected by the Head DJ. Dancers will be judged individually in the heats & as a couple in the final.

COMPETITION DIVISIONS*

Novice Strictly Swing Division

A couple should compete in Novice Strictly when both dancers are eligible for the Novice and/or Newcomer Jack & Jill division(s).

Open Strictly Swing Division

A couple should compete in Open Strictly when at least one of the dancers in the partnership is eligible for the Intermediate or higher Jack & Jill division. Open Strictly division should not be mistaken for a Pro-Am division, but rather gives the opportunity for a Novice dancer to compete in a higher division if appropriate.

WSDC Newcomer Jack & Jill Division

A person should compete in Newcomer if they have never competed. A Competitor who has previously competed in Novice and has not accrued any Novice points and/or made it to Finals is eligible to compete in this category if they have been dancing WCS for fewer than 18 months.

WSDC Novice Jack & Jill Division

A person should compete in Novice if they do not qualify for the Newcomer Category and have earned fewer than 16 Novice points and do not otherwise qualify for the Intermediate category.

WSDC Intermediate Jack & Jill Division

A person should compete in Intermediate if they have already competed at the Intermediate level and hold Intermediate points (and don't qualify for a higher category) or when they have earned 16 or more Novice points.

WSDC Advanced/Allstar Jack & Jill Division

A person should compete in Advanced/Allstar if they already have advanced points or qualify for this category.

**Please note that each category will only proceed if 5 or more leaders and 5 or more followers pre-register for the relevant division. The Event Director(s) may choose to include or not a division on a year to year basis. Other non WSDC divisions may or may not be offered at the Event Director(s) discretion.*

For petitions, please contact our staff at simplyadelaidewcs@gmail.com

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION FOR COMPETITION:

Spotlight dances (one couple on the dance floor at a time) will be held for the Intermediate and Advanced/Allstar divisions only. All other finals will be 'All Skates with a Jam or grouped spotlight'.

Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 placings of each category. To enter a competition please pre-register online when you purchase your event pass. In the event you require changes to your competition entry please email simplyadelaidewcs@gmail.com.

Competition Entry fees: Please note that the competition entry fees are already included in the Full Event Passes price unless otherwise specified for special categories. If you do not hold an event pass you will not be eligible to partake in the competitions.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

1. **Planning Ahead.** Competitors should check the weekend schedule in advance in order to arrive in time to meet registration deadlines. They should bring appropriate competition attire. They should also plan so as to be on time for all meetings & competitions. Competitors are responsible for checking at the event for any changes to previously announced schedules, which are always subject to change.
2. **Knowing the Rules.** All competitors should read these rules carefully prior to attending the contestant meeting for their competition. Competitors are responsible for adhering to these rules whether they have read them or not. Questions about the rules should be asked at the contestant meeting or addressed in advance to the Contest Co-ordinator and/or the Chief Judge.
3. **Be Prepared to Compete.** Competitors should be present in the auditorium at least 15 minutes prior to the start of their competition. Competitors are responsible for their bib numbers – please keep them safe for the duration of the event.
4. **Demonstrating Good Sporting Conduct.** Competitors must demonstrate good sporting conduct at all times, both on & off the competition floor. Competitors must also refrain from any behaviour that the judges deem inappropriate. Failure to adhere to this code of behaviour may result in disqualification.
5. **Discussing the Competitions Only Where Appropriate.** Competitors may only discuss the competitions with the contest officials or judges using appropriate channels. Please do not approach judges seeking advice on their decisions.
6. **Waiver.** By entering any of the competitions above you expressly grant the director(s) of Simply Adelaide West Coast Swing and its assignees, licensees, vendors, and legal representatives the unlimited right and authority to use your name and any photograph or video recording of your participation at Simply Adelaide West Coast Swing in any and all media, in whatever manner, for any lawful purpose, without any obligation to you. You further agree for myself, your heirs, executors, and administrators, to waive and release any and all right for damage you might have against the Director(s) of Simply Adelaide West Coast Swing for any injuries and damages you may suffer by participating in this event and your traveling to and from the event.

Examples of pointer registry and division eligibility :

Paul has 5 Intermediate points as a Leader; 1 Novice point as a Follower

- Paul may dance in Intermediate as a Leader and in Novice as a Follower in Jack & Jill competitions. Paul can also compete in Intermediate or Open Strictly as a Leader (primary role), but not as a follower.

Ella has 20 Advanced points as a Follower; 0 points as a Leader.

- Ella may dance in Advanced as a Follower and in Int as a Leader (one level down) in Jack & Jill competitions. Ella can also compete in Advanced or Open Strictly as a follower (primary role).

Jordan has 10 Advanced points as a Leader and 10 Advanced points as a Follower.

- Jordan may dance in Advanced as either a Leader or Follower, but not both. Jordan may **not** petition to dance in Intermediate in either role. Jordan can compete in Advanced or Open Strictly in the same role as selected for Advanced Jack & Jill.

For more details or clarification, please contact our team at simplyadelaidewcs@gmail.com