

WCS RISING STAR TOUR 2019

DANCER ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the 2019 Rising Star Tour (RST), each dancer must:

- ✓ Be eighteen (18) years or older by the end of any qualifying event during the tour year. Please check with individual event directors if they will allow dancers 15-17 years old to participate in the Rising Star (RS) division without tour points.
- ✓ Never have placed or made a qualifying final of a NASDE Classic or Showcase division.
- ✓ Not have Champion or Invitational WSDC points within the last ten (10) years.
- ✓ Never have won the RST top point award in previous seasons. ○ Individuals may petition the RST committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the event at which they wish to compete.

- ✓ Never have placed top three (3) in the US Open RS division. ○ Individuals may petition the RST committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the event at which they wish to compete.

To graduate the 2019 RST, each dancer must:

- ✓ Win the RST top point award for 2019.
- ✓ (or) Place top two (2) in the 2019 US Open Swing Dance Championship RS Classic division or RS Showcase division.
- ✓ (or) Choose to dance in the NASDE Tour in the hopes of acquiring NASDE points.

DIVISION RULES

General:

- A single entry is one couple (two dancers). ○ At the discretion of the event director(s), a couple may be other than a male leader and female follower.
- At the discretion of the event director(s), contestants may be as young as fifteen (15) years by the end of the event to participate in their Rising Star division.
- The maximum number of entries in each division is at the event's discretion. A minimum number of entries equals three (3). If there are less than three (3) couples, the event shall offer the competitors the opportunity to perform an exhibition with Judges' feedback.
- Expected swing content of any style is 70%.

Specific:

- Performance time is a minimum of two (2) minutes and a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- Competitors select their own music.
- Costumes are required.
- No props.
- Time and judging start at first movement of performance with or without music.
- Separate entrances are permitted, but must come together within thirty-two (32) beats of the music intro.
- Break-a-ways and side-by-side patterns are permitted, no longer than eight (8) beats.
- Lifts are optional but not required.
- Maximum five (5) partner weight support moves with at least one foot on the ground.

Restart Guidelines:

Couples may request a restart in the following cases:

- The DJ plays the wrong music for your routine.
- The sound system fails.
- Shoe breaks, costume malfunction, or loss of a vital piece of clothing.
- Lights go out in the ballroom during the performance.

Contestants may NOT request a restart in the following cases:

- Dissatisfied with their dance order.
- Dissatisfied with their performance.
- Dissatisfied with their partner.
- Dissatisfied with their music.
- Failure to remember part of the routine.
- If a contestant is injured during their performance. This is for safety concerns.

If a couple completes their routine but believes they should be allowed to restart due to special circumstances, they MUST make their request to the Chief Judge (CJ) prior to leaving the competition floor.

- If the CJ approves the request, the couple may elect to perform their routine again with the previous performance scores voided.
- If the CJ denies the request, the performance that was completed will count towards scoring the contest.

If a couple has not completed their routine but believes they should be allowed to restart due to special circumstances, they **MUST** make their request to the CJ prior to leaving the competition floor.

- If the CJ approves the request, the couple may restart their routine with the previous performance scores voided.
- If the CJ denies the request, the couple will be scratched from the contest.

The CJ may call a restart without the request of the couple if the CJ believes it is fair and in the best interest of the contestants and their fellow competitors. In this case, the couple will be allowed to restart after the next couple in dance order or at the discretion of the CJ.

- The couple may decline the option to restart if they are satisfied with their completed routine.
- If they did not complete their routine, and opt out of the restart, the couple will be scratched from the contest.