

THURSDAY 23rd and SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024

Class S.1 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who are awarded a 2 Star (**))

Exemption at the British Amateur Ballroom Championship 2023).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £305 2nd Couple £265 3rd Couple £235 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-Round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 23rd May when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday, 23rd May. Times to be confirmed. 1st Round proper will commence Sunday 26th May.

THURSDAY 23rd and SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024

Class S.2 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who are awarded a 2 Star (**))

Exemption at the British Amateur Latin Championship 2023)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £305 2nd Couple £265 3rd Couple £235 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 23rd May when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday, 23rd May. Times to be confirmed. 1st Round proper will commence Sunday 26th May.

FRIDAY, 24th MAY 2024

Class A.R PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN RHYTHM CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st - CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £205 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, RUMBA, SWING, BOLERO and MAMBO.

Class F BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the world with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Latin Championship 2023 and those who danced in all five dances in the Semi-Final).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £240 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

Competitors marked with two asterisks () are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2023 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2023 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class F.1 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £280 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. Competitors will be required to dance Viennese Waltz in Semi Final and Final only.

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2023 British Senior Ballroom Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class A.S PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN SMOOTH CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: 1st - CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £205 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, TANGO, FOXTROT and VIENNESE WALTZ.

SATURDAY, 25th MAY 2024

Class A.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

OVER 16 and UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £255 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £165

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

Competitors marked with two asterisks () are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2023 Championship and are exempt from the First Two Rounds this year.**

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2023 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class G BRITISH OVER 50's BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £275 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £220 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £155

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be Two Preliminary Qualifying Competitions, both will be danced on Saturday when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted Exemptions.

The Championship proper will commence on Saturday at 4.00pm. approx. Times subject to change.

Competitors marked with two asterisks () are those that danced in the Semi Final Round Proper of the 2023 Championship and are exempt from both Qualifying Competitions this year.**

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Second Round Proper of the 2023 Championship and are exempt from the first Qualifying Competition this year. The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive.

MONDAY, 27th MAY 2024

Class A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Ballroom Championship 2023 and those who danced in all four dances in the Semi-Final).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

RIZE MONEY amounting to £1,380

1st Couple £320 2nd Couple £270 3rd Couple £240 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Competitors marked with two asterisks () are those that danced in the Semi Final Round of the 2023 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2023 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class F.2 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £280 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £160

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

MONDAY, 27th and TUESDAY, 28th MAY 2024

Class B BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,575

1st Couple £340 2nd Couple £300 3rd Couple £275 4th Couple £245 5th Couple £220 6th Couple £195

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The First will be held on Monday, 27th and the Second on Tuesday, 28th, times to be confirmed, when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

The Championship proper will commence from 3.30 p.m. approx. on Tuesday. Times subject to change.

EXEMPTIONS:

Exemptions from the Qualifying Heats on the Monday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fourth Round proper in the 2023 British Amateur Latin Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with an asterisk (*)

Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Tuesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Semi Final Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks ()**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

TUESDAY, 28th MAY 2024

Class B.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)
OVER 16 AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,340

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £255 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £190 6th Couple £165

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. Competitors will be required to dance Viennese Waltz in Semi Final and Final only.

WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY 2024

Class D THE BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY. Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,575

1st Couple £340 2nd Couple £300 3rd Couple £275 4th Couple £245 5th Couple £220 6th Couple £195

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions, both will be danced on Wednesday, 29th, times to be confirmed, when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

The Championship proper will commence on Wednesday evening at 5.00 p.m. approx. Times subject to change.

EXEMPTIONS:

Exemptions from the First Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Second Round in the 2023 British Amateur Ballroom Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with an asterisk (*). Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Semi Final Round in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (**)

The exemptions apply only to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

Class G.1 BRITISH OVER 50's LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,270

1st Couple £275 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £220 4th Couple £195 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £155

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

Class E.1 BRITISH LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)
FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

PRIZES: 1st GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st CASH PRIZE £380 to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with **PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £430 to the Members of the Winning Team.

See **RULES** for clarification.

The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin dances.

Rehearsal times will be advised.

THURSDAY, 30th MAY 2024

Class C BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to over £6,525 will be allocated for **EACH DANCE** as follows:

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £260 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £200 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

A Cash Prize of **£60** will be awarded to each couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE (Jive will be danced from the 3rd Round). All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances from the Third Round, and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the five dances will be declared the BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONS and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

Competitors marked with two asterisks ()** are those who danced in **ALL** five dances in the **Fifth Round of the 2023 Championship** and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. **Competitors marked with one asterisk (*)** are those who danced in **ALL** five dances in the **Fourth Round of the 2023 Championship** and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class C.1 BRITISH BALLROOM FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES.

See **RULES** for clarification.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st CASH PRIZE £380 to the Teacher, together with **PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £430 to the Members of the Winning Team.

Rehearsal times will be advised.

THURSDAY 30th and FRIDAY, 31st MAY 2024

Class C2 BRITISH PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITION COMPETITION

PRIZES: 1st CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY: amounting £3,095

1st Couple £660 2nd Couple £580 3rd Couple £530 4th Couple £485 5th Couple £440 6th Couple £400

Open to all couples that are Professional. Both members of the partnership must be Professional.

A First round will take place on Thursday, 1st June with Final Round on Friday, 2nd June.

In the event of Television coverage or Production of a Video Recording for commercial purposes of any Competition or Championship event, all Competitors agree that the rights to any fees from such television or video recording will vest solely with Blackpool Council, Winter Gardens. (The Organiser) and no Competitors or Associations shall have any claim against the Organiser, Television Company or Video Producer at any such event.

FRIDAY, 31st MAY 2024

Class E THE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to over £6,525 will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:

1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £260 3rd Couple £230 4th Couple £200 5th Couple £175 6th Couple £150

A Cash Prize of £60 will be awarded to each Couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances, but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, VIENNESE WALTZ TANGO, QUICKSTEP. (Viennese Waltz will be danced from the 3rd Round). All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances from the Third Round, and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The Couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the four dances will be declared the British Professional Ballroom Champions, and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

EXEMPTION - Competitors marked with two asterisks () are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fifth Round of the 2023 Championship and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fourth Round of the 2023 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

AMATEUR "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive.

PROAM & TEACHER STUDENT EVENTS

SATURDAY, 18th MAY Teacher Student Single Dance Events (Open and Closed)

SUNDAY, 19th MAY ProAm Ballroom Single Dance Events (open and Closed)
Teacher Student Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)

MONDAY, 20th MAY ProAm American Smooth Single Dance Events (Open and Closed)
ProAm Latin Single Dance Events to Semi-finals (Open and Closed)
ProAm Ballroom Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)
ProAm American Rhythm Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)

TUESDAY, 21st MAY ProAm Latin Single Dance Events Finals (Open and Closed)
ProAm American Rhythm Single Dance Events (Open and Closed)
ProAm American Smooth Championship (Multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)
ProAm Latin Championship (multi) Dance Events (Open and Closed)

Please refer to the ProAm and Teacher Student Syllabus for full rules/ information and entry prices.

Closed – Restricted steps can be found on the website; blackpooledancefestival.com

ENTRY. – CLOSING DATE – 24th MARCH 2024

ProAm and Teacher Student entries are to be completed online via the following website;
enter2dance.com

RULES - All Championships and Competitions will be conducted under the Rules of the British Dance Council governing the recognition of Championships.

ENTRY. – CLOSING DATE – 24th MARCH 2024

All entries are to be completed online via the following website; www.blackpooledancefestival.com A confirmation of entry will be emailed to the email address given on the account. If Competitors do not receive a **Confirmation of Entry within seven days of the closing date** it is their responsibility to contact the organiser to verify that they are entered in the relevant Competitions. Qualifying Competitions will be held for the British Rising Stars Amateur Latin and Ballroom Competitions, British Over 50'S Ballroom Championships and the British Amateur Latin and Ballroom Championships.

JUDGING - For all Competitions the Board of Adjudicators will consist of members selected from the various Associations of Teachers of Dancing, together with any other Judges who may be appointed. Should any adjudicator suffer illness we reserve the right to replace at any time.

COMPETITORS' PRACTICE:

The Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom will be open for Competitors' Practice at certain times. Please see the Programme for details. Public and Competitors will be admitted on production of Daily or Season Ticket, without Extra Charge.