



## **DIRT ROAD DANCING/ WESTERN IDAHO FAIR DANCE CONTEST**

### **WELCOME!**

The Western Idaho Fair and Dirt Road Dancing have teamed up to bring the Second Annual, Swing Dance Contest on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The swing competition includes Modern Western Swing, Two Step, West and East Coast Swing. Contest is FREE with fair admission. All contestants will need to register online no later than midnight August 25<sup>th</sup>. Dancers will be required to check in no later than 6PM at the Dirt Road Dancing booth, next to the main stage. Contestants will dance to a song selected at random based on the dance style marked on their entry form.

### **Qualifications**

- All contestants must be at least 16 years of age. Contestants under 18 years of age must have parent/legal guardian signature on liability release form.
- Must be registered online before midnight Friday, August 25th.
- Competition is limited to the first twenty (20) qualified entries.
- This is an amateur dance competition, therefore anyone who has received compensation to instruct or perform any of the above-mentioned styles within the last 12 months will be ineligible to compete.
- All competitors must check in with a signed liability waiver by 6pm the day of contest. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. FAILURE TO CHECKIN PRIOR TO 6PM WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.**

## Prizes

The overall top three highest scores will be awarded prizes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100 Cash, D&B gift basket per couple
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$75 Cash per couple
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50 Cash per couple

## Contest Regulations:

- All contestants will be emailed a song list based on their chosen dance style no later than August 11<sup>th</sup>. Registrants after August 11<sup>th</sup> will receive the song list at check in.
- Each contestants' dance song will be chosen at random the day of the contest.
- Judges will be selected prior to the contest and are not allowed to compete.
- Organizers reserve the right to group similar dances together or shorten the length the songs in the event of time constraints. The length of the song will be consistent for all competitors.
- Lifts, drops and aerials are allowed but not required. There are no lift maximums.
- Judging starts at first movement of performance with or without music.
- The number of couples in the contest will determine the length of the contest.

## Judging Criteria

Total possible score is 25 points. All judges' scores are final. Unsportsman like conduct to other contestants, judges, or audience will result in immediate disqualification. In the event of a tie, organizers will choose one song in which competitors will dance to at the same time as a "dance off". Consultations with judges for constructive critique are available after the contest is complete

Technique: execution, smooth transitions, complexity, timing and coordination  
(Score 1-5 on a .5 scale)

Musicality: movement to music, suitable tempo, overall fluidity of dance, rhythmic, in unison (Score 1-5 on a .5 scale)

Attire: tasteful, appropriate, themed outfits encouraged, no wardrobe malfunctions, complimentary with partner (Score 1-5 on a .5 scale)

Showmanship: presentation, audience engagement, creativity, teamwork, overall dance styling (Score 1-10, whole numbers only)