

# **GEM STATE CLASSIC**

February 27-28, 2009 ✧ Hillcrest High School ✧ Idaho Falls, Idaho

## **INFO FOR COACHES**

Please read all of the following information carefully. Feel free to call or e-mail if you have questions. We are looking forward to having your dancers participate in this year's competition.

### **REGISTRATION INFO**

1. All registration will be online. The website is [www.o2cm.com](http://www.o2cm.com). Select "events" on the left sidebar, and then select the Gem State Classic entry form.
2. Each team will have one log-on id and password. Please contact Shawn Fisher ([fishers@byui.edu](mailto:fishers@byui.edu)) if you don't have your log-on information. (Use the same as last year for returning programs). Coaches must do all the entries or assign designated registrars to do the entering. This is to avoid mistakes and duplicate entries. This will also allow the coach to view all entries under their account.
3. If you are paying for all of your students with a school or studio check, please send the check along with a list of the dancers being paid for via mail to: **GSC entries, c/o Louise Bryan, P.O. Box 545, Iona, ID 83427**. We will mark them as "paid" once we have received the check. If you bring your check with you to the competition, you will have a long wait as we enter "paid" for all of your dancers.
4. If you are not paying for your dancers with one check, the dancers or parents can pay the registration fees online once the entries have been made. They will need to log in with the team's log-on id and password to access the dancer's entry.
5. **Regular registration closes on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Any entries made Feb 19<sup>th</sup> or later will have to pay the Late Registration Fee (\$10/competitor) in addition to the regular registration fee.
6. Please review your team's entries. You will have until **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** to make any corrections or changes. There is no charge to make these changes unless you add new dancers. The online registration will be closed on midnight Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. You will receive a packet at check-in with your competitor list, coach's passes, competitor passes, gentlemen's numbers, and a schedule.
8. *Entry changes made at the competition will have a fee of \$5/change, and will only be made if the change does not add a round. All changes must be made two hours before the event is scheduled to run. We do not have time at this competition for dancers to decide last minute that they want to add events. For this reason, please carefully check your entries before the deadline. (This does not apply to changes made because of extenuating circumstances, such as injured partners, etc.)*
9. **Registration is now open!** You may begin to register as soon as you receive your log-on and password via e-mail from Shawn Fisher. If you remember your log-on and password from last year, you can use those again.

## EVENT INFO

1. For bronze level events large enough for a quarter final, we will again be using the “A/B” call back system. This means that everyone in the first round of a bronze event will be called back into either an A or B round that will then be danced to a final. This gives more dancers the chance to make it into a final round. The A/B events will all be listed in the schedule. *If time permits, we will do A/B for the larger silver events also.*
2. There will again be “Pre-Champ” categories for the youth open events. Couples can choose to enter either pre-champ or championship, but they cannot enter both. Juniors may choose to dance in either youth open or junior open, but not both. We simply don’t have time this year for couples to enter multiple open events of the same style. By keeping the time for open to one session, it allows us to offer so many syllabus categories. **Remember – if they enter the open events, they can only do the gold syllabus level in the same style.**
3. There will be classrooms or locker rooms available for changing. If you would like a changing room assigned for just your team, please send a \$50 deposit that will be returned to you following the competition.
4. Please enter your dancers in the right proficiency level. Pre-teens who have danced for three or more years shouldn’t enter bronze. No one who is doing gold or open material is allowed to enter bronze or silver in the same category. Dancers entered in open events may additionally enter the gold syllabus events, bonus swing.
5. Dancers who have previously competed in open categories, but are not dancing them this year should dance in silver events of the same style.
6. The team match is always a highlight of Saturday evening, and is for high school aged teams only. Costumes are encouraged, as well as “team spirit” (without getting out of hand – no bare chests please!)
7. Above all else, please plan on having a great time! We are excited to have you be part of our event. Please give us a call if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in February.

*Shawn & Janie Fisher*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**COMPETITOR FEES DUE BY FEB 18<sup>th</sup>.** Fees are per competitor and include 2-day admission. Late fees will be charged starting Feb 19<sup>th</sup> (\$10/competitor)

\$12	Syllabus events only
\$15	Open and syllabus events
\$ 6	Pee Wee

**GENERAL ADMISSION** Children 6 & under are free.

\$5	Friday
\$5	Saturday
\$8	2-day pass
\$20	1-day Family pass, immediate family only

*Note:* Competitors who are only dancing in formation team events and not competing individually do not need to pay admission for the team session. They do pay general admission to attend sessions in which they are not dancing.

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

EVENING	5:00 – 11:30 pm	All Formation Team Competitions
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### SATURDAY

DAYTIME	8:00 – 2:00 pm	Jr., Pre-Teen, Pee Wee syllabus, Pre-T Open.
AFTERNOON	2:00 – 7:00 pm	Youth Syllabus Events
EVENING	7:00 – 11:30 pm	Jr. & Youth Open Events Jack & Jill Youth Team Match

## COMPETITOR RULES

1. Couples may only enter syllabus events in their own age category, as determined by the oldest partner

Age Category Definitions Pee-Wee: Competitors who are age 9 and younger.

Pre-Teen: Competitors who are age 10, 11, or 12 or in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or under

Junior: Competitors who are 13, 14, or 15, or in grades 7, 8, 9

Youth: Competitors who are age 16, 17, or 18, or in grades 10, 11, 12

The only exception to this rule is for dancers who are actual members of two teams in different age categories. For example, a Pre-Teen who is dancing on both a Pre-Teen team and a Jr. team may compete with members of their team in syllabus events in that age category.

2. **PLEASE NOTE:** Couples may only enter ONE age level per style in the Open Competitions. For example: Competitors may enter either Pre-Champ or Championship Standard – not both. Juniors may choose to dance either Junior or Youth in the open events, but they may not enter both. Pre-Teens dancing in open may choose to dance in either the Junior or Pre-Teen open events, but not both.

3. Pre-Teen age couples that are 9 or younger must choose either Pee Wee or Pre-Teen. They may not enter both categories. Pee Wee is not designed for couples who are dancing on Pre-Teen teams but are still 9 years old.
4. Couples should enter at their proficiency level. Beginners should enter Bronze, intermediate should enter Silver, and advanced should enter Gold. Couples who enter below their proficiency will be disqualified.
5. Couples may dance up one syllabus level. For example: couples entering Bronze Standard may also enter Silver Standard. Couples dancing in an open event may dance the gold syllabus in that same category.
6. No competitor may dance the Newcomer events if they have danced more than one year (12 months) as an individual regardless of partnership. No couples dancing in open events may enter the newcomer category regardless of how long they have danced.
7. Any couples or individuals who display inappropriate or suggestive movement, gestures, or behavior while on or off the dance floor will receive one warning and then be disqualified upon a repeat offense.
8. Any competitor who wears a costume deemed by the organizer to be unsuitable will be requested to change. If such a request is not followed, the competitor will be disqualified.

## **COSTUME AND DRESS CODE RULES**

### ***SYLLABUS EVENTS*** (Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold)

**Boys - all ages:** Button-up white dress shirt with regular collar, dark tie, dark dress pants and dark shoes. Optional black cummerbund, vest, sweater or suspenders are allowed. No earrings.

**Girls - all ages\*:** Black skirt to the knee or longer, white top. Top must not be sleeveless, sheer, low cut, nor show the midriff when arms are raised. If an undershirt or leotard is worn, it must also be white. Dance trunks are required.

**ABOUT SKIRTS:** Skirts that come to the knee when girls are standing, but then creep or slide up when they are dancing are not acceptable. Girls in this type of skirt will be warned once, and then disqualified if the skirt is not changed or fixed.

*\*Pee Wee girls are not required to wear black skirt and white top. They may wear a party dress.*

### ***OPEN EVENTS*** (Smooth, Rhythm, Standard, Latin)

**Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth Boys:** Costume appropriate to the style. Latin shirts must be closed from the sternum down and may not be sheer. No earrings.

**Pre-Teen/Junior/Youth Girls:** Costume appropriate to the style. Regular cut dance trunks and fishnet hose must be worn. Straps over both shoulders of at least one inch in width are required. If multiple straps go over a shoulder at least one of the straps must be the required one-inch from front to back. Halter-tops or designs that resemble them are not permitted. Lower backs must be covered from a point five inches above the waistline. Skirts may be broken or slitted from the trunk line down, but must cover the legs to mid-thigh when not in motion. Cutouts or nude fabric in the bodice are not allowed.

### **For additional information, please contact:**

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## Entry Information

**ONLINE REGISTRATION: [www.o2cm.com](http://www.o2cm.com)**

There is a page of registration instructions available from your coach.

### Entry Guidelines

1. **SYLLABUS LEVELS:** Bronze is for beginners, Silver is for intermediate, and Gold is for advanced dancers.
2. **DANCING UP:** Couples may enter two consecutive levels in the same category. For example: couples entering bronze waltz may also enter silver waltz.
3. **AGE:** Couples may only enter syllabus events in their own age category (determined by the oldest partner).
4. **NEWCOMER:** those who have danced **less than 12 months**, beginning after March 2008. Bronze syllabus.
5. **OPEN:** Couples may only enter one open event per style. For example: youth can choose pre-champ or champ, juniors can choose junior open or either the youth pre-champ or champ.
6. **OPEN COUPLES IN SYLLABUS:** Couples who dance open may not enter below gold in the same style. They may enter the bonus swing events.
7. **BONUS:** All couples may enter the bonus events. Bonus is restricted to bronze-gold syllabus figures.

### DANCES:

<b>PEE WEE</b>	Swing	Cha Cha
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PRE-TEEN	Smooth	Rhythm	Standard	Latin	Other
<b>Bronze</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Paso Doble	Newcomer Swing & Bonus Swing
<b>Silver</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Paso Doble	
<b>Gold</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Paso Doble	
<b>Open</b>	American: W/C/F/SW		W/T/Q	S/R/PD	

JUNIOR	Smooth	Rhythm	Standard	Latin	Other
<b>Bronze</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Rumba	Newcomer Swing & Bonus Swing
<b>Silver</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Rumba	
<b>Gold</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Rumba	
<b>Open</b>	W/T/F/VW	C/R/SW/M	W/T/F/Q	C/S/R/P	

YOUTH	Smooth	Rhythm	Standard	Latin	Other
<b>Bronze</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Samba	Newcomer Swing & Bonus Swing
<b>Silver</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Samba	
<b>Gold</b>	Foxtrot	Cha Cha	Waltz	Samba	
<b>Pre-Champ</b>	W/T/F	C/SW/M	W/T/Q	C/S/P	
<b>Championship</b>	W/T/F/VW	C/R/SW/B/M	W/T/V/F/Q	C/S/R/P/J	

**ENTRY FEES:** per competitor, includes all admission  
**\$12 syllabus events only, \$15 open and syllabus events, \$6 Pee Wee.**

**Late fee: \$10/competitor**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: February 18<sup>th</sup>**      Late Registration: Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEB. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

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## **Instructions for On-Line Registration**

### **To register:**

1. go to <http://www.o2cm.com>
2. Select “events” on the left side bar, then select the Gem State Classic entry form.
3. Log into your team account or create a new account if you are not part of a team.

### **BOX #1**

Select the Gentleman’s name from the pull-down list, or create a new record if he is not listed, then do the same for the Lady. Your school or studio should be listed on the pull down menu. If it does not appear on the menu, type it in.

### **BOX #2**

1. Under Division, select “amateur”
2. Under Age, select your age group
3. Under Skill select your syllabus level
4. Under Dance select the dance you are entering
5. Click “Enter couple in selected event”. The entry will not appear if one of the categories above has not been selected, or if one of the competitor’s has already been entered in the event.

### **BOX #3**

Your entries will appear here. You can delete entries by selecting them then clicking “drop”

### **BOX #4**

To pay the registration fee, select “Go to account...”

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY PAGE**

Under “Package/Ticket type” select from:

Open and Syllabus competitor (\$15)

Syllabus competitor (\$12)

Pee Wee (\$6)

Select the name you are paying for in the “quantity” box and click “add”

Dancers may be paid for individually.

To enter your credit card information, select “secure payment with authorize.net” (at top of page)

Repeat this process for each additional partnership – selecting the competitor’s names from the pull-down list if they have already been entered. Payment only needs to be made once.

The log out button is at the very bottom of the page.

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## **Formation Teams and Team Match**

**Team Entry Fee: \$25 per routine**

**Team Match: no entry fee**

### **Schedule**

Friday, Feb 27                      5:00 pm                      All Formation Team Competitions

**Please send the following information for each routine by Feb 18<sup>th</sup> via e-mail to:**  
**[fisher7@cableone.net](mailto:fisher7@cableone.net), and [lbryan@cableone.net](mailto:lbryan@cableone.net)**

1. name of team
2. coach, contact info including e-mail and regular mailing address
3. age category
4. classification (standard or Latin medley, show routine: type of dance)
5. Division 1 or 2 (for youth show routines – this is determined by each coach)
6. title of routine
7. time
8. indicate payment method – by mail or at check-in

**Mail (postmark) payments by Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to:**

**GSC Team Entry, c/o Louise Bryan, P. O. Box 545, Iona, ID 83427.**

**Each team is limited to three (3) total entries if medleys are danced or two (2) show routines.**

For example: 1 Standard medley, 1 Latin medley, 1 Show routine, or 1 medley and 2 show routines.

**There will be no practice time on the main gym floor.** Please rehearse your teams on a standard size gym floor in preparation for the competition.

### **Team Match**

Waltz, Samba, Cha Cha, Swing (either style for waltz and cha cha)

One team allowed per school/studio, four couples per team. High School age only.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams and the Spirit award winners will receive a cash prize.

