

COUNTRY LINE DANCE ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE)
GENERAL RULES FOR LINE DANCE COMPETITION
(PARTICIPANT'S COPY)

CLASSIFICATION OF DIVISION:

Rookies, Intermediate, Advanced, Juvenile, Juniors, Seniors, Veteran and Regular Teams Divisions are classified as **STANDARD DIVISION**.

Outlaw Teams and Outlaw/Freestyle Individual Divisions are classified as **NON-STANDARD DIVISION**.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

Competitors will be judged in 3 categories: Execution, Content and Presentation

EXECUTION: Contestants will be scored on styling, proper rhythm, timing, phrasing and footwork

CONTENT: Content will be based on the variety, difficulty, originality, creativity or uniqueness of the dance movements.

PRESENTATION: Attentiveness, enthusiasm, enjoyment of the dance. Attire, posture, grooming and use of costume.

All contestants except Regular Team, Outlaw Team/Individual MUST dance all 3 required dances (known as Event Dances) in their level.

STANDARD DIVISIONS: Each Adult contestant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age (determined as of the first day of the event). Contestants under the age of eighteen (18) must have their parents or legal guardian written permission to compete.

ROOKIES: This level is for individual who has been line dancing for six (6) months or less.

INTERMEDIATE: This level is for individual who has been line dancing for six (6) – twenty-four (24) months.

ADVANCED: This level is for individual who has been line dancing for twenty-four (24) months or more.

JUVENILE: (Ages 6-12) This level is for youth meeting the age requirements.

JUNIORS: (Ages 13-16) This level is for youth meeting the age requirements.

SENIORS: (Ages 45-55) This level is for adults meeting the age requirements.

VETERANS: (Ages 55 and above) This level is for adults meeting the age requirements.

REGULAR TEAM: This Division is open to groups consisting of at least 4 or more dancers. All team members must register together with the captain submitting all names, official Registration Form & Fees together. Competitors entered in other Divisions must be specifically noted. Each member must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Competition consists of 2 dances with separate points for each.

- 1) The 'Event Dance' where the competition dance and the competition song are selected by the Event Director/s. Each team performs separately.
- 2) The "Teams Choice Dance" where original choreography or any combination of line dances has to be performed with the same team members.
- 3) Dancers are judged on UNITY – consistency of footwork, hand and body motion

RULES SPECIFIC TO THE “EVENT DANCE”

At least two compulsories (‘vanillas’) must be performed as per the official step description issued for the event. The third and consecutive patterns may be danced with variation, syncopations, optional hand and body movements, freeze breaks, etc. (with normal limitations) as long as the phrasing matches the official choreography and original dance remains recognizable.

RULES SPECIFIC TO “TEAM’S CHOICE DANCE”

Compulsories are not required here as the choreography and music are chosen by the team. Music and choreography must be country/western, with a song between 3 and 6 minutes long.

NON-STANDARD DIVISION

OUTLAW/FREESTYLE INDIVIDUAL

Normal competition rules do not apply except for the following:

1. Individual styling must be done in good taste – competitors using obscene or overly suggestive body or hand movements will be disqualified.
2. Use of good judgement is the rule.
3. Country Western Attire is strongly suggested. Thematic costumes are allowed but not judged.
4. Contestants may also register to compete in one other Individual Division.
5. Competitors are judge individually for ONE dance ONLY. Men and Women are not judged separately.
6. Competitors choose their own music. Music **MUST** be performed by a country western artist but the music selection is not limited to c/w songs. For example, “Respect” by Reba McEntire is acceptable, unlike Regular rules.
7. The routine’s entire length is limited to range of 3 to 6 minutes. Disregard of time constraints may result in disqualification.
8. Competitors will be judged in 3 categories: Execution, Content and Presentation.
9. Dance Instructors and instructing assistants may compete in this Division.

The purpose of offering this unique Division is to allow the contestant more freedom of Expression, Creativity, Styling and Interpretation, which is not allowed in the Standard Divisions. No age requirements.

OUTLAW/FREESTYLE TEAM

1. This Division is open to groups consisting of at least 4 or more dancers.
2. Outlaw Team competitors may also register to compete in Regular Team and in one other Individual Division.
3. Outlaw Team competitors must register together with the captain submitting all names, official registration forms and fees together. Competitors entered in other Divisions must be specifically noted.
4. Under-age competitors **MUST** have their registration waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. At the competition they must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
5. Styling must be done in good taste – competitors using obscene or overly suggestive body or hand movements will be disqualified.
6. Use of good judgement is the rule.
7. Competitors are judge for ONE dance **ONLY** of their choice.
8. Country Western Attire is strongly suggested. Thematic costumes are allowed but not judged.
9. Competitors choose their own music. Music must be performed by a country western artist but the music selection is not limited to c/w songs. For example, “Respect” by Reba McEntire is acceptable, unlike Regular rules.
10. The routine’s entire length is limited to range of 3 to 6 minutes. Disregard of time constraints may result in disqualification.
11. Competitors will be judged in 3 categories: Execution, Content and Presentation.
12. Dance Instructors and instructing assistants may compete in this Division.

THE DANCE:

Competitors **MUST** dance for the first two (2) rounds of dance, as per step description issued for that event by the Event Director/s. Individual Interpretation, Originality, Styling and Creativity may then be added on the remaining rounds of dance.

COUNTRY & WESTERN ATTIRE

WOMEN shall wear Western Style shirts or blouses, skirts or dresses.

MEN shall wear Western Style shirts, pants or jeans and Country Western style belts.

MEN & WOMEN: Western hat is **COMPULSORY**.