

2010 ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

JANUARY 23rd, 2010

COMPETITION INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The Royal Palm Chapter of USA Dance (formerly USABDA) looks forward to hosting you at the 2010 ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP on Saturday, Jan 23, 2010 at the beautiful GoldCoast Ballroom, Coconut Creek, Florida. The ballroom has a large 45' x 75' floating wooden floor. We invite all USA DanceSport athletes from in and outside of Florida to compete and all those who love ballroom dancing to come watch the competition and enjoy the Saturday evening social dancing and fabulous "Honors Dance" by our performers. GoldCoast Ballroom has the magic that sets it apart as the ultimate dancing experience: ambiance, incredible music and a magnificent dance floor designed and built exclusively for ballroom dancing by the owners, Jeff Sandler and Vinny Munno. GoldCoast Ballroom has been home to world-renowned performers, producers, adjudicators, choreographers, coaches, and teachers, as well as amateur competitors and social dancers for over ten years.

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1500.00 in scholarships are available in various categories. Check for scholarships and final schedule of events prior to competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY, Jan 23, 2010

7:45 AM Registration/packet pickup at GoldCoast Ballroom.

8:00 AM Ballroom open for practice.

8:30 AM Ballroom open for Admission.

8:45 AM Opening ceremony, introductions and announcements.

9:00 AM Competition begins. American Rhythm followed by International Standard.

1:00 PM Afternoon Session begins with American Smooth followed by International Latin.

6:30 PM Dinner break (dinner on your own).

7:00 PM Evening social dance session begins.

Entrance fee on your own. (Paid at entrance).

12:00 AM Goodnight to all.

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION:

DISCOUNTED ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be post marked by Jan 9, 2010.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be received no later than Jan 9, 2010 to avoid late fees.

Our Registrar will not be able to consider entries "received" until she receives full payment.

Please register early and use a separate entry form for each partnership.

REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS IN WHICH YOU MAY WANT TO DANCE. ADDING EVENTS AT THE COMPETITION WILL BE LIMITED. Please notify the deck captain or scheduler of any errors or cancellations/scratches as soon as possible; submit scratches on the provided form.

Each competitor must list his/her USADance membership number and expiration date on the entry form. **Please attach a photocopy of each partner's membership card.** Note: You may apply for, renew, or upgrade (to Adult) your membership by sending a USADance membership application and fee payment with your entry form. You can download the form at www.usadance.org. You can

also apply or renew your membership on line. Be sure to note the name of your local USADance chapter on the application. You may upgrade your membership with the registrar if necessary. When you arrive, before you compete, one or preferably both members of each partnership must check in with the registrar.

Each competitor must show his/her USADance membership to the Registrar for package pickup.

RULES: We will run this competition according to the new published USA DanceSport Rulebook for 2009A.

All competitors should refer to the rulebook prior to completing the entry form and competing. You may obtain a rulebook at www.usadance.org or by calling Mary (800) 447-9047.

ELIGIBILITY: Every competitor must be an amateur. Every adult competitor, with the exception of Newcomers, must be a currently registered DanceSport Adult member of USA DANCE or other member organization of the IDSF in good standing. Every youth competitor must be a registered Student member of USA DANCE in good standing.

Couples of which neither member has ever danced as an amateur couple in a ballroom competition are eligible to dance in Newcomer events (in which only the first 5 steps in a bronze syllabus are allowed). Competitors who qualify for Newcomer events may choose to dance in ONLY Newcomer events or in both Newcomer AND Bronze syllabus events. *Competitors who register for Newcomer events only, must be registered USA DANCE members in good standing of any type (Social member, Ballroom Dancer, or Adult).* Competitors who sign up for Bronze or above events must be registered as Adult members.

Both partners must be eligible for each event they enter and shall not compete in any classification below the minimum proficiency level for which they are eligible (see Rulebook, Rule 4.5). Competitors are responsible for verifying their proficiency points, so please check your accumulated proficiency points before registering.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS (age on December 31, 2010):

Youth: The elder partner is 18 years old and younger.

Adult: Both partners must be between 19 and 34

Senior1: Both partners must be between 35 years and 44

Senior2: Both partners must be between 45 years and 54

Senior3: Both partners must be between 55 years and 64

Senior4: Both partners must be 65 and older for the **GRAND MASTERS** (Championships only)

Theater Arts/Cabaret: Both partners must be 16 years old or older

Per USA DanceSport rules, rest time will be allowed between rounds of any one event. In the interim, we will run other events, such as the same event for different age categories. Competitors that register for events in more than one age category should consider that the events will probably be run back-to-back.

EVENT FORMAT AND ENTRY DIVISIONS

Each event will consist of one to five dances in succession without leaving the floor. Places will be determined by the best combined score for all dances in that event. Awards will be presented to the top six couples in each event. We may cancel/combine events with fewer than 3 entries.

The competition is organized into Syllabus and Open events. Syllabus events are offered in the following proficiency levels: Newcomer (1st five steps of Bronze), Bronze, Silver and Gold. Open events are offered in proficiency levels of Novice, Pre-Championship and Championship.

Competitors may enter up to two consecutive proficiency levels in each style or discipline with the same partner (the minimum level for which they are qualified and one higher, (Ex. Newcomer and Bronze, Bronze and Silver, Silver and Gold, Gold and Novice, Novice and Pre-Champ, Pre-Champ and Champ.) Mixed Proficiency amateur events are offered at all Syllabus levels. Both partners of this team must be current Adult

members of USABDA. A Mixed Proficiency couple is defined as a couple whereby the partners are either (1) different age levels and/or (2) different proficiency levels. Only the designated partner is judged in Mixed Proficiency partnerships.

STEPS:

- In American Smooth and Rhythm Syllabus events, steps from any recognized published syllabus are acceptable, including NDCA, ISTD, North Am. Dance Society, Arthur Murray, Fred Astaire, and Pan-Am. See USABDA website for a sample syllabus. In Smooth Newcomer and Bronze events, competitors must use closed footwork; continuity styling will be penalized.
- In International Standard and Latin Syllabus events, only ISTD figures are allowed.
- Open-event competitors are not restricted to syllabus; any syllabus steps and above may be danced.

DRESS/COSTUMES:

- Costumes are not permitted for the following events:
Newcomer: Newcomer men should wear dark dress pants, plain shirt and tie, or tuxedo. Newcomer ladies should wear party dresses without excessive adornment.
Youth: All proficiency levels. Boys should wear dark pants, white shirt, and optional tie. Girls should wear leotards and wrap-around skirts or party dresses with no rhinestones.
- Costumes are permitted but not required for the following events (costumes are not a factor in judging):
Youth: Pre-Champ and Championship
Adult & Senior: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Novice events
- Costumes are required:
Adult & Senior: Pre-Champ and Championship
- Dress for spectators at all competition sessions is dressy casual.

SPECTATOR TICKETS: You may purchase spectator tickets in advance or at the door. Advance orders for spectator tickets must be postmarked by Jan 8, 2007. Prepaid tickets will be held at the door.

Adult Admission to daytime session (morning and afternoon).....\$ 10.00
Youth or Collegiate admission to daytime session.....\$ 5.00

CANCELLATION POLICY: Competitors and spectators cancelling by Jan 15 will receive a 50% refund; on or after Jan 20, no refund. Please allow 30 days following the competition for us to process and mail any refunds.

MISCELLANEOUS: Please do not smoke in the ballroom, dressing rooms, or registration area. Do not bring alcoholic beverages into the ballroom. We have arranged commercial photography or videotaping but you may bring your own equipment. **All cameras must be battery operated; no tripods or lights are permitted.**

DISCLAIMERS: All persons attend this event at their own risk and agree to hold harmless the organizers, USA DANCE a/k/a USA DanceSport and the GOLDCOAST BALLROOM from any injury sustained at the event. Each person is solely responsible for his/her own belongings; the organizers, USA DANCE, USA DanceSport and the GOLDCOAST BALLROOM cannot be held liable for any loss or

theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballroom, hotel rooms, and other event facilities. All persons agree, unless they notify the organizers otherwise, that USA DANCE may use any film, video, or photograph containing their images as well as their identifying names.

THE GOLDCOAST BALLROOM, 1415 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 (954-979-0770) From the North: Exit I-95 at the Copans Road exit and head west. You will pass Powerline Rd. and continue west until you come to the intersection of Lyons Road. Make a left, heading south on Lyons, passing an amber flashing light, then a full set of lights. After these lights, you will be looking for the shopping center on the right. There is a light at the south end of the plaza. Turn right into Lyons Plaza and immediately right into the car park. The ballroom is visible toward the rear of the free car park.

From the South: Exit I-95 at Atlantic Blvd and head west. You will pass over Powerline Rd, the Turnpike Extension. Look for Lyons Road shortly after you go over the Turnpike. Make a right on Lyons to head north. You will pass Coconut Creek Parkway and the first light past that intersection is the entrance to the plaza. Make a left and an immediate right to enter the parking area. The ballroom is visible toward the rear of the free car park.

From the Turnpike: Either North or South: Exit the turnpike at the Coconut Creek/Pompano exit. On leaving the toll booths, make a right at the first light, which is Coconut Creek Parkway. You will go about 2 miles to the intersection of Lyons Road. Make a right at Lyons Road, heading north. The first light is the entrance to the plaza. Make a left and an immediate right to enter the parking area. The ballroom is visible toward the rear of the free car park.

VENDOR SALES

Goldcoast's boutique of dancewear, footwear, jewelry, etc. will be open. Please visit and see the elegant and exquisite merchandise.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

If your USA DANCE chapter, business or you would like to donate a tax-deductible scholarship, Contact Patti MacDonald at 561-740-9589 or dancinmacs@comcast.net

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See our website at www.usadance-royalpalm.org.

For general information, contact

Patti MacDonald, competition chair, dancinmacs@comcast.net
561-740-9589

or

Registrar, ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP
4805 Nolana Lane Boynton Beach, FL 33436

2009 ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITOR FEES & SPECTATOR TICKET ORDER FORM

Price pp # of each Sub-total

Competitor fees: (includes all comp entries, ballroom admissions, and competition program):

Adult competitor: discounted fee (Postmarked by Jan 9, 2010) \$75.00 _____ \$ _____

Adult competitor: standard fee (Received after Jan 9, 2010) \$90.00 _____ \$ _____

Newcomer dancing in Newcomer events only: \$50.00 _____ \$ _____ (same postmarks)

Student (Youth & Collegiate): discounted fee,
(Postmarked by Jan 9, 2010) \$35.00 _____ \$ _____

Student (Youth & Collegiate): standard fee
(Received after Jan 9, 2010) \$50.00 _____ \$ _____

Spectator Tickets:

Admission to daytime competition student (Youth & Collegiate): \$ 5.00 # _____ \$ _____

Admission to daytime competition Adult \$ 10.00# _____ \$ _____

Box Lunches available on Saturday from noon-2 pm: Please purchase on your own.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

Send completed forms, checks, and copies of each competitor's membership card to:

ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

4805 Nolina Lane Boynton Beach, Fl. 33436

COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM

For discount: Postmarked by Jan 9, 2010. Final Deadline: Forms and fees must be received received by Jan 16, 2010 to be listed in program.

GENT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

USADance # and Expiration Date _____

LADY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

USADance # and Expiration Date _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTOCOPY OF EACH COMPETITOR'S MEMBERSHIP CARD.

All competitors must sign the following waiver: The undersigned have read and agree to this waiver. I have read, understand and agree to abide by USA DanceSport Rulebook Section 4, Rules for Competitors. I state I am eligible to enter all events for which my partner and I have registered and further state we are not registered for an event below our minimum proficiency level in each category. I understand all athletes may be subject to drug testing by the IDSF or USA DanceSport. I agree to be bound by the USA DanceSport rules while at this event; and, if I violate these rules, my Amateur Athlete competitor status may be suspended. I understand the competition may be filmed/videoed/photographed and I agree the organizers may use my images and my name. No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in the changing rooms, competition, practice room or seating areas can be accepted by the organizers, the Royal Palm Chapter of USA Dancesport, the GoldCoast Ballroom, or any hotel by persons attending this event. Everyone attending does so at his/her own risk.

Gentleman's Signature

Lady's Signature

For each competitor under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign below.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Hotel Accommodations:

Hampton Inn Cypress Creek
720 E. Cypress Creek Rd.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33334
954-776-7677 800-Hampton \$109.00 per night by Dec. 21, 2009 Mention USADance for discounted rate

Travelers Inn \$65.00 per night. Mention USADance for discounted rate
1401 So. Federal Hwy.
Deerfield Beach, Fl. 33441
1-800-283-9946

El Palacio Hotel and Resort near I95
4900 Powerline Rd.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33309
954- 776-4880 \$90.00 per night

La Quinta
999 W. Cypress Creek Rd. near I95
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33309
954-491-7666 \$115.00 per night

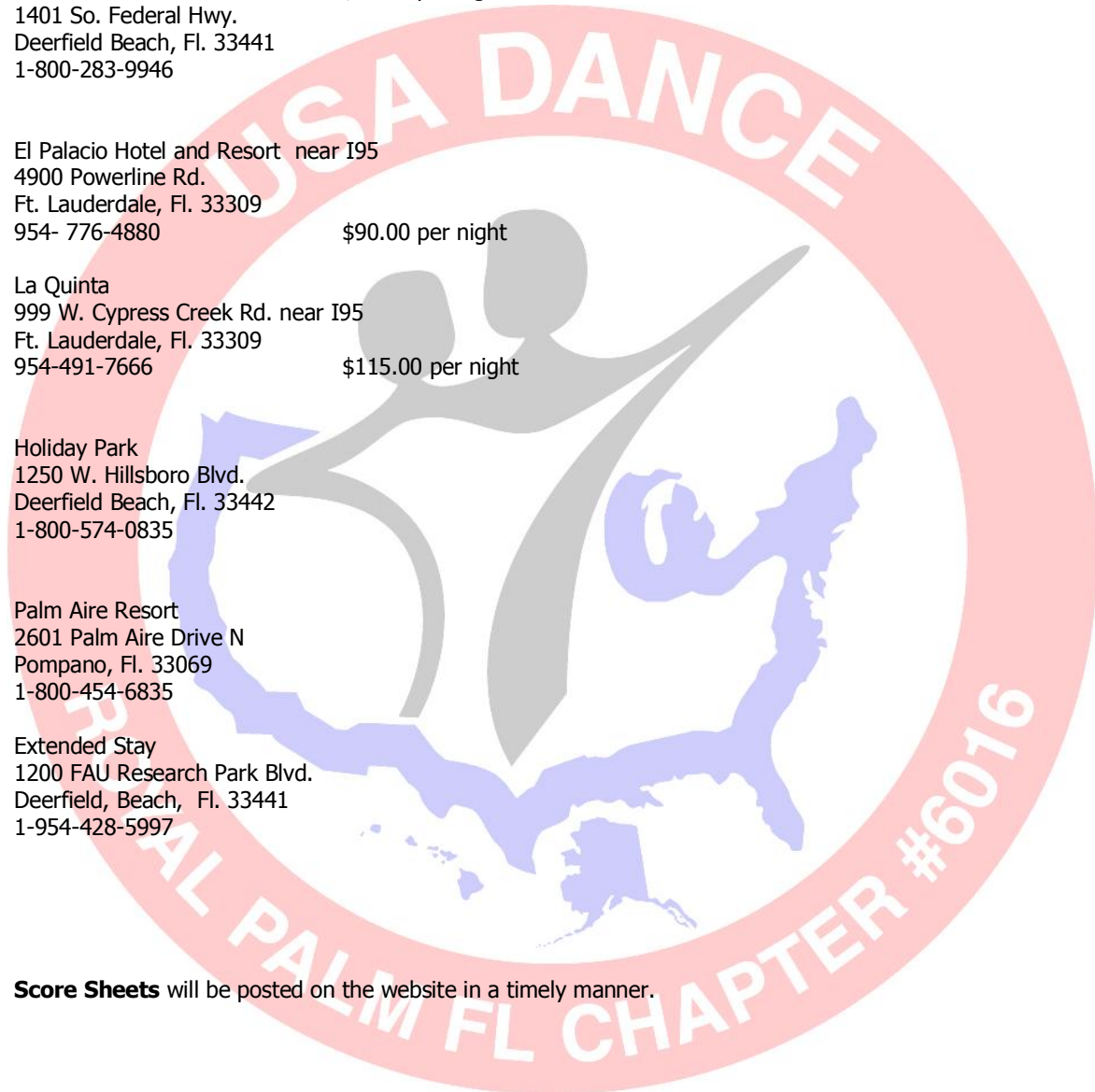
Holiday Park
1250 W. Hillsboro Blvd.
Deerfield Beach, Fl. 33442
1-800-574-0835

Palm Aire Resort
2601 Palm Aire Drive N
Pompano, Fl. 33069
1-800-454-6835

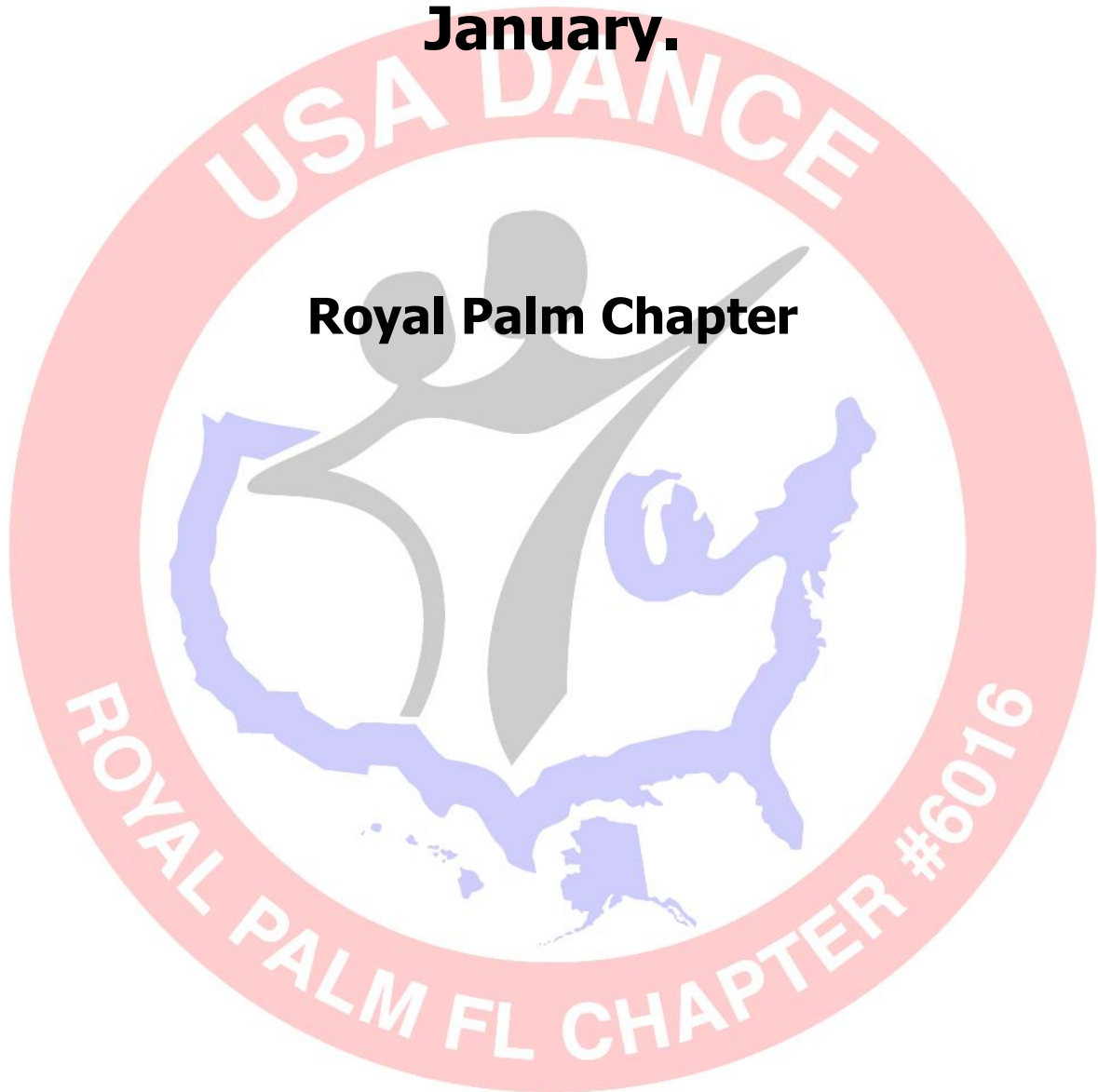
Extended Stay
1200 FAU Research Park Blvd.
Deerfield, Beach, Fl. 33441
1-954-428-5997

Score Sheets will be posted on the website in a timely manner.

**Thank you for your support and
participation!**



**We hope we will see you again next
January.**



Royal Palm Chapter