

DESERT CHALLENGE INTERCOLLEGIATE DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Date: April 27 & 28, 2018
Location: MPE South Gym
UNLV Campus
4505 S Maryland Pkwy
Deadline: **April 1, 2017** - must be postmarked by this date

This is the 28th Annual Desert Challenge Intercollegiate Dancesport Championships. As an intercollegiate event, we expect that all of the competitors will be students of a university, state college, community college or technical academy. Please contact the organizer with any questions regarding this. We look forward to seeing you in April!

There is no food court in or near the MPE building. While we will not be hosting a snack sales table, we will be issuing each competitor ten(10) tickets that may be redeemed for ten(10) drinks and snacks. Our hope is that this will help with the long day.

Please note that we have changed the name of the Theater Arts event to Cabaret. Please see the description below.

SYLLABUS LEVEL:

The single dance American & International events are closed syllabus events. Material used should be based on an NDCA or USA Dance recognized syllabus. International is restricted to ISTD syllabus. No continuity styling in the American Bronze level. No open work in the syllabus level events, events will be invigilated. Coaches, please insure that your students adhere to this.

For this competition, Newcomer is defined as someone who has never competed and has been dancing less than twelve(12) months. Both members of the partnership must meet these guidelines.

Competitors may compete in two consecutive levels. American Smooth, American Rhythm, International Standard and International Latin are all considered separate syllabi, therefore, dancers may be at different levels for each.

The organizers reserve the right to cancel events with fewer than four(4) couples entered.

TEAM MATCH:

Two Team Matches will be offered at no charge - both an American Style and International Style. These teams may be integrated for additional fun, please be prepared!

FORMATION TEAMS:

Schools may choose to present either a single dance or a medley. The time limit will be six(6) minutes including entrance & exit. Timing will begin when the first team member steps onto the floor and will end when the last team member steps off the floor. **Coaches please note: The time restraints will be strictly enforced, please adhere to it. If you go over the time limit, you will be penalized.** NDCA and USA Dance rules regarding lifts will be followed, no lifts are allowed in the body of the routine - only in the entrance and/or exit. The single dance routines will be judged independently of the medleys. *Please include a list of your team members with your entry.*

Schools may compete multiple teams provided the following guidelines are adhered to:

1. These must be separate and distinct teams
2. They must perform separate and distinct routines
3. There must be no duplication of members between the teams

Schools may wish to offer one exhibition routine. They should fill out an additional entry form, indicate it is an exhibition, and forward it with an additional \$40.00 payment.

Music **must** be provided on flash drive or CD. You must submit your music to the DJ prior to the end of the dinner break. Please be sure to have a backup copy of your music in case of problems.

Teams may have ten(10) minutes to mark their routines in the ballroom during registration or the dinner break. Schools will be accommodated on a first come, first serve basis. Please email or phone the organizer with your time request. (Phone (702) 658-0013)

DONNA MEDRANO MEMORIAL TEAM MATCH:

Open to all schools attending. One team per school. Entry fee of \$20 per team. This is a scholarship event! Please see detailed information enclosed.

CABARET EVENT:

Open to all competitors. May be a single couple, up to three couples. Music of your own choice. Lifts are required. Must be a ballroom related style.

Music **must** be provided on flash drive or CD. You must submit your music to the DJ prior to the end of the dinner break. Please be sure to have a backup copy of your music in case of problems.

ATTIRE:

Costumes are encouraged but not required with the following exceptions:

No costumes in the Newcomer events.

No costumes for the Team Matches.

Costumes will be allowed for the Donna M Medrano Memorial Team Match.

ITINERARY:

Please be informed that this is a tentative schedule and subject to change. Coaches will be informed of any changes ASAP.

FRIDAY:

REGISTRATION	4:00PM	-	5:00PM
COMPETITION	5:00PM	-	10:00PM
American Smooth			
West Coast Swing			
Salsa			
Open Merengue			

SATURDAY:

REGISTRATION:	8:00AM	-	9:00AM
COMPETITION:	9:00AM	-	4:30PM
International Standard			
American Rhythm			
International Latin			
Hustle			
Argentine Tango			
Lindy			
DINNER BREAK:	4:30PM	-	6:00PM
COMPETITION:	6:00PM	-	10:00PM
Multi-dance Events			
Team Events			

RESULTS:

All results will be posted at the event and on our website.

FEES:

Student Participant:	\$45.00 includes admission tickets
Friday Spectator:	\$ 5.00 all evening
Saturday Spectator:	\$10.00 all day & evening
Formation Team:	\$40.00 *
Team Match:	N/C *
Memorial Team Match:	\$20 *

*Students participating **only** in the Formation and/or Team Match competitions will be required to purchase a \$10.00 admission ticket.

COACHES:

Admission for coaches is free on a one(coach) per school basis. Schools with multiple teams will be on a one(coach) per team basis. Please complete the Coach Registration form. Tickets will be held at Will Call for pick up.

HOTELS:

We have included a list of hotels in the vicinity of UNLV for your information.

LATE ENTRIES:

Entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2018. All changes must be completed by 5pm April 25th. Scratches and late entries will **not** be considered on April 27th & 28th. All late entries are subject to a \$10.00 late fee. If a couple misses the April 1st deadline, yet wish to add an event, they should contact the organizer with their request. The \$10.00 late fee will be due before the request will be processed.

REFUNDS:

Refunds will be considered on a case by case basis, and only with a 48 hour advance notice of cancellation.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Please return the completed entry forms with a check or money order - **no cash please** - made payable to **Desert Challenge** to the following address:

Attn: Desert Challenge Championships
c/o Gail M Michel-Parsons
6524 Roy Rogers Dr
Las Vegas, Nv 89108

DANCE KEY:

W	waltz	Q	quickstep	B	bolero	P	paso doble
T	tango	C	cha cha	M	mambo	J	jive
F	fox trot	R	rumba	Me	merengue		
VW	viennese waltz	SW	e.c. swing	S	samba		

HOTEL AND MOTEL INFORMATION

Following is a list of hotels and motels located near the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus.

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| 1. | La Quinta Inn
3970 Paradise Rd
(702)796-9000 | 4. | Alexis Park
375 E Harmon Ave
(702)796-3300 | 7. | Embassy Suites
4315 Swenson
(702)795-2800 |
| 2. | Hyatt Place
4520 Paradise Rd
(702) 369-3366 | 5. | Tuscany Hotel & Casino
255 E Flamingo Rd
(877) 887-2261 | 8. | Silver Sevens Hotel & Casino
4100 Paradise
(702)691-2409 |
| 3. | Hard Rock Hotel
4455 Paradise Rd
(702)693-5000 | 6. | Fairfield Inn
3850 Paradise Rd
(702)791-0899 | | |

RESTAURANT INFORMATION

Following is a list of full service restaurants in the vicinity of UNLV.

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| 1. | Checker's
Paradise & Harmon | 4. | P.F. Chang's
4165 Paradise Rd |
| 2. | Olive Garden
1545 E Flamingo Rd | 5. | Hoffbrau House
Paradise & Harmon |
| 3. | Bahama Breeze
Flamingo & Paradise | 6. | Buca di Beppo
412 E Flamingo Rd |

FAST FOOD RESTAURANT INFORMATION

Following is a list of fast food restaurants in the vicinity of UNLV.

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| 1. | Subway
Harmon & Paradise | 5. | Checker's
Harmon & Paradise | 9. | Jack In the Box
Flamingo & Swenson |
| 2. | Chipotle
4530 S Maryland Pkwy | 6. | McDonald's
4855 S Maryland Pkwy | 10. | Quizno's
Flamingo & Swenson |
| 3. | Cane's
Flamingo & Maryland Pkwy | 7. | In & Out Burger
4705 S Maryland Pkwy | 11. | Smash Burger
4725 S Maryland Pkwy |
| 4. | Arby's
3901 S Maryland Pkwy | 8. | Subway
3961 S Maryland Pkwy | 12. | Capriotti's
Harmon & Paradise(CVS) |