

WINTERGARDENS —BLACKPOOL—

Syllabus

87th Annual

Blackpool Dance Festival

Open to the World

Thursday 24th MAY to Friday 1st JUNE 2012

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Festival of Dancing**

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THURSDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY 24th, 26th and 27th MAY 2012

Class S.1 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who danced in the 3rd Round of the British Amateur Ballroom Championship 2011).

PRIZES: 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,020

1st Couple £250 2nd Couple £210 3rd Couple £180 4th Couple £155 5th Couple £130 6th Couple £95

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-Round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 24th May at approx. 5.30 p.m. when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Saturday, 26th May at 10.00 a.m.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SUNDAY, 24th, 25th and 27th MAY 2012

Class S.2 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who danced in the 4th Round of the British Amateur Latin Championship 2011)

PRIZES: 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,020

1st Couple £250 2nd Couple £210 3rd Couple £180 4th Couple £155 5th Couple £130 6th Couple £95

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 24th May at approx. 1.00 p.m. when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Friday, 25th May at 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAY, 25th MAY 2012

Class F BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION

(Open to the world with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Latin Championship 2011 and those who danced in all five dances in the Semi-Final).

PRIZES: 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,060

1st Couple £265 2nd Couple £235 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £150 5th Couple £120 6th Couple £95

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2011 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2011 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class F.1 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - **GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.**
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.
PRIZE MONEY amounting to £950

1st Couple £245 2nd Couple £195 3rd Couple £165 4th Couple £135 5th Couple £115 6th Couple £95

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Exemption - Exemption from the First Round will be granted to those couples who danced in the Fourth Round of the 2011 British Senior Ballroom Championship.

SENIOR COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY

SATURDAY 26th MAY 2012

Class A.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

OVER 16 and UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS MAY DANCE IN THE AMATEUR RISING STARS LATIN COMPETITION BUT THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £870

1st Couple £220 2nd Couple £180 3rd Couple £155 4th Couple £125 5th Couple £105 6th Couple £85

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2011 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)

**Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz,
Cha-Cha-Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive.**

MONDAY, 28th MAY 2012

Class A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Ballroom Championship 2011 and those who danced in all four dances in the Semi-Final).

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,060

1st Couple £265 2nd Couple £235 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £150 5th Couple £120 6th Couple £95

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2011 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2011 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class F.2 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £950

1st Couple £245 2nd Couple £195 3rd Couple £165 4th Couple £135 5th Couple £115 6th Couple £95

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

SENIOR COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 28th and 29th MAY 2012

Class B BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,060

1st Couple £265 2nd Couple £220 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £155 5th Couple £125 6th Couple £100

UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The first will be held on Monday at 10.30 a.m. and the Second on Tuesday at 11.00 a.m., when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

The Championship proper will commence at 4.30 p.m. approx on Tuesday.

EXEMPTIONS:

Exemptions from the Qualifying Heats on the Monday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Third Round proper in the 2011 British Amateur Latin Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with **ONE***

Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Tuesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fourth Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with **TWO****

Exemptions only apply to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

Any dispute as to eligibility for exemption shall be at the discretion of the Management of the Blackpool Dance Festival, whose decision shall be accepted as final.

TUESDAY, 29th MAY 2012

Class B.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

OVER 16 AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS MAY DANCE IN THE AMATEUR RISING STARS BALLROOM COMPETITION BUT THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £870

1st Couple £220 2nd Couple £180 3rd Couple £155 4th Couple £125 5th Couple £105 6th Couple £85

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY 2012

Class C BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to over £4,925

The **PRIZE MONEY** will be allocated for **EACH DANCE** as follows:

1st Couple £240 2nd Couple £195 3rd Couple £175 4th Couple £145 5th Couple £125 6th Couple £105

A Cash Prize of **£60** will be awarded to each couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA-CHA-CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances, and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the five dances will be declared the BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONS and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

Competitors marked with two asterisks (**) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fifth Round of the 2011 Championship and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fourth Round of the 2011 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

Class C.1 BRITISH BALLROOM FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)
FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st CASH PRIZE £300 to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with **PRIZE MONEY** amounting to **£350** to the Members of the Winning Team.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Rehearsal will commence after the Qualifying Heats of the British Amateur Ballroom Championship.

In the event of Television coverage or Production of a Video Recording for commercial purposes of any Competition or Championship event, all Competitors agree that the rights to any fees from such television or video recording will vest solely with Blackpool Council trading as the Winter Gardens managed by Crown Entertainment Centres Ltd. (The Organiser) and no Competitors or Associations shall have any claim against the Organiser, Television Company or Video Producer at any such event.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 30th and 31st MAY 2012

Class D THE BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY. Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

PRIZE MONEY amounting to £1,060

1st Couple £265 2nd Couple £220 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £155 5th Couple £125 6th Couple £100

UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be **TWO** Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The first will be held on Wednesday at 11.00 a.m. and the Second on Thursday at 11.00 a.m. when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

The Championship proper will commence on Thursday evening at 6.00 p.m. prompt.

EXEMPTIONS:

Exemptions from the First Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Second Round proper in the 2011 British Amateur Ballroom Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with **ONE***

Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Thursday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Third Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with **TWO****

Exemptions apply only to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

Any dispute as to eligibility for exemption shall be at the discretion of the Management of the Blackpool Dance Festival, whose decision shall be accepted as final.

THURSDAY, 31st MAY, 2012

BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" EXHIBITION COMPETITION

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE, 2012

Class E.1 BRITISH LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES.

See **RULES** for clarification.

The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin Dances.

PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st CASH PRIZE £300 to the Teacher, together with **PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £350 to the Members of the Winning Team.

Rehearsal will commence at 12.30 p.m. approx.

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE 2012

Class E THE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

AND CASH PRIZES amounting to over £3,900 will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:

1st Couple £240 2nd Couple £195 3rd Couple £175 4th Couple £145 5th Couple £125 6th Couple £105

A Cash Prize of £60 will be awarded to each Couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all four dances, but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. All entrants will be required to compete in the four dances and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The Couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the four dances will be declared the British Professional Ballroom Champions, and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

EXEMPTION -

Competitors marked with two asterisks ()** are those who danced in ALL four dances in the Fifth Round of the 2011 Championship and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. **Competitors marked with one asterisk (*)** are those who danced in ALL four dances in the Fourth Round of the 2011 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

RULES - All Championships and Competitions will be conducted under the Rules of the British Dance Council governing the recognition of Championships.

ENTRY. - Direct Entry for all Competitions **MUST** be made on the prescribed form and such entry together with a completed Competitor Entry Fee Form should be in the hands of the Festival Organiser not later than **March 31st**. All Entries will be acknowledged by post. If Competitors do not receive a **Confirmation of Entry within seven days of the closing date** it is their responsibility to contact the organiser to verify that they are entered in the relevant Competitions. Qualifying Competitions will be held for the British Rising Stars Amateur Latin and Ballroom Competitions and the British Amateur Latin and Ballroom Championships. These will take place in the **Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom** on

THURSDAY, 24th MAY at 1.00 p.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR LATIN COMPETITION

1st Qualifying Heats

THURSDAY, 24th MAY at 5.30 p.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR BALLROOM COMPETITION

1st Qualifying Heats

FRIDAY, 25th MAY at 10.00 a.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR LATIN COMPETITION

2nd Qualifying Heats

SATURDAY, 26th MAY at 10.00 a.m.

BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR BALLROOM COMPETITION

2nd Qualifying Heats

MONDAY, 28th MAY at 10.30 a.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Qualifying Heats

TUESDAY, 29th MAY at 11.00 a.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd Qualifying Heats

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY at 11.00 a.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Qualifying Heats

THURSDAY, 31st MAY at 10.00 a.m.

BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd Qualifying Heats

All Competitors wishing to enter the British Championships/Competitions **MUST** hold a valid Registration as an Amateur OR Professional.

Amateur/Professional: 16 years of age or over.

Over 35 Years: The lady and gentleman must both be over 35 years of age. Proof of age may be required.

Under 21 Years: Competitors must be over 16 and under 21 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

Formation: Open to teams of amateurs who are entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. British Teams **MUST** be registered with the British Dance Council. Non British Teams must hold a valid Registration.

RULES (continued)

There is an Entry Fee for each competitor for each Competition entered which includes General Admission to the Ballroom, and all Competitors will defray their own travelling expenses. Amateurs - The Entry Fee only covers the 1st Qualifying Heat. Should you be re-called to the 2nd Qualifying Heat then tickets must be purchased for that day.

Entry to the Competitions will **NOT** be accepted unless it is accompanied with the relevant Entry Fee Form.

If any Competitor withdraws from any Competition after entry, immediate notification in writing should be made. Failure to do this renders them liable to disqualification from entering any future events.

Entry can now be made online at www.blackpooldancefestival.com

The Management reserve the right to limit the number of entries accepted in any of the competitions.

The decision of the Organiser is to be taken as final.

PLEASE NOTE - No late entries will be accepted and there will be no spare numbers, nor will anyone be allowed to dance in place of competitors who have not claimed their numbers.

JUDGING - For all Competitions the Board of Adjudicators will consist of members selected from the various Associations of Teachers of Dancing, together with any other Judges who may be appointed.

The decision of the Adjudicators is to be taken as final.

COMPETITORS' PRACTICE:

The Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom will be open for Competitors' Practice at certain times. Please see the Programme for details. Public and Competitors will be admitted on production of Daily or Season Ticket, without Extra Charge.

ADMISSION AND RESERVED SEATS

(Including VAT at 20%)

General Admission each day (Excluding Thursday and Sunday and does not include Reserved Seat).....	£31.00
General Admission Ticket Thursday.....	£10.00
General Admission Ticket Sunday.....	£16.00
A Season Ticket available for all events (Does not include Thursday and Sunday or Reserved Seat)	£160.00

Reserved Seats (Front Row only Ground Floor) at an additional charge of	£31.00 each day
Reserved Seats Ground Floor 'C' Row (excluding South) at an additional charge of	£24.00 each day
Reserved Seats (Ground Floor and 1st Balcony) at an additional charge of.....	£20.00 each day
Reserved Seats North Balcony only at an additional charge of	£11.00 each day
Reserved Seats Top Balcony at an additional charge of.....	£10.00 each day

All bookings are subject to a £2.00 Administration charge.

These prices are subject to any variation in rate of Value Added Tax

Applications for Tickets should be made on the Ticket Application Forms.

Competitors must complete an Entry Form and Competitor Entry Fee Form or enter online.

Please read the Ticket Information enclosed with this Syllabus.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

**FOR YOUR
DIARY:**

**2012 Blackpool Sequence Dance Festival
Adults: 21st to 23rd October
Children: 20th October**

**2012 British National Dance Championships
15th to 17th November**

**2013 Blackpool Dance Festival for Juniors
1st to 8th April
2013 Blackpool Dance Festival
23rd to 31st May**