

## INTERMEDIATE RULES

In this the Intermediate category and is recommended for those who have danced for 6 months or more but do not feel that they have reached Advanced level.

Couples will dance to music chosen by Blackpool MJ Champs Ltd

Judging will be based on a points system. Points will be awarded for Style, Musical Interpretation, Presentation and Technique relevant to that of an intermediate dancer. Please refer to Judging Criteria for more details.

This is a freestyle round where a definite lead and follow must be demonstrated.

Airsteps will not be allowed; *You are permitted to do a move where both feet leave the floor as long as one foot remains below the waist of your partner - it would be counted as an air step if both feet were to be above the waist of your partner* Disqualification from the competition will be automatic should a couple attempt any Airsteps.

Should the Judges feel that the couple are dancing above the level of Intermediate they will be moved up to the Advanced Category.

Teachers and professionals are not allowed to enter this category. ***Blackpool MJ Champs Ltd's definition of a teacher or professional is anyone who has been paid for teaching any form of jive-orientated dance, won the Advanced Category or entered the Open Category.***

70% of dancing must be recognisable as Modern Jive.

The Judges decision is final

This Category is open to all

The minimum entry age for this category is 16

Blackpool MJ Champs Ltd. reserves the right to change the programme and competition if necessary without consultation.

The event will be recorded by film, video and photograph; these may be used for Blackpool MJ Champs Ltd promotional purposes without any obligation.

Blackpool MJ Champs Ltd accepts no responsibility for loss or injury to persons or possessions in relation to this event.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

To help you get the most out of the competition the details below indicate what the judges are looking for and how you will be scored on your performance.

Criteria Section	What the Judges are looking for	Points
Costume & Presentation	Have the couple made an effort to dress up for the competition? Is there good interaction between the couple? Are they smiling? Do they look like they are having fun?	1 - 3
Musicality, Interpretation	Are the couple's dancing to the style of the music? Are the moves they are doing in keeping with the rhythm and character of the music? Are the couples just dancing or are they performing the moves? Does the personality of the couple show through the moves they are dancing?	1 - 5
Technique	Are the move's technically correct to the level of dancer? Are the moves performed with good pattern and direction? Are they using the floor well? Are they considerate to others on the floor? Is there a clear lead and follow?	1 - 5
Variety, Complexity	Is there a good variation of moves? Is the difficulty and complexity of the move relevant to the category they have entered? Are the moves executed correctly? Do the moves flow?	1 - 5

Each Couple will be marked individually and not against the people they are dancing with on the dance floor

The Final - Individual Marks are not required for the final - all Judges should place the couples from 1 - 6, (1 being 1<sup>st</sup> place).

All the scores are entered into the computer and the Competitors with the highest scores will be put through to the next Round.

Dependent upon the number of Judges the maximum score each competitor will vary - however the maximum number of points awarded to a couple from any one judge is 18 points.

All score will be recorded and any competitor can contact Blackpool MJ Champs to find out how they did. They can also request feed back from the Judges. After the competition has ended