

## Pro-Am INTERMEDIATE RULES

A Pro-Am couple consists of a professional partner and an amateur partner dancing together. Your professional acts as your coach, partner and mentor. Together you can partake in Pro-Am competitions based at the level of the amateur dancer, in this case Intermediate level where it is only the amateur being judged. Male Teachers can take on the follower's role and Female teachers can take on the lead role, this must be stated on the booking form.

Couples will dance to music chosen by Blackpool MJ Champs.

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. Male and Female amateurs will follow slightly different judging criteria and not be judged against each other. Please refer to Judging Criteria for more details.

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

*Air steps 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 Air steps.

70% of dancing must be recognisable as Modern Jive.

A Professional may not dance with more than 3 students per Category  
The Judges decision is final

This Category is open to all Intermediate level dancers who have not entered any competition category higher than Intermediate at Blackpool MJ Champs. Blackpool MJ Champs consider a professional is anyone who has taught modern jive or has won the advanced or competed in the Open Category at Blackpool MJ Champs.

If the judges feel that the amateur is dancing above the level expected of an Intermediate dancer then they have the right to move the dancer to the Pro-Am Advanced category, if places are available and this does not take the Amateur over 3 students in the Advanced Category. If no places are available then the couple will be disqualified.

Professionals and Amateur's must sign the booking form to acknowledge they have read and understood the rules in place for this category.

The minimum entry age for this category is 16

Blackpool MJ Champs 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 from the amateur and how you will be scored on your performance.

**M** - is specific to the male amateur

**F** - is specific to the female amateur

Criteria Section	What the Judges are looking for	Points
Costume & Presentation	Has an effort been made to dress up for the competition? Is there good interaction between the Professional & Amateur? Are they smiling? Are they presenting to the Judges?	1 - 3
Musicality, Interpretation	Are the moves they are doing in keeping with the rhythm and character of the music? Are the moves being performed or just danced? Does the personality of the amateur show through the moves they are dancing?	1 - 5
Technique	Are the move's technically correct? Are the moves performed with good pattern and direction? Are they using the floor well? Are they considerate to others on the floor? <b>M</b> - Is there a clear lead? <b>F</b> - Are they following well?	1 - 5
Variety, Complexity	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 amateur will be marked individually and not against the people they are dancing with on the dance floor. Only Amateurs are being judged.

All the scores are entered into the computer and the female and male amateur's 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 an amateur from any one judge is 18 points.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Male and Female for each category

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