

SPOTLIGHT RULES

The Spotlight Category gives dancers the opportunity to dance their own original choreographed routine to a piece of music chosen by them.

Couples are expected to dance their own choreographed routine - *Blackpool MJ Champs Ltd define this as a Couple can use any moves but it should be their own original composition.*

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

20% must be recognizable as modern jive

Your Spotlight routine must last 3 - 5 Minutes. The Maximum time of 5 minutes must not be exceeded. Your 5 minutes will start from the first movement or sound of your routine. If you exceed your 5 minutes of allocated time disqualification will be automatic.

Should you require any time to set your scene you will have 1 minute before your routine starts and 1 minute to clear the floor after your routine has finished - Please make sure that you inform us if you require this time when sending in your Spotlight entry Please note that our staff will not be able to assist you with your scene setting and dismantling.

Spotlight is open to all

Airsteps are allowed

A copy of your music on CD must be supplied to Blackpool MJ Champs no later than 2 weeks prior to the competition

The minimum entry age for this category is 16

The Judges decision is final

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 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? Does the Routine tell a story & capture your imagination	1 - 5
Technique	Are the moves 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? 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, Trio will be marked individually.

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