

Gem State Classic is next week!

Here are all the details - please read through everything

I'll send the schedules with the IBA events highlighted tomorrow.

GEM STATE CLASSIC! March 27-29, Bonneville High School, Idaho Falls.

Next to the Spring Concert, this is the biggest event of our year. Hopefully you've had these dates blocked since September so there shouldn't be any conflicts for your dancers. The \$25 competitor entry fee was included in the competition fees you paid IBA. This is a discounted rate since we are the host team, and supply the volunteers.

Please know that the coaches have done their very best to prepare their teams for the competition. If there are unexpected problems, such as a dancer getting sick or injured and not able to come, please don't be angry with the coach if your dancer has to dance as a "casper". We will all do the very best we can to make sure all dancers have a positive experience.

We have tried to assign the double boys to different syllabus levels (silver with one class, gold with the other) so that all the girls will all have partners. We do the very best we can to make sure everyone has a partner.

The team competition is the **NATIONAL SHOWDANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**. In all, there are nearly 200 routines entered. Bring a seat cushion! There are also a high number of dancers registered for the syllabus and open events, so these will be very long sessions.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

- **Help Needed: We need many many hands to run this event!**

Please refer to the coming "help needed" message for more details. Awards, Check-In, Runners, Medical, Rides:

Click Here [GSC Help Sign-Up](#)

- **TICKETS:**

General Admission: \$8/person/day, \$30/family/day. Age 6 and under free.

Tickets: at the door or pre-purchase here: [GSC TICKETS](#)

- **SCHEDULE**

Here are the general schedules - we will send the detailed IBA schedules soon. You can also find the schedule info on the website. (gemstateclassic.org)

*NOTE: These times **may be adjusted** once the final schedule is set according to final registration numbers.*

Thursday, Mar 27

Session 1:	9:00 - 11:00 pm	Pre-Teen & Pre-Jr Team Competition
Session 2:	11:30 - 2:30 pm	Pre-Teen & Pre-Jr Syllabus Competition, Junior Open
Session 3:	3:30 - 6:30 pm	Junior Syllabus & Pre-Teen Open
Session 5:	7:30 - 10:0 pm	Solo Cabaret

Friday, Mar 28

- Session 1: 8:30 - 12:00 am Junior Team Competition
Session 2: 12:30 - 9:30 pm Youth Team Competition
Session 3: 9:45 pm TEAM MATCH

Saturday, Mar 29

- Session 1: 10:00 - 4:00 pm Youth Syllabus events: Bonus swing first, West Coast Swing last
Session 2: 5:00 - 10:00 pm Youth Open Events in this order: Smooth, Rhythm, Ballroom, Latin
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THURSDAY: Pre-Teens, Pre-Juniors, Juniors. (Note - the Pre-Jrs compete in Pre-teen age category)

1. Pre-Teen & Pre-Jr Team competition: 9:00am – 11:00 am

Dancers should arrive 45 minutes before their session begins with hair and make-up ready. They will change into their costumes in the dressing rooms. Each team is doing two routines.

2. Pre-Teen & Pre-Jr Syllabus competition: 11:30am

Dancers should change out of team costumes and into their syllabus gear (black and white) ready to dance by 11:20.

- Dancers not in Tech Class: Done by 1:45. Three dances: Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Swing
- Dancers in Tech Class: Done by 2:45. Two tech dances: Waltz, Samba

3. Junior Syllabus: 3:30.

Dancers should arrive by 3:00, hair and make-up ready. Dancers can change into their syllabus gear in the dressing rooms or come already dressed.

- Dancers not in Tech Class: Done by 5:30. Three dances: Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Swing
- Dancers in Tech Class: Done by 6:30. Two tech dances: Waltz, Samba

4. Junior Open: This will be during the Pre-Teen Syllabus session, 11:30-2:30. This is the couples in the costumes who are in private lessons.

5. National Youth Cabaret Championships (solo couples). 7:30-10:00pm. This is for couples who are competing a cabaret (lift) routine. There are 36 Cabaret routines entered!

FRIDAY: Junior Teams, Senior Teams.

1. Junior Teams: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. IBA teams should arrive by 7:45 with hair and make-up ready. They will change into costume in the dressing rooms.

2. Senior Teams: 12:30 - 9:30 pm (Called "Youth" teams on the schedule). IBA Lift team dancers should arrive no later than 11:30 (to change and warm-up). All other senior dancers should arrive by 12:30 with hair and make-up ready.

3. **TEAM MATCH:** 9:45 pm

All dancers are welcome to come for the Team Match - but it is totally optional for IBA Dancers. It is like a giant pep assembly (loud and crazy) - the dancers dress in their team colors and cheer on their representative couples.

SATURDAY: Senior teams.

1. **Youth (senior) Syllabus:** 10:00am - 4:30pm.

Dancers can change into their syllabus gear in the dressing rooms or come already dressed. Hair and make-up should be ready before arriving.

- Dancers not in Tech Class: Arrive by 11:15am, Done by 4:00. Three dances: Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Swing
- Dancers in Tech Class: Arrive by 9:30am, Done by 4:00. Two tech dances: Waltz, Samba
- West Coast Swing: ~ 4:00pm. Costuming is allowed that matches West Coast Swing dance style. No Halloween or unrelated costumes will be allowed.

2. **Youth Opens** 6:00 - 9:00 pm. (May start later, still working on sched). This is the couples in the costumes who are in private lessons.

3. **Jack and Jill** This is when anyone who would like to participate comes to the dance floor and is matched with a random partner. The judges choose so many each round to come back. The partners change each round. This is some people's favorite event!! It is great fun to see Dads, Coaches, Gramas, little siblings, and former team members out having a good time!

THANKS for reading to the end! Please feel free to contact me or your coach with any questions. Also please let us know what you will be able to help with!

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