



Cologne Dance Championships 20th December 2025

General rules of conduct

Deadline for entries is 12th December 2025

Shortly after we receive your registration, you will receive an email with your purchase information. Please be advised, that at the competition we may not have the time to make changes or take additional entries.

Pick up numbers

20th December from 7.30am registration desk in the entrance of the Sartory Hall.

Each competitor should be present in the ballroom at least 30 min prior to his/her scheduled dance time. Even you receive your schedule, please check and make sure your dances, levels and age groups are correct. We need to be made aware of any mistakes as soon as possible.

The organizer do not have to stop the competition, if a dancer/couple did not come on the dance floor for their heat. If a dancer/couple has missed their heat, no money will be returned.

The organizer is not responsible and cannot be held liable for any personal belongings left in the ballroom, the changing rooms or any other competition premises.

Competition organisers are not liable and not responsible for any health problems or injuries during this event. This is solely risk of the participants.

If the dancer/couple does not abide the rules set in this document (Example: dances more figures than their level allows or entered in wrong age categories according to their birthday) they will receive a warning in the first round, their results will be disqualified in the next rounding will receive last place in the final. If a dancer/couple does not dance a certain dance in the final, they will be placed last for that dance.

Please be advised, that the time in the schedule listed is approximate and subject o change. All rights video, TV and live streaming commercial use belongs to Art of Dance Köln. Photo and video material taken at Cologne Dance Championships 2025 may be used for commercial purposes. Participants and audience by registering for the competition or purchasing the tickets accept this terms.

Each dancer has to purchase for a ticket to enter the ballroom!

Solos can take part in following competitions:
O35/Amateur/U19/U16/U14/U12/U10/U8/U6

Solo age categories:

U6: under 6 years old

U8: under 8 years old

U10: under 10 years old

U12: under 12 years old

U14: under 14 years old

U16: under 16 years old

U19: under 19 years old
Amateur: 19-35 years old
O35: over 35 years old

Age categories according to the age on the day of the competition, approved by passport ID data (date of birth).

The age categories U6/U8/U10/U12/U14/U16/U19 allowed to take part additionally in the NEXT elder age category ONLY. Amateur can dance only in their own age group. Dancers in category O35 allowed to take part additionally in the next YOUNGER age category ONLY.

Solos can enter the combination Beginner & Rising Star OR Rising Star & Open! Chairman will take out wrongly entered dancers, no refund will be possible in this case. The Masters Series Cup is allowed to enter for all categories.

Couples can take part in following competitions:

Professional/Amateur/U21/U19/U16/U14/U12/U10/U8/U6/O35/O45/O55/O65

Couples age categories:

U6: under 6 years old
U8: under 8 years old
U10: under 10 years old
U12: under 12 years old
U14: under 14 years old
U16: under 16 years old
U19: under 19 years old
U21: under 21 years old
Amateur: 19-35 years old
O35: over 35 years old
O45: over 45 years old
O55: over 55 years old
O65: over 65 years old

Age categories according to the age on the day of the competition, approved by passport ID data (date of birth).

The elder partner in the couple is deciding to which age group they are belonging.

The age categories U6/U8/U10/U12/U14/U16/U19/U21 allowed to take part additionally in the NEXT elder age category ONLY. U19 also allowed to take part in the Amateurs.

Amateur can dance only in their own age group. Dancers in category O35/O45/O55/O65 allowed to take part additionally in the next YOUNGER age category ONLY.

Dance types in the competition

International Standard/Ballroom (W,T,VW,SF,Q)

International Latin (C,S,R,P,J)

Length of dances

In all types the music has to be played 60-90 sec. Viennese waltz up to 60 sec. Pasodoble up to 2nd highlight.

Tempi of dances

Tempi will be according to the WDO rules.

Categories and levels

The following categories are included in the **Solo** competitions :

Beginner / Rising Stars / Open / Masters Series Cup

Single Dance, 2-Dance, 3-Dance, 4-Dance

World Championships Team Match

Beginner

This category is open to enter for national & international dancers.

Allowed for dancers with less experience up to advanced level. (For DTV dancers: like D & C class/ for DAT dancers: like Hobby class)

Especially in the age group under U12 and younger it is highly recommended to wear dance clothes without rhinestones and low heels (Blockabsatz).

Restriction in Figures! Allowed Syllabus WDO Juveniles only.

Beginner can enter Rising Stars categories, but cannot enter the Open categories. Beginner can enter the Masters Series Cup also.

Rising Stars

This category is open to enter for national & international dancers.

Allowed for dancers with less experience up to advanced level. (For DTV dancers: like D-B class/ for DAT dancers: like Hobby class/Rising Stars)

No restriction in clothes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger clothes according to WDO rules Juveniles.

No restriction in figures, but highly recommended in U12 and younger figures according to Syllabus WDO Juveniles.

No restriction in shoes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger are shoes with low heels (Blockabsatz).

Rising Stars can enter Beginner OR Open categories. Rising Stars can enter the Masters Series Cup also.

Open

This category is open to enter for national & international dancers.

Allowed for dancers with advanced up to highest level. (For DTV dancers: like B/A/S class/ for DAT dancers: like Rising Stars/Super League)

No restriction in clothes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger clothes according to WDO rules Juveniles.

No restriction in figures, but highly recommended in U12 and younger figures according to Syllabus WDO Juveniles.

No restriction in shoes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger are shoes with low heels (Blockabsatz).

Open can enter Rising Stars, but cannot enter Beginner categories. Open can enter the Masters Series Cup also.

Masters Series Cup

This category is open to enter for national & international dancers.

Allowed for dancers with less experience up to highest level. (For DTV dancers: like D/C/B/A/S class/ for DAT dancers: like Hobby Class/Rising Stars/Super League)

No restriction in clothes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger clothes according to WDO rules Juveniles.

No restriction in figures, but highly recommended in U12 and younger figures according to Syllabus WDO Juveniles.

No restriction in shoes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger are shoes with low heels (Blockabsatz).

Open can enter Rising Stars, but cannot enter Beginner categories. Open can enter the Masters Series Cup also.

The Masters Series Cup will receive prize money in Latin categories U8/U10/U12/U14/U16/U19. Beginner, Rising Stars and Open can enter this category.

All Open Solo CDC Cup will collect Ranking Points. The CDC is the last event of this series. The Masters Series includes following events:

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COUPE DU PRINCE

CDC Cologne Dance Championships

World Championships Team
Same as in OPEN described

The following categories are included in the **Couple** competitions :
Beginner / Rising Stars / Open
Single Dance, 2-Dance, 3-Dance, 4-Dance, 5-Dance
World Cup/ Großer Preis von Köln/ German Championships GDO

Beginner

This category is open to enter for national & international couples.
Allowed for couples with less experience up to advanced level. (For DTV couples: like D & C class/ for DAT couples: like Hobby class)
Especially in the age group under U12 and younger it is highly recommended to wear dance clothes without rhinestones and low heels (Blockabsatz).
Restriction in Figures! Allowed Syllabus WDO Juveniles only.
Beginner can enter Rising Stars categories.

Rising Stars

This category is open to enter for national & international couples.
Allowed for couples with less experience up to higher level. (For DTV couples: like D/C/B/A class/ for DAT couples: like Hobby class/Rising Stars)
No restriction in clothes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger clothes according to WDO rules Juveniles.
No restriction in figures, but highly recommended in U12 and younger figures according to Syllabus WDO Juveniles.
No restriction in shoes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger are shoes with low heels (Blockabsatz).
Rising Stars can enter Open categories. Rising Stars can enter Beginner categories.

Open

This category is open to enter for national & international couples.
Allowed for couples with less experience up to highest level. (For DTV couples: like D/C/B/A/S class/ for DAT couples: like Hobby class/Rising Stars/Super League)
No restriction in clothes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger clothes according to WDO rules Juveniles.
No restriction in figures, but highly recommended in U12 and younger figures according to Syllabus WDO Juveniles.
No restriction in shoes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger are shoes with low heels (Blockabsatz).

World Cup

This category is open to enter for national & international couples.
Allowed for couples with less experience up to highest level. (For DTV couples: like D/C/B/A/S class/ for DAT couples: like Hobby class/Rising Stars/Super League)
No restriction in clothes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger clothes according to WDO rules Juveniles.
No restriction in figures, but highly recommended in U12 and younger figures according to Syllabus WDO Juveniles.
No restriction in shoes, but highly recommended in U12 and younger are shoes with low heels (Blockabsatz).
Beginner, Rising Stars and Open can enter the World Cup.

World Championships Team Match
Same as in Open described

German Championships GDO
According to the Rules of the German Dance Organisation

Adjudicators criteria

Adjudicators will mark dancers/couples based on this criteria, which are all of equal value:
Technique / Musicality / Character / Choreography / Complexity / Performance / Partnering
(couples)

Marking and results

In the early rounds the adjudicators will mark these dancers/couples, who in their opinion should be in the next round.

In the final the dancers/couples will be marked by places from 1 to 6 (up to 9, according to the number of participants in the semifinal)

Skating system will be used in the final.

Awards

After the conclusion of the competitions in their session all dancers/couples of finals will receive diplomas and/or medals and/or cups.

Adjudicators

Only international level of adjudicators will be judging the event.

During the competition it is prohibited for adjudicators to talk with participating dancers/couples, give their remarks and opinions (coaching).

It is also prohibited for adjudicators to discuss dancers/couples performances between themselves.

Dancers/couples are not permitted to approach any judges and ask for their opinions or remarks during the competition.

Adjudicators cannot comment on their marks during the event.

Adjudicators cannot be in the panel of the category, in which relatives are registered and dancing.

Couples must take marks as final and they are not under any discussions.

Adjudicators cannot dance also as competitor.

Last remarks

A dancer/couple is counted as "registered" only then, when required registration form has been submitted in the specified time period and all the required payments have been made. Once registered and paid, but not present in the competition (haven't arrived) no refunds will be provided to the dancer/couple.

If the dancer/couple has, for any reason, made contact and informed the organizer about their cancelation after the 20th November 2025 no payment refunds will be provided back to the dancer/couple or person who paid.

The organizer have the right to refuse registration without any explanation for any person or couple.

Venue:

SARTORY Saal
Friesenstrasse 44-48
50670 Köln

Further information and contact on the organizer

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TEAM MATCH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Additional information

SOLO

Team Juvenile U12

4 dancers

each member of a team dances his/her individual routine, syllabus required

4 dances (C/S/R/J)

Team Junior U16

4 dancers

each member of a team dances his/her individual routine

5 dances Latin

Team Youth U21

4 dancers

each member of a team dances his/her individual routine

5 dances Latin

Team Adults

4 dancers

each member of a team dances his/her individual routine

5 dances Latin

All teams having a team captain, who is nominating and positioning the dancers in Solo from 1 to 4 (1 as best).

All team members positioned 4 dancing together on the floor, then all members on 3 together and so on.

In the final dancers will be placed 1-6. In preliminary rounds the adjudicators will give marks for the next round.

It is possible for each country to register up to 5 teams.

COUPLES

Team Juvenile/Junior

2 ballroom & 2 Latin

All dancers have to be U16

Constellation is free:

4 Juvenile

3 Juvenile & 1 Junior

2 Juvenile & 2 Junior

1 Juvenile & 3 Junior

4 Junior

No restrictions in figures

4 dances Latin (C/S/R/J)

4 dances Ballroom (W/T/SF/Q)

Team Youth/Amateur

2 ballroom & 2 Latin

All dancers have to be O16

Constellation is free:

4 Youth

3 Youth/ 1 Amateur

2 Youth/ 2 Amateur

1 Youth/ 3 Amateur

4 Amateur

No restrictions in figures

5 dances Latin

5 dances Ballroom

All teams having a team captain, who is nominating and positioning the couples in Latin from 1 to 2 (1 as best) and same in Ballroom.

All team couples positioned 2 dancing together on the floor, then all couples 1 together.

In the final couples will be placed 1-6. In preliminary rounds the adjudicators will give marks for the next round.

It is possible for each country to register up to 5 teams.

No membership in any federation is necessary.

The list of team members have to be send to the organizer latest 14th December 2025 to following

Email address cdc@dirkbastert.com

