

ENTRIES

Entries will open on Monday 17th August 2026.

Entries WILL CLOSE on Friday 16th October 2026.

NO late entries will be accepted. Entries will only be accepted "online" entry.dancesport.org.au

A \$25.00 administration fee will be charged per GID number at time of entry along with any other relevant entry fees. Please note however that an Admission Ticket is required to be paid for to access to the venue.

All competitors will receive an emailed version of the Official Souvenir Programme. Numbers will not need to be returned and are yours to keep.

A Full Schedule of Events will be released one week prior to the event to help Competitors plan for their events.

FLOOR SIDE SEATING

CENTREPIECE will only have table seating, on one level. Reserve your tables early to avoid disappointment. Priority will be given to ADS members.

You can reserve your floor side seating via the ADS National Office at: info@theaustralianchampionship.com.au

All table orders will need to be paid in full at time of booking and received **NOLATER** than the Friday 11th September 2026. Bookings can only be confirmed on receipt of payment & confirmation of availability. Tickets will be released to the General Public shortly after this date.

Thu 1st Row (no discount)	\$135	Sat 1st Row (no discount)	\$175
Thu 2nd Row Adult	\$90	Sat 2nd Row Adult	\$145
Thu 2nd Row Aged Pen.	\$80	Sat 2nd Row Aged Pen.	\$135
Thu 2nd Row Under 16	\$75	Sat 2nd Row Under 16	\$98
Thu 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Adult	\$88	Sat 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Adult	\$109
Thu 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Aged Pen.	\$73	Sat 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Aged Pen.	\$98
Thu 3rd, 4th, 5th Row U16	\$61	Sat 3rd, 4th, 5th Row U16	\$78

Fri 1st Row (no discount)	\$135	Sun 1st Row (no discount)	\$195
Fri 2nd Row Adult	\$90	Sun 2nd Row Adult	\$165
Fri 2nd Row Aged Pen.	\$80	Sun 2nd Row Aged Pen.	\$155
Fri 2nd Row Under 16	\$75	Sun 2nd Row Under 16	\$135
Fri 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Adult	\$88	Sun 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Adult	\$109
Fri 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Aged Pen.	\$73	Sun 3rd, 4th, 5th Row Aged Pen.	\$98
Fri 3rd, 4th, 5th Row U16	\$61	Sun 3rd, 4th, 5th Row U16	\$78

ADVERTISING

We are pleased to offer the opportunity to advertise your business in our Official Souvenir Programme, distributed to every Competitor as well as being available to purchased by spectators.

COSTS	(AUD\$)
Back Cover Colour :	\$1,100
Inside Front & Back Cover Colour :	\$900
Full Page Colour :	\$700
Half Page Colour :	\$400

PRODUCTION - If you require help with production or design, please contact Erin from **EZZAML Designs**, our preferred graphic designer, at erinaspinall@optusnet.com.au.

ARTWORK DEADLINE - Artwork must be received by Friday 23rd October 2026. info@theaustralianchampionship.com.au

TRADE STANDS

Exhibitor packages allow you to further showcase your products in front of a captive market. In order to maximise exposure, Exhibitor Booths will be in the beautiful foyer area that competitors will need to walk through to enter the Main Ballroom. Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your space now. Please note the receipt of full payment is required to confirm your booking. The following rates will apply:

Cost - \$1,800 AUD (including GST)

BOOKINGS - email info@theaustralianchampionship.com.au

Spaces are limited, so book your trade stand now. Spaces will only be reserved on receipt of full payment.

LIVE STREAM

The Australian Dancing Society Ltd. continues to lead the way offering live streaming of the entire 4 day event. Be sure to visit www.australiandancingsociety.com.au for the link to stream the event live. We urge you to be aware of scammers. We do

not charge a fee for live stream access. Please only use the link provided on the official ADS website, socials or Dance Score Live.

PHOTOGRAPHY & PHOTOGRAPHER PASSES

We would like to invite you to be part of the 80th Australian DanceSport Championship, going into our 5th year at the beautiful Centrepiece Melbourne Park. We are only offering a limited number of photographers passes this year, be quick to secure your spot front row.

- Admission into the venue.
- Advertising on our socials and website
- Logo placement on official event website including 50-word corporate profile.

Cost - \$160 AUD (including GST) per day

All photographers must have a current Working with Children Check and their own public liability insurance.

Attendees who would like to video or take photos are to only use handheld devices, no tripods or long lens camera of any kind can be used.

EVENT PARTNERSHIP SPONSOR PACKAGES

If you're interested in partnering with the 80th Australian DanceSport Championship through Event Sponsorship or becoming a Broadcast Partner, and advertising your business or products during the live stream or would like to see a full list of Partnership Sponsor Packages, please do not hesitate to contact the Australian Dancing Society Ltd. Please email : info@theaustralianchampionship.com.au

GETTING TO CENTREPIECE

PARKING - Ample parking is available at CENTREPIECE's dedicated secure car park via Entrance A (Batman Avenue) and D (Olympic Boulevard).

Parking can be pre booked <https://prebook.mopt.vic.gov.au/>

TAXI - The Rod Laver Arena Taxi Rank is located next to The Oval on Olympic Boulevard, just 200m from CENTREPIECE.

LOCATION - CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park is located on Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne VIC 3000.

TIMETABLE

Whilst we do not envisage any changes we encourage you to check the website regularly and follow us on Facebook and other Social Media platforms for regular updates regarding the event. Please refer to the Dance Screed for the complete event schedule.

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER - DAY 1

Featuring: Coach/Student, Pro/Student Events, American Style events, Special Dance, Vision Impaired, Para Dance, Gender Inclusive & Master 4 Open. Start times for all events will be published upon entries closing and programming completed.

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER - DAY 2

Featuring: Masters 1, 2, 3 & 4 Graded Events, Pro/Am Events, Under 16 Lead/Follow Events, Under 16 Solo Events & Under 16 Synchro Events.

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER - DAY 3

Featuring: Adult & Under 21 Graded Events, All Recreational Events, Masters 3 Open Events, Junior Couple Graded Events, Juvenile & Sub-Juvenile Couple Open & Graded Events.

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER - Day 4

Featuring: Professional Events, Adult Open Events, Under 21 Open Events, Masters 1 Open Events, Masters 2 Open Events & Junior Open Events.

Evening Session will commence at 7pm. Start times for all events will be published once entries have closed and the competition programme has been finalised.

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The Australian DanceSport Championship is conducted under the rules of DanceSport Australia.

The championship is a product of the Australian Dancing Society Ltd.



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FEATURING

Amateur World 10-Dance Champions
Amateur World Ballroom Finalists
British Open Professional Vice Champion
World, European, UK, International and
British Open Amateur Ballroom Champions
GLENN RICHARD BOYCE & CAROLY JANES

CENTREPIECE



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CENTREPIECE THURSDAY 3RD - SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2026

It is with great pleasure that the Australian Dancing Society Ltd., announces that the **80th Australian DanceSport Championship** will be held once again at the very glamorous CENTREPIECE, located within the Melbourne and Olympic Park complex in the heart of the fabulous City of Melbourne - It will be a celebration of Australian DanceSport at its very best.

We are very excited to welcome, for the first time to Australia, **Glenn-Richard Boyce and Caroly Janes**. They are World, British Open, UK & International Amateur Ballroom Champions. Former Amateur World 10 Dance Champions. World, British Open, UK & International Professional Ballroom Finalists. They will be available for teaching/lessons and will be conducting a workshop on Thursday evening, as well as a full demonstration on Sunday evening and a teaser on the Saturday evening.

The event will again be run over a four day programme commencing on the Thursday through to Sunday. The schedule of events on **Thursday 3rd December** will include the Coach/Student, Pro/Student events, all Para Dance, Special & Vision Impaired events, Gender Inclusive events, all American Style events and the Master 4 Open events. **Friday 4th December** will feature the Masters Graded events, all Pro/Am events, Under 16 Synchro, Under 16 Lead/Follow & Under 16 Solo. Day three on **Saturday 5th December** Adult & Under 21 Graded events, all Recreational events, Under 16 Graded Couple events, Sub-Juvenile & Juvenile Open Events, Adult 10 Dance event and Masters 3 Open events. **Sunday 6th December** where we will feature the Professional, Adult Open, Under 21 Open, Masters 1 Open, Masters 2 Open & Junior Open events culminating on the evening with the Grand Finals of major events where we will excitingly be crowning the new "Australian Champions". A spectacle not to be missed!

This year the Australian DanceSport Championship will be selecting the World Representatives to World Championships **for 2027 in the following divisions; Professional Standard & Latin, Amateur Standard, Latin & 10 Dance, Masters 1 Standard & Latin, Under 21 & 19 Standard & Latin, Junior 2 Standard & Latin.**

We urge you to get on board for what will be nothing short of a spectacular weekend celebrating DanceSport at its very best, and we look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

The Australian DanceSport Championship Open events are **OPEN TO THE WORLD**. Graded events are only open to Australian and New Zealand passport holders. The event is registered with DanceSport Australia as The Australian Championship.

Where three (3) or more international couples contest an Open Final, a separate Australian Closed Final shall be held to determine the Australian Closed Champion. Where fewer than three (3) international couples contest the Open Final, the Australian Closed Championship title shall be awarded to the highest-placed Australian couple in the Open Final.

Please ensure you read both the Dance Screed and this Newsletter so that you are clear on which day your event is scheduled. The Organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme subject to entries.

News, information, and updates will be posted on the Championship website:

www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au

and be sure to follow us on Facebook:

(fb.com/AustralianDanceSportChampionship)

X (Twitter [@adsaustralian](https://twitter.com/adsaustralian)) & Instagram ([@adsaustralian](https://www.instagram.com/adsaustralian))

PLEASE NOTE

- Couples must dance in their own grade, C Grade may not 'dance up' to B Grade.
- Couples must elect which Age Group they wish to compete in and are not eligible to dance in multiple age divisions. (i.e. Elect either Masters 1, 2 or 3).**

- Masters 4 Open may dance Masters 3 Open.
- Under 16 Competitors entered in a couple event in a particular style are not eligible to compete in the corresponding C Grade Lead/Follow event for that style.**
- Sub Juvenile is 9 years and under and must elect to dance in one age group (i.e. Elect either Sub Juvenile or Juvenile).
- All new DSA registrations for 2026 will need to show proof of age when collecting their number (original birth certificate and/or passport, or identification that displays date of birth, no photocopies will be accepted).
- Junior Open Solo Events - Please note that there are now two separate categories:**
 - Junior Open Solo - Open choreography is permitted.**
 - Junior B & C Grade Solo - Competitors must adhere to the DSA Approved Syllabus.**
- Recreational dancers registered with DSA are eligible to dance both Recreational Couple and Individual events.
- Recreational & Under 16 Individual events will be run as Best Lead and Best Follow.
- All Recreational & Under 16 competitors are to abide by DSA dress code and DSA Approved Syllabus rules.
- Gender Inclusive Events (Same Sex) - This competition is open to every dance partnership that is NOT a cisgender man leading and a cisgender woman following. Everyone is welcome to compete regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and we welcome people who identify as queer and/or transgender.
- Entry fee must be paid to confirm any entries, entries must be lodged online at entry.dancesport.org.au. Please note the Entry fees are separate to the Admission fee.

MARSHALLING

All couples must take the floor from the designated Marshalling area. Disqualification may apply if you do not report to the marshalling area prior to the event. An event will not be delayed under any circumstances. Only Competitors will be allowed in the Marshalling Area to marshal for their event/s. Adjudicators, coaches and parents are NOT permitted into the marshalling area and will be removed by security if needed. There is NO exception to this rule. We do not permit any coaching on the sidelines by Adjudicators **while they are officiating**. Any conduct that does not comply with the sporting Code of Conduct, the DSA Adjudicators Code of Conduct or the **DSA Members Code of Conduct** will not be tolerated. Couples that are required to do an honour dance must comply with the established criteria. Couples may choose the dance, but will not be able to choose their music and must be in the same costume as their final.

SEMI FINALS: Please note that the dance floor size at CENTREPIECE is two times larger than the international floor requirement for two heats. Therefore all Semi Finals will be danced in one heat where needed. The event will be using the DanceScore Live hand held system for adjudicating. This provides the additional benefit of instantaneous results **if needed**.

WORLD SELECTION EVENTS

The Winners and Runners up of the Professional Standard & Latin, Adult Closed Standard & Latin, Under 21 Standard & Latin, Masters 1 Open Standard and Latin and Junior Open Standard & Latin, and the winner of the Adult 10 Dance events will be eligible to represent Australia in their relevant WDSF, WDO or WDC World Championship events in 2027. If the winning couple or runner up couple are not eligible (due to eligibility requirements, including age, citizenship, and DSA registration) at the time of the World Championship, the 3rd place getter will take the representative position and so on down to and including 6th place.

OPEN STANDARD, LATIN, NEW VOGUE & 10 DANCE EVENTS

An Australian 'Closed' Champion will be awarded if a non Australian representative is awarded 1st place in any OPEN events. All couples will be required to dance from the First Round, there will be no exemptions.

Where three (3) or more international couples contest an Open Final, a separate Australian Closed Final shall be held to determine the Australian Closed Champion. Where fewer than three (3) international couples contest the Open Final, the Australian Closed Championship title shall be awarded to the highest-placed Australian couple in the Open Final.

MASTERS 4

One competitor must be 70 years of age or over and the other competitor must be 65 years of age or over.

PRO/AM, PRO/STUDENT & COACH/STUDENT EVENTS

Coach/Student & Pro/Student events will feature on Thursday 3rd December and Pro/Am events will be conducted on Friday 4th December.

PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR SHOWCASE EVENT

We are excited to offer Pro/Am Showcases in 2026. For further information and pricing, please be sure to contact us at: info@theaustralianchampionship.com.au. Places are limited.

FEES

Administration Fee -	\$25 Per CID Number
Under 16 -	\$10 Per Event
Under 16 Open -	\$15 per Event
Amateur Division -	\$15 Per Event
Amateur Division Open -	\$25 per Event
Professional Division -	\$50 per Event
Coach/Student Single Dance -	\$15 per dance
Pro/Student Single Dance -	\$15 per dance
Pro/Am Entry Fee -	\$85 for first event
	\$50 per additional event

Please note: Entry fees are payable at the time of entry and are in addition to the event admission fee. No refunds will

be provided for entry fees after the closing date. **However, competitors who are unable to compete due to a medical reason may apply for a refund by submitting a valid medical certificate to the organisers prior to the commencement of the event. Refund requests will be considered at the discretion of the organisers.**

COACH/STUDENT EVENTS

- Coach/Student = Any registered Coach with any Amateur or Recreational Division Competitor that does NOT hold a Level 1 or higher DSA Accreditation.
- Coaches can only partner one Student per event.
- Coach/Student events are single dance events.
- The Student is to wear the number.
- In all Coach/Student events the Student is being assessed.
- A Coach cannot dance with their regular competition partner.

PRO/STUDENT EVENTS

- Pro/Student = Any registered Professional with any Amateur or Recreational Division Competitor that does NOT hold a Level 1 or higher DSA Accreditation.
- Professionals can only partner one Student per event.
- Pro/Student events are Single dance events.
- The Student is to wear the number.
- In all Pro/Student events the Student is being assessed not the partnership.
- A Professional cannot dance with their regular competition partner.

PRO/AMATEUR EVENTS

- Pro/Am = A DSA registered Professional with any Amateur Division competitor.
- Professionals may only partner one Amateur division competitor per event.
- Pro/Am events are assessed as a couple.

DRESS CODE

All couples must ensure that their costuming is as per the DanceSport Australia dress code. This code can be found at www.dancesport.org.au. If in doubt, please seek clarification from your teacher/studio, or alternatively the Chairman of Adjudicators **or Event Organiser** prior to competing (with a possible alternative available).

COMPETITORS NUMBERS

It is the responsibility of each competitor upon receiving your Competitor Number to ensure that it is kept in an appropriate condition for use at the Championship. Cutting down numbers to remove text and/or sponsor logos will not be tolerated. Please ensure that you adhere to this requirement and keep all print visible when wearing your Competitor Number during the Championship. The Competitor Number will not need to be returned at the conclusion of the event, and are yours to keep.

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ALL ABILITIES, VISION IMPAIRED & PARA DANCE

All Special Dance Events = A DSA Registered Professional, Amateur or Recreational Division Competitor may partner any person holding a DSA Athletes License with a physical or cognitive impairment. Vision Impaired Events = A DSA registered Professional, Amateur or Recreational Division Competitor may partner any person holding a DSA Athletes License with a vision impairment. Competitors will now be required to wear eye masks as per the World Ability sport/World Para DanceSport Rules

Para Dance Events = A DSA registered Professional, Amateur or Recreational Division Competitor may partner any person holding a DSA Athletes License with a physical impairment using a wheelchair.

Class 1 = Dancers with upper body restrictions.

Class 2 = Dancers without an upper body restriction

SYNCHRO COUPLE EVENTS

Synchro Couples Events = Couples must consist of 2 competitors. Couples must dance in synchronisation at ALL times.