

# WINTERGARDENS —BLACKPOOL—

## Syllabus

90th Annual

# Blackpool Dance Festival

## *Open to the World*

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Thursday 21st to Friday 29th MAY 2015

The World's First and Foremost  
Festival of Dancing

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## **THURSDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY 21st, 23rd and 24th MAY 2015**

### **Class S.1 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION**

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who danced in the 3rd Round of the British Amateur Ballroom Championship 2014).

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,140

**1st Couple £270 2nd Couple £240 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £175 5th Couple £135 6th Couple £110**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-Round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 21st May at approx. 5.30 p.m. when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Saturday, 23rd May at 10.00 a.m.

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## **THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SUNDAY, 21st, 22nd and 23rd MAY 2015**

### **Class S.2 BRITISH AMATEUR "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION**

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who danced in the 4th Round of the British Amateur Latin Championship 2014)

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,140

**1st Couple £270 2nd Couple £240 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £175 5th Couple £135 6th Couple £110**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

A 1st Qualifying Competition will be held on Thursday 21st May at approx. 1.00 p.m. when all Competitors entering this Competition will be required to dance. A 2nd Qualifying Competition will be held on Friday, 22nd May at 10.00 a.m.

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## **FRIDAY, 22nd MAY 2015**

### **Class F BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" LATIN COMPETITION**

(Open to the world with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Latin Championship 2014 and those who danced in all five dances in the Semi-Final).

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,180

**1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £175 5th Couple £140 6th Couple £115**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA and PASO DOBLE.

**Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2014 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2014 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

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## **Class F.1 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,070

**1st Couple £255 2nd Couple £215 3rd Couple £185 4th Couple £160 5th Couple £140 6th Couple £115**

See **RULES** for clarification.

### **SENIOR COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY**

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

**Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2014 British Senior Ballroom Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

## **SATURDAY 23rd MAY 2015**

### **Class A.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

OVER 16 and UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

**UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS MAY DANCE IN THE AMATEUR RISING STARS LATIN COMPETITION BUT THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.**

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,140

**1st Couple £275 2nd Couple £235 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £170 5th Couple £145 6th Couple £120**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

**Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2014 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

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### **PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" TEAM MATCH, BALLROOM and LATIN (over 10 dances)**

**Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz,  
Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive.**

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## **MONDAY, 25th MAY 2015**

### **Class A BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "RISING STARS" BALLROOM COMPETITION**

(Open to the World with the exception of those Competitors who reached the Final of the British Professional Ballroom Championship 2014 and those who danced in all four dances in the Semi-Final).

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,180

**1st Couple £290 2nd Couple £250 3rd Couple £210 4th Couple £175 5th Couple £140 6th Couple £115**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

**Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those that danced in the Fifth Round of the 2014 competition and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with an asterisk (\*) are those that danced in the Fourth Round of the 2014 competition and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

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### **Class F.2 BRITISH SENIOR (OVER 35's) LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,070

**1st Couple £255 2nd Couple £215 3rd Couple £185 4th Couple £160 5th Couple £140 6th Couple £115**

See **RULES** for clarification.

### **SENIOR COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY**

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds only.

## MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 25th and 26th MAY 2015

### Class B BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,375

**1st Couple £315 2nd Couple £275 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £150**

**UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. Competitors will be required to dance Jive in the Semi-Final and Final only.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The First will be held on Monday at 10.30 a.m. and the Second on Tuesday at 11.30 a.m., when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

**The Championship proper will commence at 4.30 p.m. approx on Tuesday.**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

**Exemptions from the Qualifying Heats on the Monday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Third Round proper in the 2014 British Amateur Latin Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with an asterisk (\*)**

**Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Tuesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Fourth Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (\*\*)**

Exemptions only apply to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

Any dispute as to eligibility for exemption shall be at the discretion of the Management of the Blackpool Dance Festival, whose decision shall be accepted as final.

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## TUESDAY, 26th MAY 2015

### Class B.1 BRITISH AMATEUR UNDER 21 YEARS BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)  
OVER 16 AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

**PRIZES: 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,140

**1st Couple £275 2nd Couple £235 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £170 5th Couple £145 6th Couple £120**

**UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS MAY DANCE IN THE AMATEUR RISING STARS BALLROOM COMPETITION BUT THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

**WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY 2015**

**Class C BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to over £5,525

The **PRIZE MONEY** will be allocated for **EACH DANCE** as follows:

**1st Couple £270 2nd Couple £225 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £160 5th Couple £140 6th Couple £115**

A Cash Prize of **£60** will be awarded to each couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all five dances but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the CHA CHA CHA, SAMBA, RUMBA, PASO DOBLE and JIVE. All entrants will be required to compete in the five dances, and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the five dances will be declared the BRITISH PROFESSIONAL LATIN CHAMPIONS and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

**Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fifth Round of the 2014 Championship and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. Competitors marked with one asterisk (\*) are those who danced in ALL five dances in the Fourth Round of the 2014 Championship and are exempt from the First Round this year.**

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

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**Class C.1 BRITISH BALLROOM FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES**

**PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY.**

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**1st CASH PRIZE £330** to the Teacher of the Winning Team, together with **PRIZE MONEY amounting to £380** to the Members of the Winning Team.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Rehearsal will commence after the Qualifying Heats of the British Amateur Ballroom Championship.

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**In the event of Television coverage or Production of a Video Recording for commercial purposes of any Competition or Championship event, all Competitors agree that the rights to any fees from such television or video recording will vest solely with Blackpool Council, Winter Gardens. (The Organiser) and no Competitors or Associations shall have any claim against the Organiser, Television Company or Video Producer at any such event.**

## WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 27th and 28th MAY 2015

### Class D THE BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**PRIZES:** GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY. Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool.

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £1,395

1st Couple £315 2nd Couple £275 3rd Couple £245 4th Couple £210 5th Couple £180 6th Couple £150

**UNDER 21 YEARS COMPETITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO DANCING IN EITHER THE UNDER 21 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH BRANCH.**

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP.

There will be TWO Preliminary Qualifying Competitions. The First will be held on Wednesday at 11.00 a.m. and the Second on Thursday at 11.00 a.m. when all Competitors entering this Championship will be required to dance except those Competitors granted exemption.

**The Championship proper will commence on Thursday evening at 6.00 p.m. prompt.**

#### EXEMPTIONS:

**Exemptions from the First Qualifying Heats on the Wednesday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Second Round proper in the 2014 British Amateur Ballroom Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from the First Qualifying Competition only will be marked with an asterisk (\*)**

**Exemptions from the Second Qualifying Heats on the Thursday will be granted to those Couples who danced in the Third Round proper in that Championship. Those Couples who have been granted exemption from both Qualifying Competitions will be marked in the Programme with two asterisks (\*\*)**

Exemptions apply only to the same partnerships as existed in the aforesaid events and not to the competitors individually.

Any dispute as to eligibility for exemption shall be at the discretion of the Management of the Blackpool Dance Festival, whose decision shall be accepted as final.

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## THURSDAY, 28th MAY, 2015

### BRITISH PROFESSIONAL "INVITATION" EXHIBITION COMPETITION

## FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 2015

### Class E.1 BRITISH LATIN FORMATION DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**FOR TEAMS OF SIX TO EIGHT COUPLES.**

See **RULES** for clarification.

The dances must be selected from and confined to the accepted Latin Dances.

**PRIZES:** 1st - GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

1st **CASH PRIZE £330** to the Teacher, together with **PRIZE MONEY** amounting to £380 to the Members of the Winning Team.

Rehearsal will commence at 12.30 p.m. approx.

**FRIDAY, 29th MAY 2015**

**Class E THE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Recognised by the British Dance Council)

**PRIZES: GRAND CHALLENGE TROPHY** Presented by the Corporation of Blackpool  
Winners to hold for a period of 12 months.

**AND CASH PRIZES amounting to over £4,420 will be allocated for EACH DANCE as follows:**

**1st Couple £270 2nd Couple £225 3rd Couple £195 4th Couple £160 5th Couple £140 6th Couple £115**

**A Cash Prize of £60** will be awarded to each Couple who are recalled in the SEMI-FINAL round in all four dances, but are not selected to dance in the FINAL.

See **RULES** for clarification.

Judging will be based on "All-round" efficiency in the WALTZ, FOXTROT, TANGO and QUICKSTEP. All entrants will be required to compete in the four dances and from the last 48 couples each dance will be adjudicated separately.

Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in each dance. The Couple showing the best "All-round" standard in the four dances will be declared the British Professional Ballroom Champions, and will hold the Grand Challenge Trophy for a period of 12 months.

EXEMPTION -

**Competitors marked with two asterisks (\*\*)** are those who danced in **ALL** four dances in the **Fifth Round** of the **2014 Championship** and are exempt from the first two rounds this year. **Competitors marked with one asterisk (\*)** are those who danced in **ALL** four dances in the **Fourth Round** of the **2014 Championship** and are exempt from the **First Round** this year.

The exemptions only apply to the same partnership as existed in the aforesaid event, and not to the competitors individually.

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**RULES** - All Championships and Competitions will be conducted under the Rules of the British Dance Council governing the recognition of Championships.

**ENTRY. - Direct Entry for all Competitions MUST be made on the prescribed form** and such entry together with a completed Competitor Entry Fee Form should be in the hands of the Festival Organiser not later than **March 24th. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE)**. All Entries will be acknowledged by post. Online entries are not acknowledged by the Dance Festival Office as a confirmation will be forwarded to your email address on completion. If Competitors do not receive a **Confirmation of Entry within seven days of the closing date** it is their responsibility to contact the organiser to verify that they are entered in the relevant Competitions. Qualifying Competitions will be held for the British Rising Stars Amateur Latin and Ballroom Competitions and the British Amateur Latin and Ballroom Championships. These will take place in the **Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom** on

**THURSDAY, 21st MAY at 1.00 p.m.**

**BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR LATIN COMPETITION**

**1st Qualifying Heats**

**THURSDAY, 21st MAY at 5.30 p.m.**

**BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR BALLROOM COMPETITION**

**1st Qualifying Heats**

**FRIDAY, 22nd MAY at 10.00 a.m.**

**BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR LATIN COMPETITION**

**2nd Qualifying Heats**

**SATURDAY, 23rd MAY at 10.00 a.m.**

**BRITISH RISING STARS AMATEUR BALLROOM COMPETITION**

**2nd Qualifying Heats**

**MONDAY, 25th MAY at 10.30 a.m.**

**BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**1st Qualifying Heats**

**TUESDAY, 26th MAY at 11.30 a.m.**

**BRITISH AMATEUR LATIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2nd Qualifying Heats**

**WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY at 11.00 a.m.**

**BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

**1st Qualifying Heats**

**THURSDAY, 28th MAY at 11.00 a.m.**

**BRITISH AMATEUR BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2nd Qualifying Heats**

All Competitors wishing to enter the British Championships/Competitions **MUST** hold a valid licence as an Amateur OR Professional.

**Amateur/Professional:** 16 years of age or over.

**Over 35 Years:** The lady and gentleman must both be over 35 years of age. Proof of age may be required.

**Under 21 Years:** Competitors must be over 16 and under 21 years of age on the day of the Competition. Proof of age may be required.

**Formation:** Open to teams of amateurs who are entered and coached by a Teacher who is a member of a recognised Association. British Teams **MUST** be registered with the British Dance Council. Non British Teams must hold a valid Registration.

## **RULES (continued)**

There is an Entry Fee for each competitor for each Competition entered which includes General Admission to the Ballroom, and all Competitors will defray their own travelling expenses. Amateurs - The Entry Fee only covers the 1st Qualifying Heat. Should you be re-called to the 2nd Qualifying Heat then tickets must be purchased for that day.

Entry to the Competitions will **NOT** be accepted unless it is accompanied with the relevant Entry Fee Form.

**If any Competitor withdraws from any Competition after entry, immediate notification in writing should be made. Failure to do this renders them liable to disqualification from entering any future events.**

Entry can be made online at [www.blackpooldancefestival.com](http://www.blackpooldancefestival.com) from December.

The Management reserve the right to limit the number of entries accepted in any of the competitions.

The decision of the Organiser is to be taken as final.

**PLEASE NOTE - No late entries will be accepted and there will be no spare numbers, nor will anyone be allowed to dance in place of competitors who have not claimed their numbers.**

**JUDGING** - For all Competitions the Board of Adjudicators will consist of members selected from the various Associations of Teachers of Dancing, together with any other Judges who may be appointed.

The decision of the Adjudicators is to be taken as final.

### **COMPETITORS' PRACTICE:**

**The Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom** will be open for Competitors' Practice at certain times. Please see the Programme for details. Public and Competitors will be admitted on production of Daily or Season Ticket, without Extra Charge.

## **ADMISSION AND RESERVED SEATS**

(Including VAT at 20%)

General Admission each day (Excluding Thursday 21st and Sunday 24th and does not include Reserved Seat) .....	£34.00
General Admission Ticket Thursday 21st .....	£12.00
General Admission Ticket Sunday 24th .....	£17.00
A Season Ticket available for all events (Does not include Thursday 21st and Sunday 24th or Reserved Seat) .....	£175.00

Reserved Seats (Front Row only Ground Floor) at an additional charge of .....	£34.00 each day
Reserved Seats Ground Floor 'C' Row (excluding South) at an additional charge of .....	£27.00 each day
Reserved Seats (Ground Floor and 1st Balcony) at an additional charge of .....	£23.00 each day
Reserved Seats Top Balcony at an additional charge of .....	£12.00 each day

All bookings are subject to a £2.00 Administration charge.

These prices are subject to any variation in rate of Value Added Tax

**Applications for Tickets should be made on the Ticket Application Forms.**

**Competitors must complete an Entry Form and Competitor Entry Fee Form or enter online.**

**Please read the Ticket Information enclosed with this Syllabus.**

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**

***FOR YOUR  
DIARY:***

***2015 Blackpool Sequence Dance Festival  
Adults: 18th to 20th October  
Children: 17th October***

***2015 British National Dance Championships  
19th to 21st November***

***2016 Blackpool Dance Festival for Juniors  
28th March to 3rd April***

***2016 Blackpool Dance Festival  
26th May to 3rd June***