

Emerald Ball Dancesport Championships
COVID Guidelines as of April 25, 2021 (Subject to Change)

As organizers of this event, we believe it is our responsibility to minimize the risks associated with COVID-19 to the fullest extent. Please read the following precautions and guidelines to be implemented at our traditional-style competition in Dallas, Texas. These are subject to change based on our hotel policies. All attendees are required to sign the following release form: https://emeraldball.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/COVID19-release_TX.pdf

Check-In & Registration:

- Check-in limited to one studio at a time per desk.
- We have secured a private room of approximately 2,500 square feet for registration. This room is referred to as the Topaz room and is directly across from the ballroom.

Ballroom:

- The competition will take place in the largest ballroom available on the hotel's property. It is approximately 27,000 square feet.
- The ballroom will have the largest possible dance floor to increase social distancing between couples. It is 6,000 square feet, or approximately 100 by 60 feet.
- Current hotel air filtration, in both the ballroom and hotel rooms, uses MERV 13 filters.

*MERV, otherwise known as Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value, is a system used to evaluate the efficiency of an air filter based on how effective it is at catching particles of varying sizes. The higher the MERV rating, the higher the air filtration capabilities of a particular filter to remove microns and contaminants.

- There will be 8 people per table and tables will be at least 6 feet apart, with exceptions made for studios with large groups where we may seat up to 10 per table.
- In-depth sanitation and cleaning of the ballroom will occur between sessions.
- There will be NO on-deck area. Couples will enter the dance floor from their tables.
- There will be NO water stations. Bottled can be purchased from the Counter Offer & Media Grill & Bar restaurants, located within the hotel's atrium.
- Small snacks are allowed in the ballroom.
- Hand sanitizer is provided at all entrances and tables.
- Everyone will be subject to once-daily temperature checks upon entering the ballroom.

Masks:

- All attendees and spectators are required to wear masks while not on the dance floor or drinking liquids. This will be strictly enforced.
- As of this date, it is optional for competitors while on the dance floor to wear a mask or not; however, we are still enforcing all other guidelines as mentioned on this page.

Judges and Officials:

- All officials are required to wear masks unless drinking liquids (EMCEE excluded).

Awards:

- There will be a dedicated award center for all single dance awards.
- Multi-dance and Scholarship awards will be presented on the floor, in placement order. All winners are required to wear masks to self-collect the award from a table on the floor.

Parties:

- There will be NO parties during the event, public or private. We ask that you act in the best interest of the safety of fellow attendees and adhere to this guideline.