



2009 COLORADO SALSA OPEN
REGISTRATION FORM

Print this form, complete, and submit to Salsa Central Denver (along with the registration fee) on or before May 30, 3009 (deadline extended).

- o Turn in at the Denver Turnverein (1570 Clarkson St, Denver) during the Wednesday night Salsa Social or the night of the CSO competition

Division (circle one): Intermediate/Amateur or Advanced/Pro
Entry Fee (check or money order only): \$30 per couple, non-refundable

LEADER

FOLLOWER

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Music Title or Name of Routine: _____

Length of Routine (must be between 2:00 and 2:30 minutes): _____

Contestants must be dressed and ready at the Denver Turnverein by 8:15pm on Saturday, May 30, 2009

The above agree to abide by the rules of the 2009 Salsa Open as stated in the 2009 Salsa Open Contest Rules. The above releases Salsa Central Denver, the Denver Turnverein, judges, marshals and all other parties involved in said contests from injury which may result from their performance or involvement with said contests. The above agree to release all photography and video rights for the May 30, 2009 CSO to Salsa Central Denver.

Leader Sign _____ Date _____

Follower Sign _____ Date _____

2009
COLORADO SALSA OPEN CONTEST RULES

- 1) Couples must select one of the following divisions:

Intermediate/Amateur Division: Contestants have little or no performance, competition or choreography experience. Neither partner has received money for teaching. Neither have competed in any contest in a pro division.

Advanced/Pro Division: Contestants are seasoned dancers with experience in past competitions and/or performance. If one partner is professional (has received money for teaching or performing in any style of dance), then both must compete in this division.

- 2) All styles of Salsa welcome
- 3) Tricks, lifts, drops, and side by side segments are allowed
- 4) Choreographed routines required; costumes strongly recommended
- 5) Mixes of music allowed but must be 75% recognizable Salsa
- 6) Routine time must be between 2 and 2.5 minutes; DJ will stop music at 2.5 minutes
- 7) All couples in each division will dance on the floor at one time during a closing dance at the end of their division; this portion will NOT be judged
- 8) Contestants must bring two (2) CDs with their music the night of the event
- 9) Registration forms and payment must be received by Salsa Central Denver on or prior to May 23, 2009

Judging Criteria

1. **Stage Presence:** Dance attitude, charisma, crowd interaction
2. **Visual Presence:** Aesthetic appearance (hair, costume, make-up, etc.)
3. **Couple Chemistry:** Eye contact, couple interaction, development of storyline/theme through the dance partnership
4. **Choreography/Style:** Development of the dance to the music
5. **Complexity:** Level of difficulty and its successful execution
6. **Technique/Precision:** Lead/follow (connection), detailed execution of the movements, synchronization, etc.
7. **Creativity:** Use of new ideas and/or distinct combinations of steps in choreography
8. **Rhythm/Timing:** Staying on the same chosen beat throughout and execution of moves to follow music, hit "breaks," etc
9. **Latin Movement and Authenticity:** Hips, torso, shoulders; "sabor" or flavor

DECISIONS

Decisions of the Judges and/or Organizing Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

DISCIPLINARY

Disgraceful expressions towards the judges, organizers, public, sponsors or any other person or entity in relation to the Colorado Salsa Open 2009 on behalf of the dancers, entertainers, or the like will not be tolerated. Any violation of this rule or any intent to influence the judges or conspire or offer to do so will result in immediate expulsion of this contest as well as possibly any future competitions.

TALLY SHEETS

Tally sheets used for the voting and evaluation will be made available to the contestants after the competition for consultation and verification purpose only.

AGREEMENT

All contestants agree that once registration is affirmed, they will abide by all rules of the competition and they give express authorization for Salsa Central Denver to use his/her name and image to be used in photographs, films, tape recordings, and video tapes of the event used in connection with the broadcast, exhibition, distribution, televising or promotion of the event in any manner and by any means, now or in the future.

OTHER AREAS

Whatever area may not be covered in these rules will be decided during the competition by a panel of judges designated by 2009 Colorado Salsa Open. The decisions of the panel shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.