



*Dear Best of the Best Organizers:*

*Please view the following qualifications and rules for the Best of the Best Dancesport Challenge which apply to all participating Best of the Best competitions held throughout the year. As you know, the winners at each participating Best of the Best competition are eligible to attend the Finale events held at the Ohio Star Ball in November.*

*If there are any questions on anything, please contact us at [ohstarball@aol.com](mailto:ohstarball@aol.com) or call 614-848-7827.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sam Sodano*

*Creator of the Best of the Best Dancesport Challenge*

### ***BEST OF THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS***

The Qualifying Event must consist of the following competition requirements:

- Contain A, B, & C Age Categories
- Complete a dance-off between 2 or 3 of the age groups—no automatic winners without a dance-off.
- Receive a letter and an Application Form for the qualifying student
- The chairman or official will give the winner of the dance-off a letter and the Application Form
- The Application Form must be *correctly* completed and mailed to the following address:  
P. O. Box 14442, Columbus, OH 43214
- The Application Form must be mailed one month before the Ohio Star Deadline.
- A Dance picture must be submitted with the application.
- No verbal entries will be accepted.

The Classifications include the following Four Categories:

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

- Show Dance (theatrical, theater arts, solos, formations, or cabaret)

A Show Dance is one that pertains to a routine that steps outside the boundaries of the preceding 3 categories. That is, it doesn't have to fall into the bronze, silver, or gold levels. *Guidelines: routine may have 2 or more participants; number of lifts not limited.*

Bronze, Silver, and Gold categories must have 2 people in the routine, 1 male and 1 female. Steps must be limited to the level being danced, however they may include 5 steps above your current level.

#### Ohio Star Ball Finale Rules:

- Only one performance allowed at the Ohio Star Ball.
- Bronze, Silver, Gold/Adv. Routine must not exceed 1 minute and 30 seconds, including set-up and entry.
- Showdance Routine must not exceed 2 minutes, including set-up and entry.
- Props and dresses - No props shall be permitted during entrance, performance and exit. "Props" shall include such items of furniture and items that are not a part of your costume. Fans, capes and hats are permissible if not discarded. Choice of dress for the man and lady must be chosen to suit and complement the theme of the solo performance in either Ballroom or Latin style. Taking off clothes and discarding them during the performance is not permissible.
- Two lifts are allowed in the bronze, silver, and gold categories, but not overhead.
- Finale entrants must be an active competitor at the Ohio Star Ball with a **minimum of 10 single dance entries**.
- The winners of the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and the overall Show Dance winner will be invited to perform an encore dance on Friday evening.

#### Please Remember, you must be an active competitor at the Ohio Star Ball.

- Prize money will be given in vouchers to be used *only* at *Best of the Best* Events.
- Award amounts: \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100
- Dance picture must be submitted with the application.
- You can qualify at many events and in all styles, but you are limited to only one routine in the Finale.