

# The DownUnder Pros Championship – Rules

"These rules are in reference to all fun events that achieve no points with AMJR. AMJR rules in relation to freestyle and DWAS will be posted soon"

## Entry & Registration

- Competitors must be 18+ (under 18s require written consent and a guardian).
- All entries must be submitted online at [danceconvention.net](http://danceconvention.net)
- Choreographed routines entries close **1 Mar 2026**.
- Payments are needed to secure your spot. Deposits may be required and if **deadlines are missed your entry will be adjusted to the next tier level**. If you wish for this to not happen please email us at: [downunderpros@gmail.com](mailto:downunderpros@gmail.com)
- Categories require at least 5 entries to run competitively otherwise, they may be non-competitive performances.
- Finals, Teams, and Showcases will be professionally filmed.

## Categories

- **The DownUnder Pros, Pros Dancers (Invitational only):** Must be a competitive modern Jive couple who have placed in Championships recognised by AMJR or international equivalent registries to be considered. To also be eligible, participants must show active contribution to the modern jive community.
- **Lucky Dip (DWAS):** A fun, social category judged as a couple. Partners are not rotated but are randomly selected partnerships, this is creating a lighthearted challenge. All couples will be advised of their partnership at the Friday night dance party. No two beginners will not be matched for this event in the purpose of keeping this all fair. Finals judging are confirmed on the day This event no Full Aerials are allowed.
- **ProAm Mentor Freestyle:**
  - *ProAm Freestyle:* A qualified dancer partners with a Beginner or Intermediate dancer.
  - Mentor categories focus on growth and development of the **lower-level dancer**.
  - **Pro is the teacher and Am is the student Intermediate and below**
  - Partnership must not be competing together in any other category of this competition related to freestyle and DWAS, exceptions can be made by the director and will be communicated with the head judge.
- **Over 50s:** For this event the Freestyle and DWAS is a fun event, non-progressive and will generally play music from the era of the 60's to today.

## Music & Aerials

- Music is provided (except Showcase/Teams, which must be submitted by **31 March 2026**).
- **Baby/ Full Aerials** permitted Showcase/Teams and over 50's.
- **Baby Aerial** permitted in lucky dip.
- All aerials must be executed safely and musically.
- While we aim to curate music that's appropriate for all audiences, we cannot be held responsible for hidden meanings or interpretations.

## Showcase & Teams

- Routines must demonstrate Modern Jive fundamentals (except Open Showcase, which celebrates creativity and innovation).
- Open Showcase, This is a Modern Jive influenced showcase that highlights creativity and innovation, the minimum level you can be to enter is Advanced and above.
- Video submissions required by **1 March 2026** for Strictly Showcase send via email: [downunderpros@gmail.com](mailto:downunderpros@gmail.com)
- Unsafe routines may be disqualified, costumes must be appropriate and choreography safe.
- Currently we have not set a limit on entries for Open and Strictly Showcase, however this may change close to the date, which will be communicated on either facebook or instagram please give us a follow [@thedownunderpros](#).

## Judging & Scoring

- Judging focuses on timing, technique, musicality, performance, presentation, and proximity to other couples on the floor
- Lucky Dip is judged as a couple;
- Showcase and Teams judged as a group;
- ProAm judging focus on the lower-level dancer's

## General Conduct

- Respectful, safe, and responsible behavior is required at all times.
- Inappropriate conduct may lead to disqualification.
- Competitors must be ready **15 minutes before scheduled rounds.**