

General Rules & Regulations of Azerbaijan Dance Festival (AzDF)

Name: Azerbaijan Dance Festival & Night of the Dancing Diamonds Gala Show (AzDF & NDD)

Organizers: WDC,WDC AL, AzDC, SRDS

Date: October 30 – November 2, 2025

Venue: JW Marriott Absheron Hotel, 674 Azadliq Square, Baku, Azerbaijan, AZ-1010

The competition is supported by the World Dance Council (WDC), World Dance Council Amateur League (WDC AL), Smooth & Rhythm Dance Style (SRDS), in strict accordance with the General Rules of competitions sanctioned by Azerbaijan Dance Council (AzDC).

The organizers and all participants agree to abide by the General Rules & Regulations of AzDF.

The Festival is open to all couples from any organization. However, the WDC European Professional Smooth Championship & WDC AL World Smooth Championship are exclusively open to solos and couples affiliated with the WDC and WDC AL, holding a valid WDC competitor license on the day of the event.

Within the framework of AzDF, an International Dance Congress will take place on October 30 and 31, featuring world-class instructors in Ballroom, Latin, and Smooth disciplines. Private lessons and group classes will be available.

Detailed information about the AzDF, entry forms, packages, lesson bookings, congress participation and other relevant details can be found on the official website: www.azdf.world

REGISTRATION FEES AND CONDITIONS

All participants must be registered to enter the event. Registration available on the website www.azdf.world & www.lifeis.dance

Guest entrance tickets with allocated seating for the evening sessions on October 31, November 1, and November 2, 2025, must be purchased in advance through www.azdf.world & www.lifeis.dance.

CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

1. The WDC European Championships, WDC AL World Championships, Open to the World Events, and AzDC Open Championships will be judged using the Skating System 6 (C) 1993-2022 @skatingsystem (www.SkatingSystem.com).
2. Finalists, prize-winners, and champions will receive trophies, medals, diplomas, commemorative gifts, and prize money in accordance with the prize fund established for AzDF.

AzDF Prize Money:

WDC European Smooth Championship	1 st 1500\$ 2 nd 1100\$ 3 rd 900\$ 4 th 600\$ 5 th 500\$ 6 th 400\$	\$ 5 000,00
Open to the World Professional Ballroom Championship	1 st 1500\$ 2 nd 1100\$ 3 rd 900\$ 4 th 600\$ 5 th 500\$ 6 th 400\$	\$ 5 000,00
Open to the World Professional Latin Championship	1 st 1500\$ 2 nd 1100\$ 3 rd 900\$ 4 th 600\$ 5 th 500\$ 6 th 400\$	\$ 5 000,00
Open to the World Amateur Over16 Ballroom	1 st 1000\$ 2 nd 700\$ 3 rd 600\$ 4 th 500\$ 5 th 400\$ 6 th 300\$	\$ 3 500,00
Open to the World Amateur Over16 Latin	1 st 1000\$ 2 nd 700\$ 3 rd 600\$ 4 th 500\$ 5 th 400\$ 6 th 300\$	\$ 3 500,00
WDC AL World Amateur Over16 Smooth	1 st 1000\$ 2 nd 700\$ 3 rd 600\$ 4 th 500\$ 5 th 400\$ 6 th 300\$	\$ 3 500,00

Registration fees:

Categories	Before 10 th September 2025 (USD)	From 10 th September until 20 th October 2025 (USD)
WDC European Professional Smooth Championships	85	100
Open to the World Professional Ballroom	85	100
Open to the World Professional Latin	85	100
Open to the World American Smooth Super Trophy Series SRDS Ranking event	85	100
WDC AL World Juvenile U10 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Juvenile U12 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Junior U14 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Junior U16 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Youth U19 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Youth U21 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Adult Over19 Smooth	85	100
WDC AL World Senior Over35 Smooth	85	100

Open to the World Amateur Over16 Ballroom	75	90
Open to the World Amateur Over16 Latin	75	90
Open to the World Senior Over45 Ballroom	75	90
Open to the World Senior Over45 Latin	75	90
Open to the World Youth U21 Ballroom	60	75
Open to the World Youth U21 Latin	60	75
Open to the World Junior U16 Ballroom	60	75
Open to the World Junior U16 Latin	60	75
Open to the World Juvenile U12 Ballroom	60	75
Open to the World Juvenile U12 Latin	60	75
Open to the World Juvenile U10 Ballroom	60	75
Open to the World Juvenile U10 Latin	60	75
AzDC Open Championship Argentine Tango	60	75
AzDC Open Championship Salsa	60	75
AzDC Open Championship Bachata	60	75

3. Open to the World Solo Events are evaluated by Skating System 6 (C)

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Finalists, prize-winners and winners of the championships will receive trophies, medals, diplomas and memorable gifts from the organizers and sponsors of AzDF.

Registration fees:

Categories	Before 10 th September 2025 (USD)	From 10 th September until 20 th October 2025 (USD)
WDC AL World Juvenile U10 Solo Smooth	60	75
WDC AL World Juvenile U12 Solo Smooth	60	75
WDC AL World Junior U14 Solo Smooth	60	75
WDC AL World Junior U16 Solo Smooth	60	75

WDC AL World Youth U19 Solo Smooth	60	75
WDC AL World Youth U21 Solo Smooth	60	75
WDC AL World Adult Over19 Solo Smooth	60	75
WDC AL World Senior Over35 Solo Smooth	60	75
Open to the World Junior U16 Solo Ballroom	40	55
Open to the World Juvenile U12 Solo Ballroom	40	55
Open to the World Junior U16 Solo Latin	40	55
Open to the World Juvenile U12 Solo Latin	40	55

4. Open to the World Pro Am Events are evaluated by Skating System 6 (C) 1993-2022 @skatingsystem www.SkatingSystem.com.

Finalists, prize-winners and the winners of the championships will receive trophies, medals, diplomas and memorable gifts from the organizers and sponsors of AzDF.

Nominations: Ballroom, Latin, Smooth, Rhythm, Argentine Tango, Caribbean Mix

Levels: Bronze open, Silver Open, Gold Open, Gold Star Open

Age categories:

Single dance events: A1 (16-25), A2 (26-35), B1 (36-43), B2 (44-50), C1 (51-60), C2 (61+)

Multi dance & scholarship events: A (16-35), B (36-50), C (51+)

Registration fees (admission tickets are included in the price of the entry fee):

Categories	Before 10 th September 2025 (USD)	From 10 th September until 20 th October 2025 (USD)
Open to the World Pro Am single dance events	30	45
Open to the World Pro Am 3-multidance events	80	120
Open to the World Pro Am 4-multidance events	110	165
Open to the World Pro Am 5-multidance events	140	210
Open to the World Pro Am scholarship events	190	290
Open to the World Pro Am Super Trophy events	230	330
World Pro Am Dance Cup / double points World Cup series event	300	390

ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Additional services provided by the organizer and their costs are listed in the "Additional" section of the registration form.

Please note that room reservations are subject to availability.

When selecting a package, participants must specify whether a single or double room occupancy is required. A surcharge of 20% of the room price applies for double occupancy.

Upon request, the organizers will check room availability at the JW Marriott Absheron Baku ***** hotel and issue an invoice for payment.

Additional service	Price per person (USD)
AzDF Dance Congress attendance 30/31.10	120
Admission ticket 1.11	40
Admission ticket 2.11	40
VIP Table seat 31.10 Gala Show "Night of the Dancing Diamonds"	500
Platinum Table seat 31.10 Gala Show "Night of the Dancing Diamonds" (second row tables)	350
First row seat 31.10 Gala Show "Night of the Dancing Diamonds"	150
Amphitheater seat 31.10	70
VIP Table seat 1.11	350
VIP Table seat 2.11	350
Platinum Table seat 1.11 (second row tables)	250
Platinum Table seat 2.11 (second row tables)	250
First row seat 1.11	120
First row seat 2.11	120
Amphitheater seat 1.11	50
Amphitheater seat 2.11	50
Afterparty 2.11	150
Silver Package (for 1 person)	
-Official hotel 3 nights check in 31.10/check out 3.11 - Admission ticket & Gala evening Platinum Table seats 31.10/1-2.11 -Afterparty 2.11	1600
Gold Package (for 1 person)	1900
- Official hotel 3 nights check in 31.10/check out 3.11 - Lunches 1.11/2.11 - Exclusive City Guide Tour 1.11 - Admission ticket & Gala evening Platinum Table seats 31.10/1-2.11 -Afterparty 2.11	
VIP Package (for 1 person)	2900
-Transfer from/to airport -Official hotel 5 nights check in 29.10/check out 3.11 -AzDF dance congress attendance 30.10/31.11 - Lunches 30-31.10/ 1-2.11 - Exclusive City Guide Tour 1.11	

- Admission ticket & Gala evening VIP Table seats 31.10/1-2.11 -Afterparty 2.11	
VIP Package (for 2 person) -Transfer from/to airport -Official hotel 5 nights check in 29.10/check out 3.11 -AzDF dance congress attendance 30.10/31.11 - Lunches 30-31.10/ 1-2.11 - Exclusive City Guide Tour 1.11 - Admission ticket & Gala evening VIP Table seats 31.10/1-2.11 -Afterparty 2.11	5000 (2500 per person)

SCHEDULE OF THE FESTIVAL

October 30th – 31st:

- International Dance Congress

October 31st:

- Gala Show: "Night of the Dancing Diamonds"
- WDC European Professional Smooth Championship

November 1st:

- SRDS Super Trophy Ranking Event
- WDC AL World Smooth Championships for solo dancers and couples in all age categories
- Open to the World events in Latin and Ballroom divisions under the following age categories:
 - Juveniles (under 12)
 - Juniors (under 16)
 - Youth (under 21)
 - Adults (16+)
 - Professionals
- Solo events in Juveniles (under 12) and Juniors (under 16) categories

November 2nd:

- Open to the World Pro-Am single dance, multi-dance, scholarship, and Super Trophy event, World Pro Am Dance Cup for different levels and age categories in Latin, Ballroom, Smooth, Rhythm, Argentine Tango, and Caribbean Mix
- Pro-Am Showcases at the Gala Dinner Dance
- AzDC Open Championships in Argentine Tango, Salsa, and Bachata
- Afterparty: "My Azerbaijan"

VERIFICATION (Personal Confirmation of Participation on the Day of the Competition)

Competitors must personally arrive for verification at the Festival's registration area no later than 30 minutes before the start of their first round, according to the Festival schedule. Participants who fail to appear for verification as scheduled will be unable to compete in their registered category. Delays will only be considered in cases of force majeure. Upon successful verification, participants will receive their competitor number, which they must use in all registered events and categories.

RULES OF CONDUCT AT THE FESTIVAL

All participants must adhere to the following rules throughout the Festival:

- Entrance to the dance floor is permitted only with authorization from the Organizing Committee representatives or upon invitation from the presenter.
- Participants must follow the navigation rules within the venue from the Festival's opening to its official closure.
- Unjustified presence in working or judging areas, which may lead to unauthorized contact with members of the Judging Board, may result in disqualification.
- The Festival schedule is subject to changes. Dancers are personally responsible for ensuring they arrive on time for their performances.
- Participants must demonstrate respect towards the Organizing Committee, fellow competitors, and the audience.
- Any unethical behavior that could harm the Festival's reputation or provoke a negative reaction from spectators or other participants is strictly prohibited.

FESTIVAL ADJUDICATORS

Competitor performances will be evaluated by a panel of 9, 11, 13, or 15 judges.

Chairperson of the Festival: Hannes Emrich

The Chairperson has the authority to determine the number of competitors advancing to the next round, issue warnings, disqualify participants, oversee the Festival schedule, and make necessary adjustments to ensure adherence. All decisions made by the Chairperson regarding adjudication, schedule modifications, and competition proceedings are final.

PHOTO AND VIDEO SHOOTING

The Festival Organizer reserves the right to record all stages of the Festival using various media formats, including but not limited to audio, video, and photography. These recordings may be carried out independently or through third-party specialists for promotional and advertising purposes.

By completing the Festival registration form, participants automatically grant the Organizer full, irreversible, and free rights to use any recorded materials. This agreement includes but is not limited to the use of photos and videos for advertising and promotional purposes. Participants and their representatives waive any claims for compensation related to the use of these materials.

PARTICIPATION COST AND REFUND POLICY

Participation fees for AzDF are set in US dollars. Participants from the Russian Federation may pay their entry fees and additional services in rubles at the exchange rate applicable on the payment date.

- If a participant withdraws from the Festival before **September 30, 2025**, a **50% refund** of the paid deposit will be issued.
- From **October 1, 2025**, no refunds will be provided.

- Refunds will only be issued in the event of Festival cancellation due to circumstances within the control of the AzDF Organizer.

ORGANIZATION

The Organizing Committee is responsible for the preparation and hosting of the Festival. It operates in accordance with the General Rules & Regulations of the Festival and ensures their full implementation. The Organizing Committee serves as the highest authority in resolving any matters related to the preparation and execution of the Festival.

PURPOSES

- Recognizing and rewarding the best dancers
- Promoting ballroom dance as a form of sport and cultural activity
- Discovering and supporting new talented dancers
- Increasing awareness and interest in ballroom dancing
- Developing dance sports, culture, and education within Azerbaijan and internationally
- Strengthening the cultural values of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Fostering creativity and providing opportunities for young dancers to develop their potential and achieve success on the global stage

RESPONSIBILITY

Registration and participation in the Festival indicate that each participant acknowledges and agrees to comply with the General Rules & Regulations, including consent to the processing of personal data.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with the applicable laws, the Organizing Committee uses personal data provided by participants solely for the purpose of organizing the Festival and managing participation fees in compliance with Azerbaijan's legal requirements.

REGISTRATION

- Participants may not register multiple times in the same category but may register in different categories with the same or a different partner.
- Registration is available online at **www.azdf.world** or **www.lifeis.dance**.
- For registration issues or other inquiries, participants can contact **info@azdf.world**.
- Registration is considered valid only upon full payment for the selected category.
- Registration and payment deadline: **October 20th, 2025**.