

Video Submissions

Video Submission Deadline:
Monday, January 18th, 2021

We must receive your videos by this deadline to give our professional editing team time to process and format them.

Instructions:

1. Submit your entry forms, order form, and release form via email to LaCoupeDuPrestige@gmail.com. Also submit your payment via E-Transfer to LaCoupeDuPrestige@gmail.com (Canadian competitors) or credit card (international competitors, 4% administrative fee applies). You will then receive an invoice via email.
2. Once we receive your entries, you will receive an email with music files for all of the dances you enter. You must record your videos using the music we provide. All of our music is set to official competition tempo and contains “audio markers” at the beginning and end of each track consisting of three drum taps and a beep. Your pre-recorded videos MUST include the full audio markers at both the beginning AND end of every track.
3. Record your dances one at a time to the music files provided. For example, if you are competing in Bronze Ballroom Waltz/Tango/Quickstep (Block 1) and Bronze Ballroom Foxtrot/Viennese Waltz (Block 2), you will submit five (5) separate videos, one for each dance, to the five (5) music tracks you will receive.

How To Film Your Dancing:

- Ask a friend or colleague to film your dancing. Have them follow you around the space to ensure you are always front and center in the shot. DO NOT use a tripod as it will be too difficult for the judges to see your dancing when you are far away.
- In addition to the phone you will use to record your videos, you will need a separate device (for example, a second phone) to play your music. We recommend you connect your second device directly to your studio sound system and play the music from there.
- Record your videos horizontally with your smart phone set to 1080p at 30 frames per second. This is usually the default setting on most smart phones. (To check, open your “Settings” then go to “Camera” to make sure your phone camera is set to 1080p).

- When you are in position, the person filming should first start recording and then play the audio track. This will ensure that the full audio marker is included in the recording. Each track contains a couple of seconds of lag time before the audio marker (three drum taps and a beep) to give both the dancers and the camera operator time to get in position before the dance begins.
- Each track contains one minute and 10 seconds (1:10) of music to dance to. After 1:10, the music will fade out. When you hear the music fade out, bow like you would at a traditional competition. After the music fades to silence, there will be another audio marker: three drum taps and a beep. The person filming should continue recording until you are finished bowing AND until the ending audio marker has stopped.
- DO NOT edit your videos in any way. Please submit the original video files for our professional editing team to edit.

How To Upload Your Final Videos:

1. Once you have recorded your videos, upload them to Google Drive, and share the folder with LaCoupeDuPrestige@gmail.com. We will send you a confirmation email when we receive your videos. If you do not receive a confirmation email by Tuesday, January 18th, please follow up with us to ensure we did in fact receive your videos.
2. Name Your Folder: "Leader Full Name & Follower Full Name, Studio". For example: "John Smith & Betty Silver, Blue Suede Ballroom Studio".
3. Title Each Song: "Age, Level, Style, Dance". For example: "16+ Silver Ballroom Waltz".

Google Drive offers 15 GB of storage for free for all users with a Gmail account. If you do not have enough storage space to upload all of your videos at once, email LaCoupeDuPrestige@gmail.com and we will assist you. You can upload your videos in portions, allow us to transfer them to our database, and then delete the videos you already uploaded to free up space to upload the remaining videos.