

# Clogging Champions of America



## **STARZ! LEVEL COMPETITION**

The Clogging Champions of America is in its second successful year of offering a third level of competition to our schedule of events that will make all of your dancers STARZ!

### **How STARZ! Level Competition Works**

The STARZ! level offers all of the same categories and rules you are familiar with in the amateur and challenge levels of competition. The difference is in the scoring.

### **STARZ! Level makes every dancer a winner!**

Contestants will be judged by a panel of professional dance judges. Instead of your score ranking you 1st, 2nd and 3rd against the others in your category, all dancers will place Platinum 1st Place, Gold 1st Place or Silver, based on a predetermined range of points for each place. There will be multiple winners in each age group and category, and all dances will be awarded with no rankings. Score sheets will be available to you following the event.

Because you are dancing against the score sheet and not ranked against other entries, every team will be awarded a Platinum, Gold or Silver Award every time. There will be no posting or ranking of how your scores compare to other entries! Every dancer in the solo categories will be awarded in the same manner. This is especially favorable in some solo categories where callbacks narrow the field and then only 3 dancers can be awarded from the field of many.

### **STARZ! Level Categories Offered**

**Team categories:** Small Team, Standing Line, Open Line, Precision, Hoedown, Artistic Expression, Exhibition and Traditional Line

**Solo categories:** Male and Female STARZ! level freestyle solos (same age divisions as amateur solos)

No Duos will be competed at the STARZ! level

### **Additional STARZ! Level Awards**

At the end of the Starz level competition, the highest scoring Team of the STARZ! events will be recognized as STARZ! Team of the Day, the highest scoring male and female will also be recognized as STARZ! dancers of the day. There will be no dance-offs in the STARZ! level.

## **Who Should Enter the STARZ! Level of Competition?**

STARZ! level is great for a team that is just entering competition and wants the chance to be judged against the score sheet. This enables a team or soloist to receive valuable notes and scores that will help to create improvement as a group or individual.

STARZ! level is also great for teams that are regrouping and would like to try out new material, or for teams that just want to participate in a competition and enjoy a great day of dancing, where everyone is a winner!

There is no restriction on the length of time that a solo dancer or team can compete in the STARZ! Division. Any team or soloist can compete in STARZ! level in addition to the amateur or challenge level (following CCA guidelines for amateur and challenge levels).

We hope your studio will take the opportunity to use the STARZ! level to your advantage, whether it be preparing to dance in amateur or challenge categories down the road, or just another way of being a part of competitive dance.

## **TRADITIONAL COMPETITION**

Some CCA Events will be offering this limited slate of traditional team and solo categories to encourage teams to research our dance history and to work to preserve our rich dance heritage through the use of traditional dance footwork and mountain figures. Three judges will be used with all scores counting and a figure count will be kept. The highest scoring team from the competition will be crowned "Traditional Team Grand Champion."

### **TRADITIONAL TEAM AGE DIVISIONS:**

8 AND UNDER, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, 19-25, 26 & OVER

### **RUNNING SET HOEDOWN**

- Running Set Hoedowns consist of four couples (any number of males and females) in a quadrille set with one active couple who travels.
- All dancers must perform freestyle footwork using drag-slide clogging with no dancers intentionally in step.
- Routine must consist of one opening figure, four different visiting couple figures (corner/partner swings not necessary) led by four different couples, three connecting or break figures (break figure occurs at the end of the progression by the active couple when they return to their home position in the circle) and one closing figure.
- Progression must be on inside of set in a counter clockwise direction.
- Column figures are NOT allowed.
- Traditional Music without vocals is required.
- Dance must be called from within the set.
- 8 minute time limit
- No acrobatics, lifts, pull-throughs, etc.

### **4, 6 OR 8 COUPLE PRECISION WITH FIGURE COUNT**

- Four couple precision consists of four couples (any number of males and females).
- All dancers must perform precision footwork using predominantly drag-slide clogging with all dancers in step. Progressive step changes are allowed.
- Routine must consist of two big circle traditional mountain figures and four small circle figures with progression to a new couple between each.
- Progression must be on inside of set in a counter clockwise direction.
- Traditional Music without vocals is required.
- Dance must be called from within the set.
- 8 minute time limit
- No acrobatics, lifts, pull-throughs, etc.

## **SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN**

- Southern Appalachian consist of either six or eight couples (any number of males and females).
- All dancers must perform freestyle footwork using drag-slide clogging with no dancers intentionally in step.
- Routine must consist of two big circle traditional mountain figures and four small circle figures with progression to a new couple between each.
- Progression must be on inside of set in a counter clockwise direction.
- Traditional Music without vocals is required.
- Dance must be called from within the set.
- 8 minute time limit
- No acrobatics, lifts, pull-throughs, etc.

## **FLATFOOT TRADITIONAL SOLO**

### **FLATFOOT SOLO – NO AGE DIVISIONS:**

- Flat foot dancing is a rhythmic, low to the floor individual percussive step with a drag-slide motion punctuated by skuffs, brushes and flatfooted drags and toe slaps.
- Flatfoot dancers will compete in a line, traveling and in a rise and shine.

**NOTE: The STARZ! and Traditional categories are not CCA qualifying events and may not be offered at all CCA events. Please check your rules and regulations for each event.**