

CDF AMATEUR TEACHER EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

WHY WOULD AN AMATEUR DANCER TAKE THIS EXAM?

By passing the Amateur Instructor Examination with CDF, amateur competitors will be improving their own dance skills by virtue of having more knowledge on which to base their technique. Amateur instructors with a good understanding of the basic foundation of dance and a working knowledge of the various Technique Books will be well equipped to instruct students. This can only be a benefit to one's own career and to Dancesport in Canada.

PREPARATION

The Dances and Fundamentals shall be covered in a simple manner. The Amateur Instructor should have a basic teaching skill so he/ she will be able to handle any requests by students. This examination is based on the ISTD Student Teacher Syllabus, 5 dances in each style.

DRESS CODE FOR EXAMINATION

The normal attire for candidates is for men to wear a suit or sport jacket, shirt and tie. Ladies wear a dress, a skirt and blouse or dressy pants and blouse. If a lady chooses to wear a dress or skirt, the length must be such that the examiner may see the legs and feet (which is normally a few inches below the knee).

TIME ALLOTTED FOR EXAMINATION

One Hour & thirty minutes (1h.30min.)

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FORMAT OF EXAMINATION

Part 1 - DEMONSTRATION of each of the test dances to music with a partner in his/her gender. Demonstration to music of the alternative gender is required and may be danced solo or with a partner.

Part 2 - TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- The candidate should possess a general knowledge and **practical** understanding of Technique, Music, Posture and Balance.
- The candidate should be able to accurately demonstrate each of the syllabus figures, as Man and Lady, with the appropriate technique, action and timing. However, the candidate will not have to give verbally the exact Feet Positions, Alignment and Footwork on each step, but is expected to give, in his own words, a practical definition of the chart headings used in the Technique Books and in the Definitions of Technical Terms and Fundamentals.
- Solo Demonstration without music - The examiner will select several of the listed figures in each dance. The candidate will be required to execute those figures as both Man and Lady, demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the examiner, appropriate technique, direction and accurate timing.
- Knowledge of simple teaching skills.
- Demonstration of the ability to competently instruct a class.

FINAL EVALUATION:

- The Amateur Instructor must successfully pass his/ her examination with a qualified examiner approved by CDF.

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