

## What You Need To Know

### **\* Registration \***

Competitor packets and “Will Call” Spectator tickets are all available at the Windy City Open Registration desk in front of the Ballroom. The WCO registration desk will be open **thirty minutes before and after each scheduled competition session.**

### **\* Meals for Package Holders \***

The **Breakfast buffet** will be served in the Shor Restaurant on the lower level of the hotel, just below the Ballroom. WCO package holders can present their breakfast voucher to the wait staff for the breakfast buffet. This voucher is only good for breakfast – not lunch or dinner. Tax and gratuity are included in your voucher, but please feel free to be generous to your servers. Breakfast vouchers can be purchased at the WCO registration desk for \$27 each.

**Friday Evening** dinner is served in **Room CC21** and **Saturday Evening** dinner is served in **Pullman Room, Prairie Center**. Both meals are held from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. You can arrive anytime that fits your dance schedule between those hours. Both dinner rooms are located a short walk across the glass catwalk from the ballroom. Don't worry – we have plenty of signs and staff available to make sure you find your way!

**\*\*If you purchased a Saturday Evening Table Seat for \$65, this only admits you into the Ballroom for the Session 4 events. Dinner is NOT included. Dinner is only included for package holders OR if you purchased a separate meal ticket in advance. Evening meal tickets are not for sale during the event.**

**Other meal Options:** There is a coffee bar on the lower level of the hotel lobby serving drinks and snacks throughout the day. Shor Restaurant and Forno Restaurant (located below the ballroom) offer fabulous meals and wood fired pizzas. There is also a small food court, just past the hotel restaurants, across into the convention center. Hours are limited though, so please check with the Hyatt staff for availability. Additionally, you can talk with our Hyatt concierge about some of the great options the city of Chicago has to offer! They can make recommendations, reservations and arrange transportation.

## \* Practice Floor \*

There will be a practice floor available for dancers across the catwalk in **Room CC24** ONLY at the times listed below. All dancers practice at their own risk.

**9/3 Thursday** 3:00PM to Midnight - open practice

**9/4 Friday** 6:00AM to 10:30AM - open practice.

Floor **Closed from 10:00AM to 8:00PM** for private lessons.

8:30PM to Midnight - open practice.

**9/5 Saturday** 6:00AM to Midnight - open practice.

**9/6 Sunday** 6:00AM to 2:00PM - open practice.

## \* Competition \*

Each daily and evening competitive event starts as listed in this program. Any changes in published times will be announced from the podium to provide as much notice as possible. Competitors should be prepared to dance a minimum of thirty minutes prior to their scheduled heat time. Heats will not be delayed for dancers who are not present in the ballroom. We have many people scheduled to dance in multiple events, so we have done our very best to accommodate time for costume changes and rest periods. Please look at your heat lists carefully and if there is a conflict, please advise us as soon as possible. Again, we will do our very best to accommodate everyone.

You **must have admission tickets** to enter the ballroom. – No exceptions will be made. Please make sure you have your tickets ready when you enter the ballroom. Please make sure you get your hand stamped to allow for re-entry. Seating for each day event and also the Friday evening event is first come, first serve (except for package holders, who will have assigned tables). Seating on Saturday night is assigned. On both Friday and Saturday evenings, the doors will open as close to 7:30PM as possible. We must allow ample time for cleaning between sessions. The Ballroom will be closed during the break.

If you are not staying in the hotel, changing rooms are available, one level above the registration desk. Don't worry – we'll show you how to get there – just ask us at the WCO registration desk.

We are all about immediate gratification!!! Please be advised that many of our MULTIDANCE WCO Championships and some of our Scholarship events will have results **immediately** following the final. All couples in the final will be asked to remain on the floor for awards. The emcee will announce from the podium when this will happen.

### **\* Parking \***

You can obtain the special Windy City Open parking validation ticket at the WCO Registration desk. This is valid only for Self-Park at the Hyatt (NOT Valet). Additional parking is available across the street in Lot A. The cost is \$17 per day, over night parking is not allowed. You must confirm closing time with the attendant. This alternate lot will NOT accept event validation. Additional Parking is available about one block West at Lakeside Parking, on the corner of Cermak and Prairie. They are offering a special event rate of \$15 per day, overnight parking not allowed. The Windy City Open accepts NO responsibility for any of the costs associated with parking or transportation, that is incurred by attendees.

### **\* To Note \***

**No responsibility for loss or theft of articles including but not limited to Changing Rooms, Practice Floor Room, Ballroom, Dinner Rooms, or Hotel Rooms can be accepted by organizers, Hyatt Corporation, or by the National Dance Council of America, Inc. AND neither can they be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending this event. Everyone attending does so at his or her own risk.**

**All Persons attending this event, whether as spectators, competitors, officials, or guests of the Organizers, shall be bound by the National Dance Council of America, Inc. rules and by participating in this event automatically become obligated to adhere to them.**