

2017 ARIZONA 2-STEP STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

QUALIFYING EVENTS

- Participating clubs, studios and organizations shall coordinate with the Club Contest Coordinator to select a date and time for the contest.
- Club Contest Coordinator will provide advertising flyers, music and prizes, and will conduct the contest.
- The Club/Studio/Organization may provide additional prizes and additional publicity for the contest.
- Qualifying events will be listed on the website at www.az2stepstatechampionship.com.

ELIGIBILITY

- Dance instructors are not eligible.
- The winner of a Qualifying event is automatically entered into the finals, and therefore may not compete in another qualifying event.
- A runner-up of a Qualifying event may compete in another qualifying event.
- Previous year's Arizona 2-Step State Champions are not eligible to compete with the same partner. They may compete with a different partner than the one they won the Championship with.

RULES

- Each couple shall consist of one male and one female.
- Male partner is required to wear a Cowboy hat and Cowboy boots. Female partner must wear Cowboy boots. Both partners should wear clothing consistent with Country Western style or look.
- No lifts or drops are allowed.

CONTEST

- Each couple is required to perform Arizona 2-Step.
- All heats will be at least 2 minutes but not more than 2 minutes 15 seconds.
- The contest may be run in multiple heats. Each heat may have a different song.
- The Club Contest Coordinator may elect to have preliminary and final rounds if there are more than 10 couples entered in the contest. The Club Contest Coordinator will determine how many couples will be called back for the final round, if prelims and finals are held.
- There shall be at least 3 judges for the contest.

WINNERS

- A 1st place couple and runner up at each qualifying event will be announced.
- The 1st place winning couple will receive General 3-day passes to the Arizona Dance Classic, July 28th – 30th, 2017, and will be entered into the Arizona 2-Step State Championship, at the Arizona Dance Classic on July 28th, 2017.
- If the 1st place overall couple cannot attend the Arizona 2-Step State Championship on July 28th, they will forfeit the passes, and the runner-up couple will be given the passes and the opportunity to compete in their place.
- Other prizes may be awarded, in addition to the passes, at each club's discretion.

ARIZONA 2-STEP STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- Winners of all qualifying events are automatically entered into the finals
- Finals will take place the evening of July 28th, 2017, after 7PM, at the We-Ko-Pa Resort in Scottsdale, Az.
- Rules for the finals are the same as the rules for the Qualifying events.
- 1st Place winning couple will earn the title of "Arizona 2-Step State Champion".
- Cash prizes will be awarded in the finals.