



26th & 27th July 2012
OFFICIAL EVENT RULES
Location: Baruch Performing Arts Center
Entrance on East 25th St (Lexington. & 3rd)
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6th ORIGINAL
USA TANGO
CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The USA Tango Championship shall include the following **categories**: Amateur Tango Salon for amateurs only, Open Tango Salon and Open Stage Tango for Couples from amateurs to professionals.
2. Each category shall comprise of two to three stages: Qualifying Rounds, Semi-finals and Finals.
3. Celebrate Tango hereafter called The Producer shall ensure the compliance with all provisions set forth herein.
4. The Producer shall not be responsible for delays or contingencies for any reason whatsoever, which take place at the moment the competitors present in the different rounds.
5. The Producer reserves the right to record all Championship instances, by any means customary or new, including but not limited to, filming, audio recording, photographing, digitalization, on its own or through third parties authorized to this effect. Records so obtained shall be the exclusive property of The Producer. The signed Championship entry form shall signify the express and irrevocable authorization by participants to use said records, without purporting any related payment for any reason by The Producer, in favor of any person or organization that claims alleged rights. This clause also includes, but is not limited to, the photographic material to be published and/or used for promotion, advertising or other purposes to be determined.
6. All Championship contestants agree to participate in the promotional acts and events planned by The Producer, such as press conferences, articles, reports, interviews either on the radio or air or cable TV, etc., as long as they are advised to that end.
7. The Producer shall be entitled to change the order of performances of participants and the modality thereof, as well as to specify the number of rounds in which each couple shall take part.
8. Entries are open in all categories until either the designated closure date or the category capacity is reached.
9. Any competitor who meets the specific Category rules requirements may enter in any or all three of the categories with the same or a different partner.
10. Contestant entry in any category is valid when The Producer receives and accepts all of the following: a completed and signed entry form, legible document copies verifying each contestants legal status in the USA, music CD if Stage Category and the entry fee.
11. The Judging Panel shall not discriminate against any competitor on the basis of race, religion, color, age, gender, sexual orientation or national origin.
12. A member of the Judging Panel must not preside over an event where a competitor is a relative. A relative is defined as, a spouse, domestic partner, household member or family member.
13. Judges shall mark all competitors solely on their performance in the dance that is being adjudicated at the time. No consideration of titles, reputation, previous performances in other events, preceding rounds or preceding dances are admissible.
14. The Adjudicator is responsible for the proper implementation of the scoring system, and may replace or excuse any judge from officiating if he or she feels that a Judges sound judging may be impaired. In all matters relating to the conduct of the competition and questions on judges markings, The Adjudicator's decision shall be final. The Adjudicator & Tabulator are responsible for the correct calculation of the marks.
15. The winning couples of each category agree to be available to perform exclusively at events as requested by The Producer and/or the USA Tango Championship & NYC Tango Festival. Any other performances by the winning couple within 21 days of the last day of the Festival require written agreement by The Producer. That the winning couple be available throughout the year for promotion of the next USA Tango Championship. The winning couples are invited to perform at the Qualifying or Finals night of the following Championship. All references to the winning couples Championship status shall include acknowledgment of USA Tango Championship and any named Championship sponsors.
16. Submission of the signed Official Entry Form of each participant shall signify their knowledge of and agreement to these event and the relevant category rules and requirements.