

BACHATA SPICE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 RULES

1) ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- Bachata International Championship is an Open competition for UK and International dancers.
- Every couple must be formed by a man and a woman.
- Couples must send a video performing to bachataspice@gmail.com with the subject **“Competitor Bachata Spice International Championship Jan 2018”** and the organisation will verify the eligibility to compete.
- First position of Bachata Spices qualifying sets in 2017 will be invited to take part in the competition: Qualifying set in Hungary organised by All Star Festival.
- Also they are special guests the first second and third position of Bachata Spice UK Open Championship 2017.
- The number of competitors is limited so it’s important to receive the videos of possible competitors as soon as possible.
- Bachata Spice Organisation will try to have the biggest possible international representation in the competition limiting the numbers of competitors coming from each country.

2) FORMAT

- The competition will be held at the Bachata Spice Party on Saturday 20th January 2018 in Bachata Spice International Weekender, London, UK.
- It will be a 1 round contest.
- This contest will be choreography only.
- Routine Duration: 2:30 – 3 minutes.
- All styles of Bachata music are accepted: Traditional Dominican, Moderna, Sensual, Bachatango and other styles of Bachata Fusion:
 - o We understand as Bachata Music: Originally created music that contains, at least, the five standard instruments of bachata: Güira, Bongos, Requinto, Second guitar and Bass.
 - o It will be accepted as Bachata music:
 - Original Bachata songs.
 - Bachata covers of other songs that come from other styles of music.
 - o It won’t be accepted as Bachata music:
 - Songs of other styles of music remixed into Bachata music by adding the missing instruments.
- All songs must have at least an 80% of Bachata music as it’s been previously defined.
- Each routine can have a maximum of 4 lifts/acrobatics and 4 tricks/splits.
 - o Lifts/acrobatics are those movements in which one of the members will be held in the air by their partner or executing an aerial on their own.
 - o Tricks/splits are those movements in which at least one of the members needs the help of their partner to hold him/herself or one of them is doing a full split.



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- Initial and final positions are included.
- Tricks won't take longer than 1 bar (8 counts).
- 2 Lifts won't take longer than 2 bars each (16 counts) and the other 2 lifts no longer than 1 bar each (8 counts).
- The routine music can have a mix of 3 different songs maximum.

3) JUDGING CRITERIA

- Presentation: Costume, attitude and presence.
- Musicality: Timing, rhythm, music creativity and interpretation.
- Technique: Ability of executing clean movements, body posture.
- Complexity: Difficulty of moves during the routine.
- Connection: Interaction with partner, synchronisation and leading/following.
- Spice: Latin/Caribbean Flavour in the dance and audience engagement.

4) PRIZE

- First position: 1500€ CASH + 1200€ in contracts. Qualify to compete at Bachata Spice International Championship 2019.
- Second position: €500 CASH + 1000€ in contracts. Qualify to compete at Bachata Spice International Championship 2019.
- Third position: 1200€ in contracts.

5) DECISION OF JUDGES

- Competitors will accept the decisions of judges and the organising committee as FINAL.
- Any expression of dislike or aggression towards the judges, organisers, public, sponsors and / or any person or entity related to Bachata Spice Championships, by dancers, coaches and / or members of their families is strictly FORBIDDEN and could be taken as reason of disqualification.
- All competitors have the right to ask for a review of the results of the competition during the day of the competition.

6) JOINING THE COMPETITION

- The minimum number of couples needed to execute this competition is 6.
- To join the competition, competitors must send an email to bachataspice@gmail.com with the subject “**Competitor Bachata Spice International Championship Jan 2018**”. Afterwards the Bachata Spice organisation will reply to the couple confirming eligibility to compete.

7) COPYRIGHT



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- By competing, all competitors accept and authorise the use of their images for promotion of the event on video, image, text or audio format. All the images and videos from the competition are property of Bachata Spice and their organisers: The Latin Passion & London Dance Cartel.
- 8) CHANGES
- The organisation reserves the right to change any of the rules in benefit of a fair and better running of the competition/event.

