

# The Official Rules Book for the 2007 CCA Regional Competitions and the 2008 Showdown of Champions

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## **TEAM CATEGORIES, DIVISIONS & QUALIFICATIONS FOR “SHOWDOWN OF CHAMPIONS”**

**All regional competitions will use same rules and same age divisions.**

*Team Qualifying Categories: Standing Line, Open Line, Traditional Line, Precision, Hoedown, Artistic Expression and Exhibition*

### **TEAM DIVISIONS:**

There will be 2 (two) Divisions of competitions for teams:

*Amateur:* This team division is open to teams never having earned first place in **any** past clogging competitions.

**No more than one challenge dancer is permitted to dance in any Amateur Team Routine. This will be monitored and disqualification may result. A Challenge dancer is defined as a clogger that has competed in a challenge routine or has complete their two year amateur period.**

*Challenge:* This team division is open to any team, regardless of past winnings.

\*Note: If an Amateur team competes in the Challenge Division and places first in their respective age division, they may **no** longer dance in Amateur in that particular category. The Overall Amateur Team at the 2007 *Showdown* must compete in Challenge in the following year regardless of whether it is the first year to compete the routine in Amateur.

### **TEAM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SHOWDOWN OF CHAMPIONS:**

#### **General Team Qualifications Rules & Guidelines (Amateur & Challenge):**

1. A CCA season is January to December.
2. A team only needs to qualify once per category during the qualifying competition season to advance to the *Showdown of Champions*
3. Once a team has qualified in a particular category, that team is NOT prohibited from competing in that same category at other regional qualifying competitions. A special incentive has been designed for those teams who compete at remaining regional competitions after they have already received a *Showdown of Champions* Hot Ticket. See notes below on “**Star Points**”.  
Each regional qualifying competition is independently hosted and operated
4. *Showdown of Champions* qualifiers are subject to the 2007 *Showdown*

*Of Champions Category Competition Rules and Guidelines.*

5. The *Showdown of Champions* 50% Rule applies for all Teams and Team categories.
6. One (1) point will be deducted from the Overall Average Score if the team doesn't comply with the 50% Rule.
7. One (1) point will be deducted from the Overall Average Score if the team has a category rules infringement (i.e. body contact in line routines, exceeding time limit, less than minimum number of dancers).
8. The judges at the 2008 Showdown of Champions have the final determination of a category rule(s) infraction(s).

### **Team Age Divisions-Amateur**

6 & Under

7-9

10-11                      Junior

12-14

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15-18

19-29                      Senior

30 & Over

### **Amateur Team Qualifications:**

This Division is designed to provide new and less-experienced teams an opportunity to experience competitive clogging and compete against other such teams for the Amateur Team Championship Title at the *Showdown of Champions*. Amateur Teams are teams who have never won first in **any** clogging competition before.

The Challenge competition is divided into 4 divisions – ***Elementary, Junior Senior and Adult.*** .

At each regional competition, the top 3 teams in each of the Amateur qualifying team categories ***and*** divisions (Junior and Senior) offered will be awarded a Hot Ticket and will advance to the 2008 *Showdown of Champions*.

*For example:* In Amateur Open Line, the top 3 scoring teams whose average age is 14 and below will receive Hot Tickets and the top 3 scoring teams whose average age is 15 and above will receive Hot Tickets.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Place Overall	5	*****
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Place Overall	3	***
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Place Overall	2	**

See below for more information on “Star Points”.

Amateur Teams are allowed to compete for two (2) consecutive CCA calendar years (January to December). For Example, if your team competed as Amateur in the 2006 Season, they are also allowed to compete in Amateur during the 2007 season.

Amateur Teams may also compete in the Challenge Division at any regional competition. However, once the dancers dance in a challenge category, they are considered a challenge team. If your team has already received a Hot Ticket in Amateur, they will still be allowed to compete in the Amateur Division at the 2008 *Showdown of Champions*, but at remaining future regional competitions, they must now compete in Challenge. The Overall Amateur Team at the 2008 Showdown must compete in Challenge the following year regardless of whether it is the first year to compete the routine in Amateur.

Note: Any Amateur or Challenge Team who qualifies for the *Showdown of Champions* must adhere to the 50% Rule. See below for details.

### **Challenge Team Qualifications:**

#### **Team Age Divisions-Challenge**

6 & Under

7-9

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Elementary

10-11

Junior

12-14

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15-18

19-29

Senior

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30 & Over

Adult

Challenge Team competition is open to any teams, regardless of past winnings. The Challenge competition is divided into four divisions – ***Elementary, Junior, Senior and Adult***. Elementary teams average in age of 9 and below. Junior Teams average in age between 10 and 14. Senior teams average in age of 15 and 29 and Adult teams average 30 and above.

At each regional competition, the top 3 teams in each of the Challenge qualifying team categories **and** divisions (Elementary, Junior and Senior, Adult) offered will be awarded a Hot Ticket and will advance to the 2008 *Showdown of Champions*.

At the 2008 *Showdown of Champions*, there will only be a Junior Team dance-off and a Senior Team dance-off and Title.

Once a team has placed in the top 3 in a particular category and division, they are officially qualified for the *Showdown of Champions*. The top 3 teams in each category and division at each regional competition will receive “Star Points”. The “Star Point” system for Challenge Teams is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Place Overall	5*****
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Place Overall	3***
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Place Overall	2**

See below for more information on “Star Points”.

If a Team qualifies in both the Junior and Senior divisions of Challenge, they have the option to select **one** division to compete in at the 2008 *Showdown of Champions*, not both. The “Star Points” (see below) that are accumulated in each division will be totaled. The below two criteria apply:

1. The Team must comply with the 50% Rule. Meaning that at the *Showdown*, the Team must consist of dancers of which 50% qualified in that category at one of the regional competitions .A dancer may dance on different teams within the studio at any time.
2. If the team chooses to dance Junior, the Team average age must not exceed 15.5. Meaning at the date of the *Showdown*, the team’s average must be 15.5 or below.

Note: Any Amateur or Challenge team who qualifies for the *Showdown of Champions* must adhere to the 50% Rule. See below for details.

### **The 50% Rule:**

The team that competes at the *Showdown* **must** compete with a group of dancers of which 50% qualified in that category at one of the regional competitions. Therefore, the team that competes at the *Showdown* may add or change 50% of its’ original qualifying dancers. A dancer may move to any team within the studio without affecting the 50% rule.

The intention of the 50% rule is to make sure teams compete at the *Showdown of Champions* with a majority of the dancers who qualified in that particular category at one of the regional competitions. The team that competes at the *Showdown* must compete with a group of dancers of which 50% qualified in that category at one of the regional competitions. Therefore, the team that competes at the *Showdown* may add or change 50% of its original qualifying dancers. CCA recognizes that teams do change throughout the year and may add new dancers. In fairness to all qualifying teams, CCA intends to make sure that the team that qualifies is also the team that competes at the *Showdown*. If you have questions about how to determine if your team is in compliance, please contact a CCA Board Member.

**“Star Points”:**

A special incentive has been designed for those teams who travel and compete at other qualifying competitions after they have already received official bids to the *Showdown of Champions*. This “Star Point” system is designed to select the order of dance per category at the *Showdown of Champions*.

The Star Points will be accumulated throughout the entire qualifying season. At the completion of the qualifying season, the “Star Point “ achieving teams will be ranked in order of the number of “Stars” that each received.

The team receiving the most “Stars” in a particular category will be placed last in the order of dance at the *Showdown of Champions*. The 2<sup>nd</sup> highest “Star” achieving team will then be placed second to last in the order of dance, and so forth. If two or more teams have the same amount of “Stars”, a random drawing will determine their placement.

The “Star Point” system is as follows:

**Amateur:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Place Overall	5*****
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Place Overall	3***
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Place Overall	2**

**Challenge:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Place Overall	5*****
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Place Overall	3***
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Place Overall	2**

**Team of the Year:**

As part of the 2008 Showdown of Champions, we will announce a “Team of the Year” Champion in each age division. In both Amateur and Challenge Divisions, the “Team of the Year” will be the highest scoring team across all categories in the below age divisions. Age division for each routine is determined by the average age of dancers. Each year at the *Showdown of Champions* there will be an award given to the high scoring Tiny Tot (6 & Under) Peewee (7-9), Elementary (10-11), Junior (12-14), Senior (15-18), Young Adult (19-29) and Adult Team (30 & Over).

**SOLO DIVISIONS & QUALIFICATIONS FOR “SHOWDOWN OF CHAMPIONS”****Solo Divisions:**

There will be two (2) Divisions of competition for solo dancers:

*Amateur:* This Solo division is open to dancers who have not won first place in any prior competition.

*Challenge:* This solo division is open to any dancer. Regardless of past winnings..

\*Note: If an Amateur solo dancer competes in the Challenge Division and places, they may no longer dance in the Amateur Solo Division.

**Solo Rules and Qualifications for the Showdown of Champions:  
General Solo Qualification Rules & Guidelines (Amateur & Challenge):**

1. A Solo dancer competing at the *Showdown of Champions* will compete in the age division appropriate to their current age at the time of the *Showdown*.
2. First place refers to any and all competitions, not just CCA affiliated events. If a Solo dancer has won 1<sup>st</sup> place at any prior competition(s), they are not eligible for the Amateur Division of Solo competition under the CCA Rules and Guidelines.
3. An Amateur Solo dancer only needs to qualify once per Division during the CCA Season (January to December) to advance to the *Showdown of Champions*.
4. A Solo dancer may win first, second and third three times before advancing to the Challenge Division.
5. Once a Solo dancer has qualified for the *Showdown of Champions*, they are not prohibited from competing at other regional qualifying competitions.
6. Solo dancers can compete in both Divisions of Solo competition, Amateur and Challenge. A Solo dancer may win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd place in Amateur at any CCA competition three times before they must then move towards the Challenge Division for future competitions. If a Solo dancer wins first place in Challenge, they may **NO** longer compete in the Amateur Division (regardless of the number of Amateur wins).
7. If you qualify in Amateur, you will dance in Amateur at the *Showdown*. It is possible for a Solo dancer to qualify in both Amateur and Challenge during a competition season, and thus, compete in both Divisions at the *Showdown*.
8. Clogging Champions of America with the assistance of the regional competition coordinators will attempt to monitor dancers from inappropriately competing in the Amateur Division.
9. If a Solo dancer is found inappropriately competing in Amateur at any regional competition(s), either a representative of CCA or the regional competition coordinator(s) will address the violation and that dancer will **NOT** receive a Hot Ticket to the *Showdown of Champions*. The regional competition coordinator(s) have the decision whether to award the inappropriately competing Solo dancer at that particular competition.

**Solo Qualification Process:**

A solo dancer competing at the *Showdown of Champions* will compete in the age division appropriate to their current age at the time of the *Showdown*. With this ruling, if a solo dancer has an age change between the time they qualify and the *Showdown*, they will compete at the *Showdown* in the age division appropriate to their current age at the time of the *Showdown*.

First, second or third place winners per age category at each regional competition receive an invitation to compete in the Solo competition at the *Showdown of Champions*.

**Solo Awards and Titles for the Showdown of Champions:**

**AGE DIVISION WINNERS:** Age division winners will be determined by competing the qualifying Solo dancers from each of the regional competitions. The two (2) highest scoring Solo dancers per age division at the *Showdown of Champions* will be announced and then will move on to compete for the Junior, Senior or Adult Division Title.

**DIVISION TITLE WINNERS:** (Junior, Senior, and Adult) Division Title Winners will be determined by dancing off the two (2) highest scoring solo winners from each age division competition. Division Title Winners will consist of the three (3) top scoring individuals in the Junior, Senior, and Adult title categories. The Junior, Senior, and Adult Title winners are eligible to compete for the Overall Grand Champion Male or Female Titles. The Junior, Senior, and Adult category age divisions are listed below.

**OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION:** (Male and Female) Overall Grand Champion Male and Female will be determined by dancing off the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Division Title Winners.

\*\*Note: Males and Females will compete separately in the above dance-off categories and separate titles and awards will be given accordingly.

**Solo Age Divisions:**

***Amateur***

6 & under

7-9

10-11          Junior

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12-13

14-15          Senior

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16-20

21 & Over      Adult

***Challenge***

6 & under

7-8

9-10

11-12          Junior

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13-14

15-16

17-18  
 19-21          Senior  
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22-30  
 31-45  
 46 & over      Adult  
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## **SHORT DUET RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SHOWDOWN OF CHAMPIONS**

### **Age Division is the same as Duo/Duet and Show Duo/Duet General Short Duet Rules:**

1. Two (2) Dancers – Any Combination.
2. Judging will be based on dancing as a couple in a line and a rise and shine.
3. Each couple will be given 48 beats at the beginning to rush, 48 beats to rise and shine and 48 beats at the end.
4. Couple interaction is strongly encouraged.
5. Callbacks may be necessary.
6. Festival Director will select the music.

### ***General Duo/Duet Rules and Guidelines:***

1. A Duo/Duet couple competing at the *Showdown of Champions* will compete in the age division appropriate to their current average age at the time of the *Showdown*.
2. A Duo/Duet couple only needs to qualify once per CCA Season (January to December) to advance to *the Showdown of Champions*.
3. Once a Duo/Duet couple has qualified, that couple in **NOT** prohibited from competing at other regional qualifying competitions.
4. *Showdown of Champions* qualifiers are subject to the 2008 *Showdown of Champions* Duo/Duet Category Competition Rules and Guidelines.

### ***Duo/Duet/ Show Duet and Short Duet Qualification Process:***

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Duo and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Duet in each age division will receive an invitation to compete in the Duo/Duet competition at the *Showdown of Champions*.

A Duo/Duet couple competing at the *Showdown of Champions* will compete in the age division appropriate to their current average age at the time of the *Showdown*. Ages of the two dancers will be averaged to determine the appropriate age division the couple should compete in at the *Showdown*.

If (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) placed Duo/Duet at a regional competition in an age division have previously qualified, a Duo/Duet Hot Ticket from that age division will not be awarded.

**\*\*Note:** Duo and Duets will compete separately at the Showdown of Champions and separate titles and awards will be given accordingly.

***Duo/Duet/ Show Duet Dance-Off Process at the Showdown of Champions:***

- In Duets, all first place age division couples will compete against each other for the Grand Champion Duet Title.
- In Duos, all first place age division couples will compete against each other for the Grand Champion Duo Title.
- The **Grand Champion Duet** and the **Grand Champion Duo** and the **Grand Champion Show Duet** will then compete for the **Overall Duo/Duet Championship Title**.

***Duo/Duet/Show Duet Age Divisions:***

8 & under

9-11

12-14

15-18

19-25

26 & over

**SPECIAL “SHOWDOWN OF CHAMPIONS” AWARDS:**

***The CCA “All-Pro Team and All-Pro Director***

The Clogging Champions of America “All-Pro” team will consist of eight (8) males and eight (8) females as determined by the All-Pro Selection Committee. The “All-Pro” team will recognize the best all-around cloggers, both individual and team dancers based on the following criteria:

Clogging Skills  
Sportsmanship  
Attitude,  
Outstanding effort,  
Portrays effort and dedication.

Any additional criteria set forth by the Board of Clogging Champions of America. Members receiving this honorable and prestigious award may be chosen year after year if they prove to be the most deserving of this award.