LATIN NOTION Bachata Festival ISTANBUL

DUBAI 4TH EDITION MOVED TO ISTANBUL

NOTION CUP ISTANBUL 2026

JACK & JILL COMPETITION

SATURDAY 21ST NOV 2026

SUNDAY 22ND NOV 2026

NOTION JACK & JILL Cup

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

PRO
(OPEN FOR ALL TO COMPETE WITH THE BEST)

1ST PRIZE — PRIZE VALUE 3000 EUR
- 2000 EUROS CASH FOR THE COUPLE TOWARDS FLIGHTS TO ANY LN FESTIVAL
- TEACHING SPOT AT ANY LN FESTIVAL OF YOUR CHOICE
- ACCOMMODATION + MEALS AT ANY LN FESTIVAL OF YOUR CHOICE
- FULL PASS FOR ALL LN FESTIVALS 2027

2ND PRIZE — PRIZE VALUE 1700 EUR
- 700 EUROS CASH FOR THE COUPLE TOWARDS FLIGHTS TO COME BACK TO LN DUBAI 2027
- ACCOMMODATION WITH BREAKFAST AT LN DUBAI 2027
- FULL PASS FOR ALL LN FESTIVALS 2027

3RD PRIZE — PRIZE VALUE 950 EUR
- 300 EUROS CASH FOR THE COUPLE
- FULL PASS FOR ALL LN FESTIVALS 2027

ENTRY FEE: 40 EUR

AMATEUR
(MAX. 3 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE)

1ST PRIZE — PRIZE VALUE 650 EUR
- FULL PASS FOR ALL LN FESTIVALS 2027

2ND PRIZE — PRIZE VALUE 350 EUR
- FULL PASS FOR LN DUBAI 2027
- FULL PASS FOR ANY 1 LN EVENT 2027

3RD PRIZE — PRIZE VALUE 150 EUR
- FULL PASS FOR LN DUBAI 2027

ENTRY FEE: 30 EUR

** ALL PRIZES ARE NON TRANSFERABLE **

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SWARAJ
COORDINATOR



YORK
MC



ELIJAH
COORDINATOR



DJ ALPER KOTAN
DJ

2ND PLACE

€700

Cash for the couple towards flights to LN Dubai 2027

Accommodation + Breakfast at LN Dubai 2027

Full Festival Passes to all LN Festivals in 2027

1ST PLACE

€2,000

Cash for the couple towards flights to any LN Festival

Teaching opportunity at an LN Festival of your choice

Accommodation + meals at an LN Festival of your choice

Full Festival Passes to all LN Festivals in 2027

3RD PLACE

€300

Cash prize for the couple

Full Festival Passes to all LN Festivals in 2027

★★★ JUDGES ★★★



DANIEL & LISA | CORNEL & RITHIKA | MARCO & SARA | PABLO & RAQUEL | LUIS & ANDREA

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2 — 2ND PLACE

Full Festival Pass to LN Dubai 2027

Full Festival Pass to any one additional LN Festival in 2027

1 — 1ST PLACE

Full Festival Pass to all Latin Notion Festivals in 2027

3 — 3RD PLACE

Full Festival Pass to LN Dubai 2027

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DARIO & TOGZHAN | REZI & SIA | MONIKA & VICTOR | DAIMY & VALERIA | DAVID & LAURA

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RULES AND INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Notion Cup Istanbul 2026 marks the first-ever official qualifier for the BWC Bachata World Championship 2028. Eligible competitors will have the opportunity to earn qualification spots for the World Championship Grand Final in Istanbul.

Below are the detailed rules and guidelines for competitors, judges, and spectators.

THE PROCESS

You simply participate in one of the categories of the competition during the Latin Notion Istanbul festival and the selected winners will win a ticket to Latin Notion Dubai among other prizes as well.

There are 2 categories:

Amateur J&J Competition	Pro J&J Competition
Maximum 3 years of experience	Open for all to compete with the best

HOW TO ENTER

You will need to:

· Purchase at least a Party Pass to the Latin Notion Istanbul Bachata Festival 2026

· Purchase a ticket to the Pro or Amateur J&J competition

· Register by 12:00 PM on Saturday, 21 November 2026.

· Make sure you arrive between 8.30pm and 9.15pm on the competition day for briefing and to collect your number tags.

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AWARDS

Prizes:

· 1st, 2nd & 3rd place Winners will receive trophies, medals, and/or other prizes
· Competitors will be judged on the basis of Technique, Musicality, Connection and Showmanship
· In addition to the advertised Notion Cup prizes, designated winners will earn qualification spots for the Bachata World Championship Grand Final in Istanbul 2028, subject to the official BWC qualification rules. There will be 2 crowned champions in first place – a Leader and a Follower

The winner of the final will get the ultimate prize of €2000 Cash for the couple (€1000 each) towards flights to any Latin Notion festival, along with additional prizes.

This includes

• €2,000 cash towards flights to any Latin Notion festival.
• Teaching spot at any LN festival of choice.
• Accommodation and meals at any LN festival of choice.
• Full passes for all LN festivals 2027.

Recognition:

· All podium winners will receive recognition and be featured in the Notion Cup Hall of Fame.
· Photos and videos of the competition may be shared on social media and event websites.

GENERAL RULES

These rules apply to all our Jack & Jill competition categories

1. Eligibility:

- The competition is open to dancers with a minimum of 1-year social dance experience

- Participants must be at least 18 years old.

- Participants must register prior to the event.

- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

2. Competition Format:

- The competition consists of multiple rounds, including preliminaries, semi-finals, and finals.

- Each round will feature different music selections to challenge the dancers' versatility.

3. Pairing:

- Dancers will be randomly paired with different partners in each round.

- Pairings will be announced before the start of each round.

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COMPETITION ROUNDS

The competition will be judged by international artists with multiple rounds, including preliminaries, semi-finals, and finals.

Preliminary Rounds

This is the elimination round where the best half of the contestants are allowed to go through.
Dancers will be randomly paired with multiple partners

- Music: Two songs of different tempos will be played.
- Duration: Each song will last approximately 1.5 to 2 minutes.
- Judging criteria: Technique, Musicality, Connection, Showmanship.

Semi-Final Round

The top scoring dancers from the preliminary rounds will advance.
Dancers will be paired randomly again and perform to different songs.

- Music: Two to three songs with varying styles (traditional, modern, sensual).
- Duration: Each song will last approximately 2 to 2.5 minutes.
- Judging criteria: Partner connection, creativity, interpretation of the music, and technical execution.

Final Round

The highest scoring dancers from the semi-finals will compete.
Dancers will be paired randomly for a final time and perform to two to three songs.
In this round the judges would also be able to pair with the dancers when necessary.

- Music: Two to Three songs showcasing a range of Bachata styles.
- Duration: Each song will last approximately 2.5 to 3 minutes.
- Judging criteria: Overall performance, chemistry with the partner, improvisation skills, audience appeal.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

Competitors will be judged individually by randomly allocated male and female judges for either leaders or followers.

Judging criteria:

1. Connection: The ability to maintain a strong and fluid connection with the partner.

2. Musicality: How well the dancers interpret and express the music.

3. Timing: Precision in dancing on the beat.

4. Technique: Proper execution of Bachata steps and movements.

5. Creativity: Originality and inventiveness in the dance.

6. Showmanship: Engaging the audience and presenting a captivating performance.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Respect: Treat all participants, judges, and spectators with respect.

Sportsmanship: Display good sportsmanship at all times.

Safety: Ensure that all movements are safe for both partners.

Attire: Wear appropriate dance attire that allows for freedom of movement.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Competitors will be disqualified for the following infringements:

- No lifts with both feet off the floor are allowed. One foot should always be on the ground.

- Under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Dancing dangerously (according to the judges' decision)

- Inappropriate language or behaviour

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COMPLAINTS OR INFRINGEMENTS

To address issues:

Speak calmly and clearly to competition coordinator Swaraj at an appropriate moment.

If unresolved, arrange a meeting with the organisers as soon as possible and write an email to team@latinnotion.com.

Refrain from posting on social media without first allowing organisers to rectify the situation. Posting complaints on social media will lead to a permanent ban for you from all Latin Notion events & J&J competitions.

JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel will consist of experienced Bachata instructors and artists.

Judges' decisions are final and should be respected by all participants.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top three Leaders and top three Followers in each competition category.

Notion Cup Istanbul 2026 is an official qualifier for the BWC Bachata World Championship 2028. Qualification eligibility and allocations are governed by BWC regulations.

Additional prizes may be awarded for special categories such as Best Musicality, Best Connection, and Best Showmanship.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration: Participants must register online prior to the competition.

Fees: A registration fee is required to participate. The fee amount will be specified during the registration process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions or further information, please contact the event organisers at team@latinnotion.com or visit our website latinnotion.com

We look forward to seeing you showcase your Bachata skills and enjoying an unforgettable dance experience!