



NOTION CUP - BACHATA J&J COMPETITION DUBAI

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Notion Cup Jack & Jill competition! This exciting event is designed to celebrate the creativity, connection, and improvisational skills of Bachata dancers. Participants will be randomly paired to dance with different partners, making for an exciting and unpredictable competition by judging on their ability to dance harmoniously and adaptively with different partners.

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 Dubai Festival and the selected winners will win 2000 Euros cash for the couple towards flights to any LN Festival.

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 Dubai 2026 Festival
- Purchase a ticket to the Pro or Amateur J&J competition
- Register by 12pm on Friday 20th of 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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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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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

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 Dubai.

This includes

- Teaching spot at any LN Festival
- Accommodation + meals at any LN Festival
- Full pass for all LN Festivals 2027

Recognition:

- All the winners will receive trophies and be displayed on 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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JUDGING CRITERIA

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

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 given for the top three couples in the final round.

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!