IBA AUGUST NEWS 2021

It seems impossible that we are in the last few weeks of summer, and it’s almost time to start our new Ballroom Year!!

We are hoping that the new studio will be ready by the first week of September! Please keep your fingers crossed…  We will keep you all in the loop and let you know if we have to delay the start date.

**• Classes begin the week of Sept 6**. (No Monday classes Sept 6).

**• New Studio location:** 155 E. 2nd No. (old Standard Plumbing building)

**• SOP DAY  Saturday, September 18.**(**S**IZING-**O**RDERING-**P**AYMENT DAY) This is the day to size and order all needed gear and to set up payment arrangements for the year. Order forms and other info will be coming.

**• BOY-GIRL RATIOS**We are always grateful to the boys who are willing to double dance. I thought you would be interested to see what the numbers are this year. Some grades are very close to even, but in others the ratio is way off.

**PRE'S:** no double boys needed at this point. But we are going to ask some dancers (boys and girls) to do doubles so that we can fill the teams to 9 or 10 couples instead of 8 couples.

Pre-Teens: 6th grade: 16B - 16G

Pre-Juniors: 7th grade: 16B - 16G

**JUNIORS:**7 doubles boys needed. The three Junior teams will be mixed 8th/9th grades. We also have girls on a waiting list, so if you know any boys who might be willing…

8th: 14B - 20G

9th: 16B - 16G

**SENIORS:** 16 double boys needed - that is almost half of all the senior boys.

10th: 9B - 20G (this is our biggest deficit)

11th: 14B - 12G

12th: 7B - 13G

*Note about Senior Teams:*We have decided to add a 5th Sr team, so in addition to the Comp and Gold Teams (graduating seniors), there will be a Red, Black, and White team. Adding the 4th teams means that the teams will have 8-10 couples each. We talked with the coaches and they preferred to work with this many couples on a team versus 12-13 couples, which is much harder choreographically.

**• TEAM SCHEDULES**

**Please look over the team schedule. To submit schedule or friend request, select the corresponding link:**

We try to place the dancers on teams to create balance in skill, experience, and personality. If your dancer has an unchangeable conflict, or a specific friend request,  please submit that on the request form. If your dancer’s schedule is flexible, please allow us to place your dancer according to what we think will be the best spot for each one.

Please submit by next Fri, Aug 13.

[Pre-T/Pre-Jr Request](https://form.jotform.com/62250831323143)

[Junior Request](https://form.jotform.com/52226827077964)`

[Senior Team Request](https://form.jotform.com/91969315913164)

**IBA STUDIO SCHEDULE 2021-22**

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| Pre-Teens | Wed | 3:45 - 5:00 |  |
| Pre-Teens | Thurs | 3:45 - 5:00 |  |
| Pre-Juniors | Wed | 5:15 - 6:45 |  |
| Pre-Juniors | Thurs | 5:15 - 6:45 |  |
| Juniors  | Tues | 3:45 - 5:45 |  |
| Juniors | Wed | 7:00 - 9:00 |  |
| Juniors | Thurs | 7:00 - 9:00 |  |
| Sr White | Thurs | 7:00 - 9:00 |  |
| Sr Red | Tues | 4:30 - 6:30 |  |
| Sr Black | Mon   | 4:30 - 6:30 |  |
| Sr Gold | Wed  | 4:15 - 6:15 |  |
| Sr Comp  | M/W | 7:30 - 9:00 |  |
| Gold Lift | Mon   | 9:00 - 10:00 |  |
| Silver Lift | Tues   | 9:00 - 10:00 |  |
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| Tech: PT/PJ | TBA |  |  |
| Tech: Jr | TBA |  |  |
| Tech: Sr | TBA |  |  |
| Semi-Pvts | TBA |  |  |

**• TEAM INFO PAGE:** attached. See this page for the costs associated with each team.

**• TECHNIQUE CLASSES**
Technique classes are optional (but very strongly recommended) and meet separately from the regular team practices. Dancers must have a partner to register. They will rotate some in the class, but will mainly practice with their registration partner. Dancers do not need to be on the same team as their technique partner. They will learn two syllabus dances each semester (fall/winter) that are not taught in their team. They will compete these dances with their partner. The tuition is paid by semester separate from regular team fees. Details will be sent separately.

**• SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS:**For dancers who want to compete in “Open”, we are offering semi-private lessons for 2-4 couples at a time. They will have a regular weekly schedule. If you would like more information about lessons and open competition, please see the attached form, and you are welcome to contact me with any specific questions.

**• LIFT TEAMS:** 9th-12th grade dancers. There will be an audition, probably the first week of September.

**• ALTERNATES:** This year we will again be inviting one boy and one girl per team to dance up as an alternate to a team. There will not be an additional cost for this. We will contact these dancers individually.

**• GROUP MESSAGING:** We will again be using the **BAND** app for group messages outside of email. Not all parents and/or dancers joined it last year and that was a problem as they missed vital information. Please join the “IBA MAIN” group for now, and then when class lists are set, we’ll send the invites for the specific teams.

Here is the QR code:

**• WEBSITE/Coach’s Contact info**   We will keep the IBA website updated with the information that is sent to you via e-mail. You can go to the website instead of searching back through emails to find needed details. [www.idahoballroomacademy.com](http://www.idahoballroomacademy.com/). The coach’s contact info is at the bottom of every email and on the website.

**• MIDDLE SCHOOL BALLROOM**   This is an outreach program for 5th and 6th graders at Madison Middle School. It will run January - May, hopefully on Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 (I haven’t met with the new principal yet to confirm this). There is no charge. Registration info will be sent out in the fall. If you had a 4th grade pee wee dancer, you are on the mailing list.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again!  Please let me know what other questions you have about the new year.

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