

# **ATLANTA OPEN DANCESPORT**

## **\* 2026 CASH PRIZES AND AWARDS \***

### **TOP TEACHER RULES – IMPORTANT PLEASE READ:**

**TOP TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:** To qualify, teachers must have a minimum of 125 Pro-Am Entries.

**TOP TEACHER PRIZE MONEY:** Awarded to six Top Teachers based on total points earned (after meeting minimum entry requirements for qualification purposes). Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee placement. Teachers with the highest points totals meeting the minimum requirements will be determined the winners. See point system below. Only one winner per placement. See Rule #22.

**TOP FEMALE TEACHER:** To qualify for the NEW Top Female Teacher, the teacher must have a minimum of 75 Pro-Am Entries. Prize will be awarded to the Top Female Teacher based on total points accrued after meeting the minimum entry requirement. See point system below. See Rule #23.

#### **TOP TEACHER AWARDS**

##### **FOR PRO/AM** (min. 125 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> \$4,500.  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$3,000.  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$2,000.  
4<sup>th</sup> \$1,500.  
5<sup>th</sup> \$1,000.  
6<sup>th</sup> \$ 800.

#### **TOP FEMALE** **TEACHER AWARD**

(min. 75 entries)  
\$500

**ANY TEACHERS WITH  
300 OR MORE ENTRIES  
GET \$1,000 BONUS**

**EARN MORE POINTS!** Teachers, did you know you can earn additional points with our Early Rewards Program when you submit your entries and at least 50% of the payment by the Early Rewards deadline of April 8? Receive 1 additional point for every single dance entry and 3 additional points for each multi dance entry. Early Rewards Points only count toward the Atlanta Open Top Teacher prize money.

Entries received at the event will not count towards top teacher. The points are awarded as follows:

#### **Single or two dance entries:**

1st place - 8 points	2nd place - 7 points	3rd place - 6 points	4th place - 5 points
5th place - 4 points	6th place - 3 points	7th place - 2 points	8th place - 1 point
4 points for each call back			

#### **Multi - 3 or more dance entries:**

1st place - 20 points	2nd place - 15 points	3rd place - 10 points	4th place - 8 points
5th place - 4 points	6th place - 3 points	7th place - 2 points	8th place - 1 point
4 points for each call back			

\*If a placement is in an uncontested division, the points remain the same.

#### **PRE-TEENS, JUNIORS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Pro/Am who pay a reduced fee will receive 1/2 the points as described above.

#### **PROFESSIONAL OPEN**

1st - \$1,500. 2nd - \$1,000. 3rd - \$800. 4th - \$600. 5th - \$400. 6th - \$200.

Equal prize money will be awarded in American Rhythm and Smooth, International Ballroom and Latin.

#### **PROFESSIONAL RISING STAR**

1st - \$600. 2nd - \$400. 3rd - \$300. 4th - \$200. 5th - \$150. 6th - \$100.

Equal prize money will be awarded in International Ballroom and Latin, American Rhythm and Smooth.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CABARET**

1st - \$800 2nd - \$600 3rd - \$500. 4th - \$400. 5th - \$300. 6th - \$200.

#### **PRO-AM DANCE BEST OF BEST OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS**

Am. Rhythm & Smooth, Int'l Latin & Ballroom

1st - \$200. 2nd - \$150. 3rd - \$100. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> – **Voucher for FREE Single Dance entry**

Equal prize money will be awarded in Smooth & Rhythm and Ballroom & Latin and in each age category.

**PRO-AM DANCE BEST OF BEST CLOSED BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD SCHOLARSHIPS**

Am. Rhythm & Smooth, Int'l Latin & Ballroom

1st - \$150.    2nd - \$100.    3rd - \$50.    4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> – Voucher for FREE *Single Dance* entry

Equal prize money will be awarded in Smooth & Rhythm and Ballroom & Latin and in each age category.

**TOP STUDENT:** must dance a minimum of 8 dances in that level

**TOP STUDIO:** given to the top 3 studios