I have often received questions about how to enter teams in Premier. I have seen it done incorrectly. How to create and enter teams has also has been the source of confusion for some users. Therefore, I have changed the way teams are entered into Premier. The purpose is to make entering teams easier. Please be familiar with the new protocol outlined below.

NOTE: By a team, I mean any entry that is not defined as a couple or as a solo stars entry. Thus, a team could be 8 couples dancing together as a unit, or a solo tap dancer, or two competitors dancing at the same time (but not as a leader and follower), or a teacher dancing with two or more students, or even 50 people on the floor at the same time.

a) Team competitions like those at BYU (Amateur Championships), where there is no event setup (such as creating categories, supplying category content, etc). will operate as before.

b) For all pro/am competitions (the vast majority), IF you wish to create a team single dance category where teams compete against each other using the skating system, then make sure when you create your team single dance team category (Step #1 in the Event Setup) that you indicate that the "Category Type" is "Sing" - not "Solo".

If, on the other hand, you indicate that the category type is "Solo" instead of "Sing", then all events created from that category will be judged using solo scores - and judged by itself. I assume that this is by far the most popular way that a team will compete for pro/am events.

You will probably want to include the name "team" in the category name.

c) In Step #2 of the Event Setup, called "Define Category Content", make sure when you define the content for your team category that you check the "Team" box.

(If you selected the "Solo" category type in the previous step, you can also check other boxes as well as "Team" is you want the solo to be open to all sorts of entry types. However, if you checked "Sing", then you may not check any other box besides Team.

d) Now, when you want to enter a team into a team event later (Solo or Sing - it doesn't matter) then you would select Step #2 called "Add New Team Dance Entries or non-Couple Solos ..) under the Event Entries. You would then select the option to create a regular team event (competed or solos).

That team dialog has been simplified. You supply some biographical information about the team on the first tab. You can also supply the names of any team members if you want to by pressing the "Team Members" button.

On the second tab, all the categories related to teams will appear. Some of the categories could be "Solo" type categories, and some could be "Sing" type categories. If you want to enter your team into a solo, then you would select one of the Solo type team categories. If you want to enter your team into a competed event against other teams, you would select one of the team "Sing" categories.

If you select a solo type category, you would then be asked to supply a solo name. Otherwise, if you select a sing type category, you will not be asked to do this.

You supply additional information on this tab just like you do for entering a couple into couple events. You then select the button to Add a team solo, (just like for couples).

The other two tabs which are "Show Events Entered" and "Financial Data" are just like for couples.
That is how it works. It is not difficult and should eliminate the confusion that existed before.

Note that as now written, you can have all sorts of "team types" compete against each other, as long as you indicated "Sing" in the first step of the setup. Thus, you could have a traditional 8 couple team compete against a single solo dancer, or against a teacher dancing with 3 students. It is all up to you who you have compete against each other.

If you want to have any type of team receive a "score", then simply indicate that the team category is of type "Solo", and then select that solo category when you go to add a team to a team event.

Note also that if you indicate the names of the team members, each team member can see their own heat list, identifying the time that their team event will be run. This is within Premier only. If you want to see this online - I will need to have permission to do this, and then coordinate with Jonathan.

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