



Dear Cloggers,

The inaugural year for the Lone Star Classic will take place at the Waco Convention Center in conjunction with the long-standing Double-Toe Jam (DTJ) Workshop. This one-day competition will be held July 21, 2023. Waco has a whole host of interesting things to do, including Magnolia Market at the Silos, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the Texas Ranger Museum, Waco Mammoth National Monument, the Dr. Pepper Museum, and Baylor University. A great source for your Waco adventure is <https://www.stayinwacotx.com/>

Deadlines: The deadline for **early bird** entries is May 31, 2023. **Prompt** entries must be received by July 7, 2023. We reserve the right not to accept entries after this date. However, solo and short duo/duet entries may be accepted at-door if time permits.

Entry Fees: Entry fees will be as follows:

All Categories (Excluding Choreographed Solos)

\$15 per dancer, per dance prior to May 31, 2023.

\$20 per dancer, per dance between June 1 and July 7, 2023.

Choreographed solos:

\$30 prior to May 31, 2023

\$35 between June 1 and July 7, 2023, and At-Door registrations.

Spectators:

\$10 Pre-registration and at-door (includes program).

DTJ Workshop:

\$20 Dancer – entry into workshop for Friday & Saturday

Rules: All Team and Duet rules/guidelines can be found at [NCHC Rules & Guidelines \(clog.org\)](https://www.nchc.org/rules-and-guidelines) Please read these to find the answers to most of your questions.

Additional rules are enclosed. All participants are responsible for being knowledgeable of the rules and guidelines. For more information call Rhonda Butzke at 713-865-0650 or Kristin Wendel at 817-219-1741, or email lonestarclog@gmail.com.

Team Packets: Directors will be advised of packet pick-up location and times. We ask that one designated representative pick up all information.

T-Shirts: Competition T-Shirts are \$20. (Available by pre-order only until July 7, 2023.) Sample of t-shirt will be on the website.

Accommodations:

Hilton Waco 113 S. University Parks Dr. Waco, TX 76701. (Connected by walkway to WCC) \$139 Double Toe Jam Rate

Courtyard Marriott 101 Washington Ave., Waco, TX 76701. (Across the street, but very convenient) \$139 Double Toe Jam Rate

To reserve **any** of these hotels, please visit:

<https://doubletoejam.wildapricot.org/Hotels>

Conveniently located in the downtown area along the scenic Brazos River, the Waco Convention center is a few blocks from I-35, 15 minutes from the Waco regional airport, and within walking distance of many restaurants, Waco nightlife, and Magnolia Marketplace at the Silos.

Additional Rules:

Short Team – newly sanctioned category

Dancers: Minimum of five (5) dancers

Movement: Any type of formations may be used: lines, moving lines, couple interaction and figures. (No Acrobatics)

Steps: Precision footwork - progressive step changes allowed

Interaction: Heavy emphasis on creativity and originality to music

Music: All teams will dance to music provided by the NCHC. All teams will dance to the same music and speed. (8 beat intro and 64 beats of music)

Choreographed Solos:

Males and Females will compete together in this category. Dancer should use the entire stage, showing the ability to move with precision footwork. Stage props are allowed but must be incorporated into the choreography of the dance.

Time Limit: 1 ½ minutes max

Steps: Any clogging steps allowed. Emphasis will be on sound, entertainment value, and rhythm.

Music: Any type of music is allowed.

Skill Levels:

Novice: This level is designed for true beginner dancers to gain experience in competition. Dancers should have less than two years of competitive clogging experience. Use of basic clogging steps and workshop-style dances are encouraged, but dancers are not limited to those steps and styles. All dancers must wear clogging shoes. Coordinated outfits, where appropriate, are encouraged. This is a non-sanctioned, non-qualified level for USA National Championships. Knowledge of the rules is expected. This level will provide a learning opportunity for teams that are new to competition.

Amateur: This level is designed for contestants with less competition experience. Amateur level teams must NOT consist of more than 30% of Masters level dancers.

Masters: Contestants with extensive competition experience.

- Contestants and/or Directors will determine dancer's level.
- An Amateur level dancer, duo/duet or team may dance in the Masters level category, but a Masters level solo dancer, duo/duet or team may NOT dance in an Amateur level category.
- If both amateur and masters levels are offered in a category, BOTH levels will be sanctioned.
- Masters Individuals: ANY individual may dance here, regardless of previous awards.
- Amateur Individuals: ONLY those individuals who have NEVER placed 1st in any competition in the age division in which they are dancing currently.
- Solos and Duets may not dance in more than one level for the same solo/duet (no double dancing in Amateur and Masters, etc.).

Schedule:

Chisholm Hall at Waco Convention Center 100 Washington Ave. Waco, TX 76701

7:45 am Director's Meeting

8:00 am Competition Begins

Individual Competitions:

Choreographed Solos (Limited entry)
Novice Freestyle Solos – Contemporary
Amateur Freestyle Solos – Contemporary
Masters Freestyle Solos – Contemporary
Amateur Freestyle Solos – Traditional
Masters Freestyle Solos – Traditional
Acapella Solos (one level)
Dance Off – Novice, Amateur, Masters-Contemporary
Dance Off – Amateur, Masters-Traditional

Team Competition:

Line – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Formations Line – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Formations Traditional Line – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Exhibition – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Hoedown (4 or more couple) – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Precision (4 or more couple) – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Small Team – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Acapella Team – (one level)
Show Team – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Traditional Line – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Short Team – Novice, Amateur, Masters
Dance Off – Amateur, Masters

Duet Competition:

Amateur – Contemporary, Traditional, Show
Masters – Contemporary, Traditional, Show
Short Duet – one level

Please Note: Some adjustments to the schedule may become necessary depending on the entries received. Final dance order will be sent prior to competition. We reserve the right to sub-divide age divisions depending on the number of entries received. Novice level will only be offered for teams and freestyle solo categories.

Age Divisions:

Team, Duet, Choreographed Solo Age Divisions are as follows:

Tiny Tot	6-younger
Pee Wee	7-9
Elementary	10-12
Junior	13-15
Senior	16-19
Young Adult	20-29
Adult	30-50
Sr. Adult	51-older

Freestyle Solo Divisions are as follows:

4-under
5-6
7-9
10-12
13-15
16-19
20-25
26-35
36-over

Acapella Solo & Acapella Team Age Divisions are as follows:

11 & Under
12 & Over

Scores will be sent to NCHC based on ages as indicated above. Scoresheets will be available for pickup at the end of the competition.

This is an NCHC qualifying event to compete on Labor Day Weekend @ Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN.