

Festival **FORRÓ + WFC** **LÉMAN**

Regulations for the WFC Forró Championship

Special edition in Geneva, Switzerland

1 - About the Championship

The championship will follow the Jack and Jill format and will take place on March 29 and 30, 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland.

2 - Categories

2.1- The Jack and Jill will be divided into two categories:

- **Middleweight:** This category is for intermediate/advanced forró dancers. It includes people who have been dancing for several years and dance academy assistants, for example.
- **Heavyweight:** This category is for extremely advanced/professional forró dancers. It includes people who work or have worked professionally with forró (instructors and former instructors).

2.2 - Event organizers may provide tips and guidance to help participants choose their category.

2.3 - Category changes are allowed up to 24 hours before the event in the following situations:

- At the request of the participant, provided that the organizers agree and there is space in the requested category.
- At the suggestion of the organization, if it deems the participant registered in a category not suitable for their dance level, with the participant's consent.
- Due to insufficient number of participants in a category, as outlined in item 3.6.

3 - Registration

Registrations can be made exclusively through the link below:

<https://forms.gle/79aTYeZu7wSBL5eH6>

3.1 - Registration fee is 10 CHF.

3.2 - When registering, the participant must choose their category (Middleweight or Heavyweight) and the role they will play (leader or follower). The choice of role is independent of gender.

3.3 - As this is a Jack and Jill, registrations are individual and not for fixed pairs.

3.4 - Registrations for each category will close once 20 leaders and 20 followers have registered.

3.5 - If there are not at least 8 pairs in a category by 48 hours before the event, the category will be suspended, and the participant can either receive a refund or switch to another category.

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3.6 - In the situation outlined in item 3.5, all registered participants will be notified the day before the event about the possibility of a refund or category change.

3.7 – Participants under 18 years old will only be allowed to compete with parental consent.

3.8 – Participants may not register in more than one category.

3.9 - By registering for Jack and Jill, participants grant permission for their image to be used, free of charge, by the event organizers, for photos, videos, or any other media during the event for the promotion of WFC Léman, including future editions.

4 - Participant Check-In

Preliminaries : The Middleweight category competition will take place on Saturday (29/03/2025) from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The Heavyweight category competition will also take place on Saturday (29/03/2025), from 10:00 PM to 12:30 AM.

Finals : The Middleweight category competition will take place on Sunday (30/03/2025) from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The Heavyweight category competition will also take place on Sunday (30/03/2025), from 10:00 PM to 12:30 AM.

4.1 - Participants must check in with the event organizers at least 30 minutes before their category's competition to complete their registration.

4.2 - Participants will receive a number during check-in, which will be placed on their back for identification purposes.

4.3 - Before having the number attached to their back, participants will pose for a photo with their number, which may help judges in scoring.

5 - Championship Phases

5.1 – **Preliminary Phase**: In this phase, judges will individually evaluate the competitors' performance.

5.1.1 - Pairs and music will be randomly selected.

5.1.2 - Three to five pairs will dance in the arena at the same time, at the discretion of the event organizers.

5.1.3 - Pairs will be arranged in a circle and will dance to three different music segments. With each song change, pairs will switch partners as directed by the organizers.

5.1.4 - If there is an unequal number of leaders and followers, a previously chosen dancer will be randomly selected to dance again to fill the necessary spots.

5.1.5 - In the situation described in 5.1.4, the randomly selected dancer will not be re-evaluated.

5.1.6 - After all dancers have performed, five leaders and five followers will be selected for the final round, regardless of their previous partners.

5.2 – **Final Phase**: In this phase, judges will evaluate the pair's performance rather than individual dancing.

5.2.1 - New pairs will be randomly selected from the five leaders and five followers

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chosen in the previous round.

5.2.2 - Each pair will perform individually.

5.2.3 - Each pair will dance to a slow music segment and a fast music segment.

5.2.4 - In this phase, in addition to the judges' vote, there will be a popular vote.

6 - Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

Judges will assess four main criteria: technique, creativity, musicality, and connection with the partner.

6.1 - These criteria serve as guidelines, but judges may have different perspectives on participants' performances.

6.2 – Judges' Votes:

- In the preliminary phase, each judge will select five followers and five leaders. The five most-voted participants will advance to the final.
- In the final phase, judges will rank the pairs from first to fifth place. First place will receive 5 points, second place 4 points, third place 3 points, fourth place 2 points, and fifth place 1 point.

6.3 – **Public Vote:** The public will vote only in the final phase. The most-voted pair will receive 5 points, second place 4 points, and so on.

6.5 - **Final Score:** The pair with the highest combined score from the public and judges wins the championship.

6.6 – In case of a tie, judges will have 20 minutes to discuss and decide the final result. Only the tied pairs will be considered, and no public vote will take place.

7 - Elimination

Participants will be eliminated if they:

7.1.1 – Are late (up to 10 minutes of grace period).

7.1.2 – Use Jack and Jill to express political, religious, or ideological views.

7.1.3 – Humiliate or belittle another participant.

7.1.4 – Verbally or physically assault anyone present at the event.

7.1.5 – Perform aerial or acrobatic moves (defined as lifting both feet off the ground for more than 3 seconds).

7.1.6 – Use accessories or props that affect performance (e.g., glasses, elastics, cell phones, scarves).

8 - Prizes

Prizes will be the same for all categories:

- 📌 Middleweight - Professional photos and videos, prizes from our partners and tickets for 2026
- 📌 Heavyweight - Cash prize, professional photos and videos, prizes from our partners and tickets for 2026

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9 - Final Provisions

9.1 – WFC organizers may amend any regulation due to force majeure or logistical reasons. Participants and judges will be informed as soon as possible.

9.2 – Any situations not covered in the regulations will be decided by the WFC organizers, with decisions made public.