



9° Tango Festival Münster &  
European Tango Championship

# Competition rules

FOR THE EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

## § 1 Organization

The organization of the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 takes place by the non-profit association Tango Pasión (following named "organization of the contest"). The organization of the contest is responsible for the implementation of the contest rules.

The organization of the contest determines the financial parameters for the participation in both, the competition and the workshops or other activities of the program. The organization of the contest also sets the details for the dates, the conditions of participation, the prizes and further details. They are components of the contest rules.

## § 2 Conditions of participation and registration

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 has the categories  
"Tango de Pista",  
„Milonga“,  
"Vals",  
"Tango Escenario" and  
"Best Tango Coach".

The participants of the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 have to be 18 years or older at the 1st day of the contest.

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 for the categories "Tango de Pista", "Milonga", "Vals" and "Tango Escenario" is open for all European Countries, including: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North, Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City.

Both members of the dance couple must have the nationality of one of these countries or must have the residence in one of these countries, what they have to demonstrate by documents. The members of a dance couple have to choose one town/ country, which they want to represent. The dance couple can represent only one town/ country. The participants can dance one or both

categories, with the same or with another partner. Nobody can participate twice or more times in the same contest.

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 for the category "Best Tango Coach" is open for all nationalities. The members of the jury cannot participate. They don't have to be present. The registration for the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 is possible until the 6 of October 2022. An early registration is desirable. For the registration for the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022, the participants have to use the registration form, which is put on the website [www.tangofestivalmuenster.de](http://www.tangofestivalmuenster.de).

The participation fee for the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 amounts to 85 € per person, which the participants have to transfer to the bank account of

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The Registration is completed and confirmed when the participation fee is received.

## § 3 Enrolment

The participants of the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 in the categories "Tango de Pista", "Milonga", "Vals", "Tango Escenario" and "Best Milongeros" have to be the

6 october 2022 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
in the hall of Tango Pasión,  
Bennostraße 7, 48155 Münster

and have to identify themselves by identification card or passport. If they have to document their residence, they have to show an official proof of residence.

Persons who are registered, but are not present at the enrolment, cannot participate in the contest. Delays can only be accepted as a result for reasons of force majeure or public issues. Exceptions must be inquired at the organization of the contest. After that the participation numbers are given out.

At the enrolment the participants have to fill further form with personal data and further information. The participants must confirm that they know and accept the contest rules. The data given in the enrolment form are considered solemn. Any inconsistencies assured by the participants signature will be fined or result in disqualification. The participants commit to attend in other events organized or planned by the organization of the contest like the award ceremony, press conferences, interviews with press radio, television, etc.

## § 4 Competition

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 has five categories: "Tango de Pista", "Milonga", "Vals", "Tango Escenario" and "Best Milonguero". The categories "Tango de Pista", "Milonga", "Vals" and "Tango Escenario" will be executed in three steps: qualification round, semi-final round and final round. The category "Best Milonguero" will be executed in two steps: semi-final round and final round. The number of steps can be changed due to the number of participants or the needs of the organization.

Qualification: every enrolled couple participates in the qualification. They dance one time.

Semi-final round: in the semi-final round will dance the couples chosen in the qualification. The number of couples, which arrives in semi-final round depends on the number of participating couples.

Final round: in the final round will dance the couples chosen in the semi-final round. The number of couples, which arrives in final round depends on the number of participating couples.

In the categories "Tango de Pista", "Milonga", "Vals" and "Best Milongueros" several couples dance in a small group at the same time (ronda). Every group dances three pieces of recordings. The pieces are chosen by the organization of the contest and the jury. In the category "Tango Escenario" each couple dance alone to a piece of recording chosen by themselves. The couple has to give it to the Contest-Organization at the moment of the enrolment in a mp3 format.

The organization of the contest can exclude couples from the competition, if they don't stick to the rules of the contest they behave ethically incorrect or harm the image of the contest or its organization or if they cause public aversions.

## § 5 Jury

The jury accept and implement the contest rules. All decisions made by the jury are unassailable. The jury comes to their decision as one instance. The participants accept this condition by their attendance. If a decision of the jury is questioned or criticized, a written complaint can be made against the organization of the contest (not against the jury directly).

The jury rate the dance couples by points. Every member of the jury, which fees biased, must withdraw from the rating of this particular participant. If a member of the jury does not make an evaluation of a participant, the ratings of the other members of the jury will be summed up and divided by their number.

The rating of the categories "Tango de Pista", "Milonga", "Vals", "Tango Escenario" and "Best Milongueros" results in the sum of points at a scale from 1 to 10 given by every jury member at the base of appraisal criteria described in the following. The ranking list of the final round shows the winner of the contest. The first three couples in each category will claim the first, second and third place. In special cases (technical failures, accidents at the stage, etc.) the jury is allowed to request a repetition of the participants to issue a final judgement. In case of a standoff with two couples who reached the same score in the final, those couples have to dance an additional "ronda", so the jury can determine the winner.

## § 6 Rating criteria

### Tango de Pista:

The dancers find in couples and do not detach from each other until the music is over, because this is the only accepted posture. The body of the dancer has to hold the embrace of the other for the entire period of the dance – in the way that in certain figures the embrace could be flexible but not for the entire time of the dance. All movements have to be done in the space that result through the embrace between both parts of the couple.

The jury takes care of the musicality, the connection of the couple and the elegance of the movement as essential points for the rating. Within these parameters the dancers could perform all figures that are usually danced in the Tango as social dance, containing also barridas, flat sacadas, enrosques etc. Completely excluded are jumps and figures, in which you lose the contact to the ground with both feet and any other choreographic figure from the Tango Escenario. The couples have to be continuously moving counterclockwise like in a ballroom and not stand on one spot, because in this case the dance flow in the "ronda" would be blocked. The clothing is not an evaluation parameter.

### Milonga:

The quick, rhythmic and cheerful music of the Milonga should be represented by the dancers. The dancers themselves and also the audience should gain pleasure from the dance. This cheerful atmosphere should be found in the dancing poise, the steps and the dynamics. Fine choreographic elements (e.g. small jumps, the releasing of embrace etc.) can intensify this. Musicality and the interaction between the dancers is an important criterion for the judging. The dance direction is counter-clockwise. It is possible to dance on the spot as long as other couples are not restricted.

### Vals:

The Vals with its melody full of swing and the round rhythm should be expressed by the dancers. The dancers

themselves and also the public should feel the mood of the dance. This cheerful atmosphere is reflected in the dance attitude, the steps and the dance dynamism. Musicality and the interaction between the dancers is an important criterion for the judging. The couples have to be continuously moving counterclockwise like in a ballroom and not stand on one spot, because in this case the dance flow in the "ronda" would be blocked. The clothing is not an evaluation parameter.

#### Tango Escenario:

Participants will be able to express their view of the Argentine tango dance. This means that couples will be allowed to perform movements, figures and applications that are not directly related to the traditional tango dance. But the choreography must include traditional elements of tango: figure eights, spins, long walks, voleos, hooks, and the "milonguero embrace." Couples will be able to break the embrace and use techniques from other dance disciplines, as long as they are justified and enrich the performance of the dancer. Aerial tricks and movements from other dance disciplines must not be excessive. This means that they must not exceed a third of the overall performance. The couple must include floor movement sequences throughout the whole stage floor. Outfits may be taken into consideration during the judging process. The selected song cannot be more than four (4) minutes long. Exceptions must be approved by the organization.

#### Best Milongueros:

The participants in this category enrol individually and register individually as followers or leaders. They will be drawn shortly before the competition and then dance a ronda of three tango pieces with 3 different people. The other rating criteria are based on those of the Tango de Pista.

### **§ 7 Video- / film recordings**

The event organizer beholds every right for photography, video recording and film exposure via every known or unknown device including – without any limitation – the recording of video / television, acoustic recordings, photographs, digitalization, directly or via authorized persons, to promote the event. The recordings are peculiar property of the event organizer. The registration in the contest contains the explicit and irrevocable permit of the participants to use the recorded material without claims of every kind. The recorded material will be used in favour of none person or organization. This paragraph contains also all sorts of published or for promotion purposes used photography without any limitation.

### **§ 8 Prizes**

The prizes of the EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 are all prize money in cash for the further development and

education of the dance and tango culture of the couples. The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 will have three winning couples in the category "Tango de Pista": 1st, 2nd and 3rd place according to the ranking list of the final round.

#### 1st place "Tango de Pista"

The couple on the first place in this category will win a cash prize of 1.500 € and will receive an employment contract for an Festivalito (show and workshops) with a value of 1.000 € plus travel from an European city, boarding and lodging. The Festivalito will be executed within September 2022. If no appointment can be found together, the employment contract goes to ruin. Further, the winners receive a certificate and a cup / medal. The prize money for the first place of the category "Tango de Pista" will be reduced to 1.000 €, if only 12 couples or less participate in this category.

#### 2nd Place „Tango de Pista“

The second couple of the category "Tango de Pista" receive a small present and a certificate.

#### 3rd Place „Tango de Pista“

The third couple of the category "Tango de Pista" receive a small present and a certificate.

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 will have three winning couples in the category "Milonga": 1st, 2nd and 3rd place according to the ranking list of the final round.

#### 1st place "Milonga"

The couple on the first place in this category will win a cash prize of 500 €. Further, the winners receive a certificate and a cup / medal. The price for the first place of the category "Milonga" will be reduced to 300 €, if only 10 couples or less participate in this category.

#### 2nd Place „ Milonga “

The second couple of the category "Milonga" receive a small present and a certificate.

#### 3rd Place „ Milonga “

The third couple of the category "Milonga" receive a small present and a certificate.

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 will have three winning couples in the category "Vals": 1st, 2nd and 3rd place according to the ranking list of the final round.

#### 1st place "Vals"

The couple on the first place in this category will win a cash prize of 500 €. Further, the winners receive a certificate and a cup / medal. The price for the first place of the category "Vals" will be reduced to 300 €, if only 10 couples or less participate in this category.

#### 2nd Place „ Vals “

The second couple of the category “Vals” receive a small present and a certificate.

#### 3rd Place „ Vals “

The third couple of the category “Vals” receive a small present and a certificate.

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 will have three winning couples in the category “Escenario”: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place according to the ranking list of the final round.

#### 1st place “Escenario”

The couple on the first place in this category will win a cash prize of 1.000 €. Further, the winners receive a certificate and a cup / medal. The price for the first place of the category “Tango Escenario” will be reduced to 600,00 €, if only 10 couples or less participate in this category.

#### 2nd Place „Tango Escenario “

The second couple of the category “Tango Escenario” receive a small present and a certificate.

#### 3rd Place „Tango Escenario “

The third couple of the category “Tango Escenario” receive a small present and a certificate.

If a couple reaches the first place in one category and also reaches the first place in the same category in another contest in the last 12 months, the title will be awarded, but the prize money will be given to the second placed couple. The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 will have three winning couples in the category “Tango de Pista”: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place according to the ranking list of the final round.

The EUROPEAN TANGO CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 will have two winning persons in the category “Best Milongueros”: One leader and one follower.

#### Best Milongueros

The leader with the highest score will be awarded "Best Milongueros - Leader" and will receive a cash prize of 500,00 €. The follower with the highest score will be awarded "Best Milongueros - Follower" and will receive a cash prize of 500,00 €. Further, the winners receive a certificate and a cup / medal.

If a couple reaches the first place in one category and also reaches the first place in the same category in another championship in the last 12 months, the title will be awarded, but the prize money will be given to the second placed couple.

## **§ 9 Closing provision**

The competition rules are subject to change by the championship organization. If there is another updated version of the competition rules on the day of registration, the participants will be noted. The competition rules are being on display at the registration and during the entire championship. With the registration and enrolment the participants acknowledge and accept this competition rules.

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