



PARTICIPANTS GUIDE -

AUGUST 13-17, 2026

Find everything you need to know about the Brazilian Zouk World Championships 2026. Please email any questions to info@brazilianzoukworldchampionships.com

Dear Zouk Family,

Welcome to the 5th Brazilian Zouk World Championships.

Seeing dancers from every corner of the world gather in one place is something that continues to inspire us every single year. Whether you're stepping onto the competition floor, taking your very first workshop, cheering from the audience, or dancing until sunrise, you are an important part of what makes this event so special.

For four unforgettable days, this resort becomes more than just a venue—it becomes a home for our worldwide Brazilian Zouk family.

This championship was created with one vision: to celebrate excellence while strengthening our community. Beyond the titles and trophies, we hope this weekend leaves you with new friendships, unforgettable memories, inspiration to continue growing, and a deeper love for Brazilian Zouk.

No matter why you're here, we encourage you to embrace every opportunity:

✨ Take classes with teachers you've always admired.

👯 Dance with someone you've never met.

👏 Cheer for every competitor.

👯 Stay for one more social dance.

📸 Capture the memories—but don't forget to live them too.

If you're competing, remember that every World Champion once stood exactly where you are today. Be proud of the work you've put in, respect your fellow competitors, and enjoy every moment on stage.

If you're here to learn and support, know that your energy, encouragement, and passion help create the incredible atmosphere that defines this championship.

Thank you for trusting us to be part of your journey.

We hope this weekend inspires you, challenges you, and reminds you why we all fell in love with Brazilian Zouk.

Welcome to the Brazilian Zouk World Championships 2026.

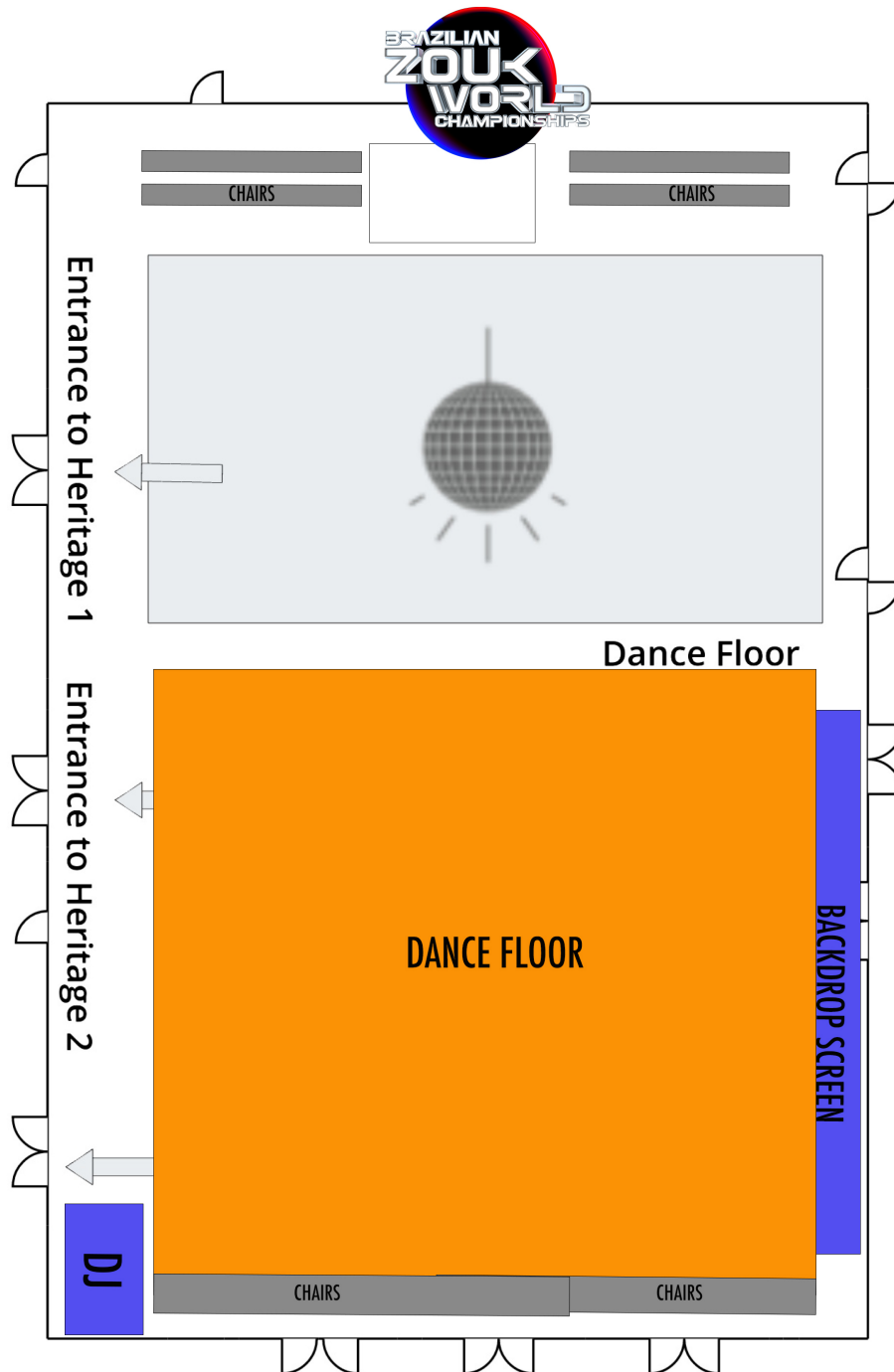
We can't wait to share the dance floor with you.

With love,

Kadu & Larissa

Founders

Event Map -



5 Feet

Ballrooms

Workshops will be held across two ballrooms:

- Heritage 1 (Ballroom B)
- Heritage 2 (Ballroom A)

Private lessons, competition practice, and the Beginner Crash Course (Part 2) will take place in the Orangedale Ballroom (Ballroom C).

Please note: Ballroom C is located in the lobby area, directly in front of the Canal Club. It will be **closed on Thursday** and **from 10:00 PM onward on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**.

All **Jack & Jill** and **Choreography Competitions** will take place in **Ballroom A**. During competition hours, **Ballroom B** will serve as the **Competitors' Green Room**, providing a space for competitors to warm up and marshal before competing.

Social dancing and themed parties will be held across **Ballrooms A and B**.

Upon arrival, please check in at the **Registration Desk**, located in front of **Ballroom A**, to collect your event wristband and complete your event check-in.

The Scott Resort & Spa Location

4925 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Proximity to:

- Phoenix Sky Harbour International Airport - 15min drive (12.8 miles)
- Scottsdale Fashion Square - 13min walk (0.6 miles)

Parking

Car parking is available and complimentary at the Scott Resort & Spa.

Event Registration

Event Registration is open at ground level in front of Ballroom Heritage 2, all weekend starting from:

1. 7pm to 11pm on Thursday August 13th
2. 9am to 12am on Friday August 14th
3. 10am to 12am on Saturday and Sunday August 15th, 16th.
4. There will be security on site checking wristbands for the duration of the event and we cannot replace lost wristbands. **To replace damaged wristbands make sure you bring the old one to registration desk.**

If you have already registered for the Jack & Jill competition online, you will be able to collect your competitor number and pin to affix at the registration desk when you check in.

Party Themes





August 13 - 17 2026 - Event Schedule

THURSDAY: Registration opens at 7pm

Time	Ballroom A - Social Dance focused workshops	Ballroom B - Competition focused workshops	Ballroom C	Time
8pm	Competitors Tech Rehearsal	Beginner Fast Track - Not included in your event ticket	Closed until Friday 10am	8pm
9pm	Social Dancing	Choreography Practice		9pm
10pm-3am	Kadu DJ, BlackSia, Yassaf, Fab			10pm-3am

FRIDAY - Registration opens at 10am

10am	Competitors Tech Rehearsal		Open for private lessons		Open for private lessons	10am
11am						11am
12pm	Level 1	Woody & Deenie - Because We Love Viradinha	Open	Darius & Laura - What are the judges looking for?		12pm
1:10pm	Level 1	Elijah & Elena - Comfortable Turns and Direction Changes	Level 2	Kadu & Larissa - Judges' and Audience Eyes: What Gets Noticed		1:10pm
2:20pm	Level 2	Renata & Bruna - Fluidity in Motion	Level 3	Paulo & Luiza - Instant Connection: Building Partnership in Seconds	Choreography Practice	2:20pm
3:30pm	Level 2	Bruno & Fae - Clean Timing for Social Dancing	Level 3	Allan & Vick - Risk vs. Reward: Smart Choices in Competition		3:30pm
4:40pm	Level 3	Leandro & Nayara - Dynamic Energy Exchange in Social Dance	Level 2	Lucas & Thayna - Conversations: Creating Together in Real Time		4:40pm
6pm	Competitors Meeting / Dinner Time		Beginner Fast Track - Not included in your event ticket			6pm
7pm	Early Party				Private Lessons	7pm
8pm			Competitors Green Room		Closed until Saturday 9am	8pm
9pm	Compete for the WORLD TITLE	Solo Follower & Solo Leader				9pm
10:00PM		Solo Teams & Teams				10pm
11pm-5am	Social Dancing - White Themed Party					11pm-6am
	DJ Dhroovy Mbrace Vinny Kakah Fab BlackSia					

SATURDAY - Registration opens at 10am

9am	Competitors Tech Rehearsal		Open for private lessons		Open for private lessons	9am
10am						10am
11am	Open	Paulo & Luiza - Social Dance Communication Without Words	Level 2	Bruna & Walter - Dancing Between the Details: Subtle Styling		11am
12pm	Level 1	Bruno & Fae - Wrap It Up: Creative Wraps for Social Dancing	Level 2	Jordan & Tatiana - The Secrets of a Winning Choreography		12pm
1:10pm	Level 2	Leandro & Nayara - Building Trust and Comfort during Bate Cabelo variations	Level 3	Walter & Ana - Floorcraft under pressure		1:10pm
2:20pm	Level 2	Kadu & Larissa - Smooth transitions for continues head movements	Level 3	Renata Peçanha & Paulo - Following the unknown: Adaptability	Choreography Practice	2:20pm
3:30pm	Level 3	Walter & Ana - Adapting to different dance styles and different partners	Level 3	Lucas & Thayna - Compete With Confidence: Precision, Dynamics & Storytelling		3:30pm
4:40pm	BZDC	Prelims: Novice and Intermediate	Competitors Green Room			4:40pm
6pm	Jack & Jill	Semi Finals: Novice and Intermediate	Early Party		6pm	
7pm		Finals: Novice and Intermediate			7pm	
8pm	Dinner Time		Competitors Green Room		Closed until Sunday 9am	8pm
9pm	Compete for the WORLD TITLE	Exhibition - Jordan and Tatiana			9pm	
9:15PM		Pro/Am & Rising Star				
10pm		Originals & Showtime			10pm	
11pm-5am	Social Dancing - Dress to Impress					11pm-6am
	DJ Fab Kakah Mbrace DJ Dhroovy Bandido Vinny					

SUNDAY - Registration opens at 10am

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11am	Level 1	Christina - Essential Connection Principles for Every Dancer	Open	Bruno & Fae - Using Musical Accents Without Breaking Connection	Open for private lessons	11am
12pm	Level 2	Walter & Ana - Musical Head Movements: Timing & Expression	Level 2	Allan & Vick - The first 30 seconds: Make an impact!		12pm
1:10pm	Level 2	Lucas & Thayna - Counter Balance into Turns	Level 3	Paulo & Luiza - Safe Tricks and Dips for Jack and Jill competitions		1:10pm
2:20pm	Level 3	Allan & Vicky - Texture, Dynamics and Contrast when executing Cambrés	Level 3	Leandro & Nayara - Championship Mindset: Performing Your Best When It Counts		2:20pm
3:30pm	BZDC Jack & Jill	Prelims and Finals: Advanced & All Star/Champions	Competitors Green Room			3:30pm
5:30pm	Awards					5:30pm
6pm-10pm	POOL PARTY & DJ BATTLE					6pm
10pm-4am	Social Dancing - Desert themed Party					10pm-5am
	DJ Yassaf Fab Vinny Kakah					

Open level

Open to dancers of all levels. These workshops focus on concepts that are beneficial regardless of your experience or skill level.

Level 1

1 month to 1 year experience.

We're thrilled to offer Level 1 workshops designed specifically for dancers who are newer to the world of Brazilian Zouk. Our Level 1 workshops provide the perfect platform for you to learn, grow, and ignite your passion for dance.

Our experienced instructors understand the challenges and excitement that come with the first year of learning a Brazilian Zouk. They will guide you step by step, breaking down the fundamental movements and techniques of Zouk, ensuring that you develop a solid foundation.

Level 2

12 months to 3 years experience.

Level 2 workshops designed specifically for dancers who have mastered the basics and are ready to delve deeper into the world of Zouk. Our Level 2 workshops will challenge, inspire, and elevate your dancing to new heights.

Level 2 workshops offer a wealth of benefits for dancers seeking to refine their technique and expand their dance vocabulary. In these workshops, you'll explore more intricate movements, footwork variations, and musicality concepts that will enhance your Zouk expression. Our experienced instructors will guide you through progressive exercises, drills, and combinations designed to sharpen your skills and deepen your understanding of the dance.

Level 3

3 years + experience.

Level 3 workshops are tailored to dancers who have already developed a strong foundation in Zouk and are eager to delve into the intricacies of the dance. These workshops dive deeper into advanced techniques, complex patterns, musicality nuances, and dynamic styling elements. Our esteemed instructors, renowned for their expertise and artistry, will guide you through a series of exhilarating exercises, drills, and combinations that will refine your skills and expand your dance repertoire.

Vendors

We are excited to announce our incredible vendors for the Brazilian Zouk World Championships!

Taygra USA will be showcasing their stylish and comfortable dance shoes, perfect for all our Zouk dancers.

Body Smith specializes in Sports Massage and Therapeutic Bodywork for Pain Management from a holistic point of view. They address current symptoms while also working towards the source of tension or pain by using multiple techniques.

Be sure to visit their booths and check out their amazing products and services!

Pool party and DJ battle

On Sunday August 16th, we will have a pool party at The Scott Resort and Spa main pool with our incredible DJs Battle! Don't forget to bring your bathing suite to join us from 6pm to 10pm.

Food

Canal Club is the bar/restaurant inside the resort and it will be serving food until 10pm. All participants will receive a 10% discount voucher for the Canal Club.

There are a number of great restaurants nearby the resort.

Drinks/Alcohol

Canal Club will be serving drinks until 11pm. Make sure you ask for their special drink called Brazilian Zouk (special caipirinha only for the event weekend)!

Please note that alcohol consumed in the event ballrooms can only be purchased from the bar inside the resort and not be brought in from outside.

Beginner Crash Course

This year at the Brazilian Zouk World Championships, we are especially excited to welcome brand new dancers into our community through our Beginner Crash Course. The crash course on Thursday and Friday night was created to help beginners feel comfortable, connected, and ready to enjoy the full experience of the weekend. After completing the course, dancers will be able to join open level workshops, enjoy all the social dancing, and watch incredible performances and competitions from dancers all over the world.



NEVER DANCED BEFORE? PERFECT

Our *Beginner Fast Track Crash Course* is designed for complete non-dancers who want to start **Brazilian Zouk** in a fun, welcoming, and easy way. In just a few hours, you'll **learn the fundamentals, meet new people, and gain the confidence** to join the event, social dance, and **begin your dance journey** with us.

4 hours intensive course to get you started so you can enjoy the weekend.
2 hours *Thursday August 13*
2 hours *Friday August 14*

- Access to **watch all** competitions
- Join **Open levelled** workshops throughout the weekend
- **Pool party**
- 4 nights of **social dance**

August, 13-14

The Scott Resort & Spa
4925 North Scottsdale Road,
Scottsdale, Arizona



Choreography Competitors

Notes for competitors:

- Competition registration closed on August 1st.
- Competitors must attend one of our offered tech rehearsal times at Ballroom A (main stage)
 - ✦ Thursday - 8pm to 9pm
 - ✦ Friday - 10am to 12pm
 - ✦ Saturday - 9am to 11am

Ballroom C will be available for practice between 2:30 to 6pm Friday and 2:30 to 8pm Saturday.

Competitors Meeting - for all competitors

Please read the Brazilian Zouk World Championships Competitors Rules.

There is a meeting for all competitors (Choreography, Jack and Jill and Strictly Zouk) at 7pm on Friday August 14th in the Ballroom A. It will also be an opportunity for competitors to ask any questions they may have. Please read the competition rules prior to the event weekend to make sure your choreography is following the proper rules and guidelines.

Regras para competidores em Português.

Please fill out this form with your choreography information and upload your song by August 5th.

JACK AND JILL

Registration

Final registrations for competitions will close as follows:

- **All choreography competitions - must register by August 1st**
- **All Jack and Jill competitions - Saturday August 15th, 2pm.**

You can sign up at the registration desk where you will also be able to collect your competitor number and pin to affix to the back of your clothing for when you compete.

Competitors need to be ready to compete and be waiting in the Ballroom B 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of their competition for marshaling into heats.

Note: If you are not in line 5 min prior to the competition starts, you will be disqualified.

Jack and Jill Prizes

Novice

1. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for New York SBKZ Congress 2027
2. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for Dallas zouk Congress 2027
3. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for Taiwan Zouk Festival 2026
4. BZDC points + 30% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership
5. BZDC points + 30% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership

Intermediate

1. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for Rio Zouk Congress 2026 + 50% off Portuguese lessons with the Brazilian Ways
2. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for the Brazilian Dance Festival Amsterdam 2027
3. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for the Elevation Zouk Congress 2026
4. BZDC points + 30% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership
5. BZDC points + 30% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership

Advanced

1. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for Miami Zouk Congress 2027 + 50% off Portuguese lessons with the Brazilian Ways
2. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 full passes for Canada Zouk Congress 2027
3. Trophies, BZDC points + 2 passes for Casa do Zouk 2027 (Australia)

All Star

1. Trophies, BZDC points + cash
2. Trophies, BZDC points + cash
3. Trophies, BZDC points + cash

Choreography Competition Prizes

Pro originals:

 Trophies + World Champion Title + \$1000 + contract to teach at the Brazilian Zouk World Championships 2027* + 2 full passes for the Brasil Latin Open

 Trophies + 2 full passes for Zouk Worlds 2027 + Taygra shoes

 Trophies + 2 full passes for Madrid zouk congress 2027

Amateur Rising/Stars:

 Trophies + 2 full passes Zouk MX 2027 + 50% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership

 Trophies + 2 full passes for Bali Zouk Retreat 2027 + 30% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership

 Trophies + 2 full passes for Zouk SEA in Malaysia 2027 + 15% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership

Couples Team

 Trophies + \$1000 + 50% off Portuguese lessons with Brazilian Ways

 Trophies + 25% off Portuguese lessons with Brazilian Ways + 15% off Taygra shoes

 Trophies + 30% off K&L Zouk online + 15% off Brazilian Ways

Solo Team

 Trophies + 50% off Portuguese lessons with Brazilian Ways + 15% off Taygra shoes

 Trophies + 25% off Portuguese lessons with Brazilian Ways

 Trophies + 30% off K&L Zouk online classes Platinum membership + 15% off Brazilian

Solo Followers

 Trophies + \$250 + full pass for the Brasil Latin Open

 Trophies

 Trophies

Solo Leaders

 Trophies + \$250 + full pass for the Brasil Latin Open

 Trophies

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Pro/Am:

 Trophies + pass for Rio Zouk Immersion (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) + 50% off K&L Zouk Online Classes Platinum Membership + 50% off Portuguese Lessons with the Brazilian Ways

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 Trophies + 15% off K&L Zouk Online Classes Platinum Membership

JUDGES

Pro/am:

Head Judge - Bruna Peçanha

Christina, Vick, Walter

Rising stars:

Head Judge: Bruna Peçanha

Bruna K, Allan, Walter, Ana, Renata Peçanha

Solo Teams:

Head Judge: Bruna Kazakevic

Paulo, Luiza, Ana, Tatiana, Walter

Teams:

Head Judge: Jordan Frisbee

Lucas, Allan, Renata, Walter, Ana

Solo Followers:

Head Judge: Tatiana

Luiza, Bruna Peçanha, Ana, Vick, Renata

Solo Leaders:

Head Judge: Renata

Paulo, Walter, Luiza, Ana, Jordan

Originals:

Head Judge: Tatiana

Walter, Bruna P, Ana, Jordan, Renata

CHOREOGRAPHY SPONSORS

Choreography sponsors play a pivotal role in the journey of competitors participating in the Brazilian Zouk World Championships. These sponsors are encouraging collaboration and innovation. Moreover, the support of choreography sponsors empowers dancers to push the boundaries of their creativity and showcase the beauty of Brazilian Zouk to audiences worldwide.

Rio Zouk Immersion Course

Zouk Heat

Utah Zouk Festival

Brazilian Ways Portuguese Lessons

Brazil Latin Open

Taygra Shoes USA

The Brazilian Zouk World Championships recognizes our sponsors and are grateful for your support!

BRAZILIAN ZOUK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

Preparations for the 2027 Brazilian Zouk World Championships are already underway!

As a special thank you for joining us this year, attendees will have an exclusive opportunity to purchase **2027 event passes at a special discounted price**—available for a **limited time only** during this year's event.

More details will be announced throughout the weekend, so stay tuned!

Thank you for being part of our community. We can't wait to see you soon!

Beijos, Larissa and Kadu