

OFFICIALS

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Emcee & Scrutineer

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RULES AND PROCEDURES

General

- a) All spectators must purchase a General Admission Ticket for the applicable period of attendance.
- b) **No refund** shall be made of entry fees or general admission tickets.
- c) Competition will be conducted according to applicable CDF and NDCC rules.
- d) **Video taping of the professional competition or professional show is strictly prohibited.**
- e) By dancing in the Calgary Open Dance Competition, all participants agree that any photos or video taken of them during the event may be used by the organizer for promotional purposes.
- f) Ticket price includes GST (5%) and there will be a 3.5% service/ticket fee applicable to debit and credit card transactions.

Competitors

- g) Entry deadline for competitors is **April 26, 2026; Entries submitted after will be subject to a Late Penalty of \$30. No events or additional rounds will be added to the program to accommodate late entries**
- h) In any category with fewer than three (3) entries, the organizer reserves the right to cancel the event or to eliminate age divisions and merge competitors into one open division.
- i) Amateur competitors must meet NDCC requirements regarding registration.
- j) Applicable CDF and NDCC rules will govern International and American Style competition dress code.
- k) Beginners Ladies: Cocktail Dresses (Ballroom and Latin costumes not permitted)
- l) Bronze and Above Levels are allowed to wear costumes in single group flights
- m) Beginners Gentlemen: Jackets or vests, suits or tuxedo (tails or cast suits are not permitted)
- n) Bronze and Above Levels are allowed to wear costumes in single group flights
- o) Costumes are permitted in all levels in Open Multi-dance and Scholarship Dances
- p) All other levels: Competitor attire is permitted
- q) Payments for all entries must be made prior to the commencement of the competition.
- r) Dressing rooms will be provided for competitors. The organizer cannot guarantee the security of items stored in the dressing rooms or in the ballroom, and competitors shall assume the risk of loss of, or damage to, any property stored.
- s) Male competitors must pay a refundable \$10.00 deposit at the time of issuing competitor numbers.
- t) Solo routines and group flights will take place in the daytime events.
- u) Awards will be presented in each event immediately following the completion of the event.
- v) Change of partners will not be allowed during the dance, (Formation dances exempted).
- w) Instructors cannot enter more than one student in the same dance, at the same level, or the same age group.
- x) Amateur competitors are responsible for dancing only those division and classification categories for which they are eligible.
- y) While on the competition premises, competitors shall conduct themselves in a civil and sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- z) All competitors must be lined up "ON DECK", and ready to go on the floor (15) minutes before they are to compete in an event. In case of tardiness, the competition will not be delayed.
- aa) Any competitor who is not on the dance floor for an event when the music begins will be disqualified in that event.
- bb) All competitors participating in an event shall accept as final the individual marking of the Judges and no appeal against them may be made, except when it can be shown that the actual markings have been incorrectly interpreted.
- cc) All competitors shall refrain from harassing or questioning a Judge about his/her personal reason for the mark.
- dd) Drops are permitted in Gold and above freestyle group flights, as well as Bronze, Silver and Gold Solo Exhibitions. Lifts are not permitted.
- ee) The organizer of the event reserves the right to reject the application of any competitor who has violated any of the above rules of conduct in any recognized event.

COMPETITION

I. AGE GROUPS

Where applicable, age levels shall be designated as follows:

3 – 5 years	PD1	6 – 7 years	PD2
8 – 9 Years Under 10	JV1	10 – 11 years	JV2
12 – 13 years	JN1	14 – 15 years	JN2
16 – 17 years	Y	18 – 34 years	A1
35 – 44 years	A2	45 – 55 years	B1
56 – 65 years	B2	66 – 75 years	C1
76 and over	C2		

II. COMPETITION LEVELS

These symbols, where applicable, appear on entry forms

<u>International & American</u>	<u>International & American</u>	<u>Country</u>	
Beginner	BG	Full Silver	FS
Intermediate Beginner	IB	Open Silver	OS
Pre-Bronze	PB	Pre-Gold	PG
Intermediate Bronze	IBZ	Intermediate Gold	IG
Full Bronze	FB	Full Gold	FG
Open Bronze	OB	Open Gold	OG
Pre-Silver	PS	Pre-Championship	PC
Intermediate Silver	IS	Championship	C

1. American Style Syllabus Restrictions

- The American syllabus restrictions will apply only in the Freestyle Group Flights in the “Closed” category.
- No syllabus restrictions apply for “Open” category competitions.
- All Multidances and Scholarship rounds will not have any syllabus restrictions.
- The steps for each level are those set out in NDCA. Syllabus, DVIDA Syllabus, the Fred Astaire or the Arthur Murray social step list.

2. International Style Syllabus Restrictions

- The steps for International Style are set out by the CDF and NDCC.
- The syllabus restrictions will apply only in the Freestyle Group Flights in the “Closed” category.
- No syllabus restrictions apply for “Open” category competitions.
- Age eligibility regulations are based on the status of the amateur only. In the case of the amateur couples, the couple will be ranked according to the average age of the two partners.
- A competitor can enter 1 or more age divisions above their own age division

III. EVENTS

1. Solo Exhibitions

- Any dance styles; American, International and Country.
- Open to Amateur and Pro/Am competitors.
- All routines will be judged on the point system.
- No routine is to exceed two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30).
- Solos are open; variations of the syllabus are expected.
- Music must be on compact disk or USB device only.
- All compact discs must be clearly labeled with group number and track number.
- Music must be handed in upon registration.

2. Freestyle Group Flights

- Open to all ages and dance styles.
- Open to Amateur and Pro/Am competitors.
- Group Flights will be no more than one minute and thirty seconds (1:30), if there is only one couple participating in the group flight, the time may be reduced to one minute and fifteen seconds (1:15).
- **Competitors may dance in multiple group flight levels.**

3. Formation Teams

- All team members must purchase daytime event ticket to participate in the competition.
- Music must be cued and handed in upon registration.
- Performances will be danced during the Saturday evening events of the competition.
- Formation competitions shall be conducted according to NDCC rules.

4. Multi-dance

- Open to Pro/Am and Am/Am competitors.
- Competitors must dance the dances listed in this event.

Competitors may dance in two multi-dance levels, their normal level and one level higher.

American

Smooth

Beginner	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Intermediate Beginner	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Pre-Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Intermediate Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Full Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Open Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Pre-Silver	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Intermediate Silver	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Full Silver	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Open Silver	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Pre-Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Intermediate Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Full Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Open Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Pre-Champ	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V-Waltz
Championship	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V-Waltz

Rhythm

Beginner	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Intermediate Beginner	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Intermediate Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Full Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Open Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Pre-Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Intermediate Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Full Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Open Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Pre-Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Intermediate Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Full Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Open Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Pre-Champ	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo
Championship	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo

International

Ballroom

Beginner	Waltz, Quickstep
Intermediate Beginner	Waltz, Quickstep
Pre-Bronze	Waltz, Quickstep
Intermediate Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Full Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Open Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Silver	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Intermediate Silver	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Full Silver	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Open Silver	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Gold	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Intermediate Gold	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Full Gold	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Open Gold	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Champ	Waltz, Tango, V-Waltz, Foxtrot, Q-Step
Championship	Waltz, Tango, V-Waltz, Foxtrot, Q-Step

Latin

Beginner	Cha Cha, Jive
Intermediate Beginner	Cha Cha, Jive
Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha, Jive
Intermediate Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Full Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Open Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Pre-Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Intermediate Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Full Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Open Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Pre-Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Intermediate Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Full Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Open Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Pre-Champ	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive
Championship	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

Country

Beginners	Two Step, West Coast Swing
Novice	Waltz, Two Step, West Coast Swing
Intermediate	Waltz, Two Step, West Coast Swing
Advanced	Waltz, Two Step, West Coast Swing

5. Open Multi-dance

- Open to Pro/Am and Am/Am competitors.
- Competitors must dance the dances listed in this event.

*** The Open Multi-dance competition features 30” High Perpetual Trophies**

*** Competitors competing against others and winning the trophy 3 years in a row will be allowed to keep the trophy.**

American Pro-Am/Amateur Dances

Smooth

Beginners to Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Silver to Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Pre-Champ to Champion	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V-Waltz

Rhythm

Beginners to Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Silver to Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Pre-Champ to Champion	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo

International Pro-Am/Amateur Dances

Ballroom

Beginners to Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Silver to Gold	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Champ to Champion	Waltz, Tango, V-Waltz, Foxtrot, Q-Step

Latin

Beginners to Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Silver to Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Pre-Champ to Champion	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

6. Supreme Championship

- A trophy will be awarded to the winners of each competition that they will be able to keep!

- Open to Pro/Am and Am/Am competitors.
- There shall be nine (9) separate events in this competition, and three (3) age divisions:
Under 18; Over 18; Over 30;

To be eligible for entry in an event(s), a competitor must have entered and danced in group flights in each of the dances listed above for these events.

a) American Smooth Beginners to Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
b) American Smooth Silver to Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
c) American Smooth Pre-Champ to Champion	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, V-Waltz
d) International Ballroom Beginners to Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
e) International Ballroom Silver to Gold	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
f) International Ballroom Pre-Champ to Champion	Waltz, Tango, V-Waltz, Foxtrot, Q-Step
g) American Rhythm Beginners to Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
h) American Rhythm Silver to Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
i) American Rhythm Pre-Champ to Champion	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo
j) International Latin Beginners to Bronze	Cha, Cha, Rumba, Jive
k) International Latin Silver to Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
l) International Latin Pre-Champ to Champion	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive
m) Country	Two Step, Waltz, West Coast Swing

Please note: A minimum of two (2) competitors in a Supreme Championship event is required in order for a trophy to be awarded to the winner of that competition event which they will be able to keep. Organizer reserves the right to cancel any Supreme Championship event having one (1) competitor in an event; competitor has the option to move to another age division or event with another competitor.

7. Amateur Competitions

- All competitors must be registered with NDCC.
- The organizer reserves the right to cancel or combine events having fewer than three (3) entries.
- Age categories for Amateur Competitions shall be Juvenile, Junior, Youth and Adult:

3 – 5	Pre-Dance I	6 – 7	Pre-Dance II
8 – 9	Juvenile I	10 – 11	Juvenile II
12 – 13	Junior I	14 – 15	Junior II
16 – 18	Youth	16 – 20	Under 21
19 and Over	Adult	30 and Over	Adult I
40 and Over	Adult II		

Events shall be conducted under applicable syllabus restrictions.

American **Smooth**

Beginners	Waltz
Bronze	Waltz, Foxtrot
Silver	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot
Gold	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot

Rhythm

Beginners	Cha Cha
Bronze	Cha Cha, Swing
Silver	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing
Gold	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing

** These following categories will be danced during the Saturday evening events of the competition:*

Pre-Championship Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Pre-Championship Rhythm	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero
Championship Smooth	Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Championship Rhythm	Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Mambo

International

Ballroom

Beginners	Waltz, Tango
Beginners 1-Dance	Waltz, Tango
Pre-Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Bronze 2-Dance	Waltz, Tango
Bronze (Block 1)	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Bronze (Block 2)	Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Silver (Block 1)	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Silver (Block 2)	Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Gold (Block 1)	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Gold (Block 2)	Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz

Latin

Beginners	Cha Cha, Rumba
Beginners 1-Dance	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Pre-Bronze 2-Dance	Cha Cha, Rumba/Jive
Bronze (Block 1)	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Bronze (Block 2)	Paso Doble, Jive
Silver (Block 1)	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Silver (Block 2)	Paso Doble, Jive
Gold (Block 1)	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Gold (Block 2)	Paso Doble, Jive

** These following categories will be danced during the Saturday evening events of the competition:*

Pre-Championship Ballroom (Block 1)	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Championship Ballroom (Block 2)	Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Pre-Championship Latin (Block 1)	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Pre-Championship Latin (Block 2)	Paso Doble, Jive
Championship Ballroom	Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep
Championship Latin	Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

- All dances associated with each level are in accordance to NDCC rules.
- Calgary Open has created a Beginners 1 Dance, and Pre-Bronze 2-Dance category in compliance to rule allowance outlined in the NDCC rulebook.

8. Pre-Competitive Competitions

- All competitors must be registered with NDCC.
 - The organizer reserves the right to cancel or combine events having fewer than three (3) entries.
 - Age categories for Pre-Competitive Competitions shall be Pre-Basic Juvenile, Junior, and Youth
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| 3 – 5 | Pre-Dance I | 6 – 7 | Pre-Dance II |
| 8 – 9 | Juvenile I | 10 – 11 | Juvenile II |
| 12 – 13 | Junior I | 14 – 15 | Junior II |
| 16 – 17 | Youth | | |

International

Ballroom

Beginners	Waltz, Tango
Beginners 1-Dance	Waltz, Tango
Pre-Bronze	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Pre-Bronze 2-Dance	Waltz, Tango
Bronze (Block 1)	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Bronze (Block 2)	Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz
Silver (Block 1)	Waltz, Tango, Quickstep
Silver (Block 2)	Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz

Latin

Beginners	Cha Cha, Rumba
Beginners 1-Dance	Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive
Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Pre-Bronze 2-Dance	Cha Cha, Rumba/Jive
Bronze (Block 1)	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Bronze (Block 2)	Paso Doble, Jive
Silver (Block 1)	Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba
Silver (Block 2)	Paso Doble, Jive

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ADVERTISING (PROGRAM BOOK)

Full Page: \$150.00 + GST (black and white)

Half Page: \$90.00 + GST (black and white)

Please note: All artwork must be in a digital format (eg., jpeg or pdf) ready or a fee of \$20.00 will be required

Deadline for Program Advertising is: April 26, 2026

VENDOR DISPLAY TABLES

Table rental is \$300.00 +GST for the duration of the competition. Price includes:

- 1 display table with tablecloth - extra tables \$20.00+GST each and tablecloths \$10.00+GST each.
- You may bring your own tablecloth.
- 2 full event admission passes (day and evening) - no dinner. Dinners may be ordered, please advise - non transferable.
- One full page advertisement (b/w) in the program book.
- Vendor recognition on Calgary Open Dance Competition website.
- Master of Ceremonies promotion throughout event.

Deadline for Display Table Rental: April 26, 2026

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Aloft Hotel – Calgary University

2359 Banff Trail NW

Calgary, AB T2M 4L2

(403) 289-1973

Special Rate

- Standard Double Queen room (2 queen beds) - \$179.00+taxes
- Standard King room (1 king bed) - \$179.00+taxes

Online Reservation Link:

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1768848219517&key=GRP&app=resvlink&branch_match_id=1138590041114693874&branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXTywo0MtNLCrKzC8p0UvOz9UvSi3OvezLtedK2ALZZSCOWmaKraG5mYWFiYWRoaWpobladmqlrXtQgFpdUWpaKIB3Xnp8UIF%2BeXFqkaIzRIF%2BbioAl%2BYHsGAAAAA%3D

Phone Reservation: (403) 289-1973, please mention 'BALLROOM COUNTRY - CALGARY OPEN DANCE 2026'

Please note: Reservation deadline at the hotel has been extended until April 1, 2026. If room(s) is/are not reserved by this time, the hotel will release the rooms available for resale that they have set aside for us, so please reserve early.

AWARDS

Plaques or Trophies shall be presented to the winners of each event category listed as follows: Group Flights; Amateur Competitions (Beginners to Gold Events); Top Solo; Multi-dance; Collegiate; and Formation Teams

Trophies shall be presented to winners in each of the following categories:

- ❖ American Style Smooth Pre-champ and Championship Events
- ❖ American Style Rhythm Pre-Champ and Championship Events
- ❖ International Style Ballroom Pre-Championship and Championship Events
- ❖ International Style Latin Pre-Championship and Championship Events
- ❖ Country Advanced Events
- ❖ Open Multi-dance Pro-Am American Style Smooth and Rhythm
- ❖ Open Multi-dance Pro-Am International Style Ballroom and Latin
- ❖ Open Amateur Beginners to Bronze American Style Smooth and Rhythm
- ❖ Open Amateur Beginners to Bronze International Style Ballroom and Latin

Cash awards shall be presented in the following categories:

Supreme Solo

Supreme Solo for each of the top Female, Male, and Amateur Couple: Trophy

Top Teacher

1st Place - \$1,000.00; 2nd Place - \$500.00; 3rd Place - \$250.00

Please note: Top Teacher must have a minimum of one hundred (100) entries (solo, group flight, multi-dances and/or scholarship) to qualify for cash award. Teachers with entries below the minimum of 100 entries will receive recognition but no cash award will be paid. Note that cancelled entries do not count toward the total.

COMPETITION PRICING

BEFORE COMPLETING ENTRY FORMS PLEASE READ THIS PAGE OF THE RULES AND REGULATION BOOK.

Note: All competitors are required to purchase a full event admission ticket for the time their events are scheduled in order to dance in any event. Also, ticket price includes GST (5%) and there will be a 3.5% service/ticket fee applicable to debit and credit card transactions.

Admission Ticket Prices

Saturday Full Day Ticket / Competitor Pass	\$60.00 (\$50.00 for 12 and under)
Saturday Daytime Only Admission Ticket	\$30.00 (\$20.00 for 12 and under)
Saturday Evening Only Admission Ticket	\$40.00 (\$30.00 for 12 and under)
Sunday Full Day Ticket / Competitor Pass	\$50.00 (\$40.00 for 12 and under)
Sunday Daytime Only Admission Ticket	\$30.00 (\$20.00 for 12 and under)
Sunday Evening Only Admission Ticket	\$25.00

*** All competitors dancing in competition events are required to purchase a Competitor Pass.**

Group Flights

Price

❖ American, International, and Country (Per Dance) - Fewer than 10 Entries	\$35.00 incl. GST
10 Entries and more	\$30.00 incl. GST
❖ Junior and Juveniles American, International, and Country (Per Dance) Fewer than 10 Entries	\$30.00 incl. GST
10 Entries and more	\$25.00 incl. GST

Solo Exhibitions

❖ American, International, and Country (Per Dance)	\$60.00 incl. GST
❖ Junior and Juveniles (Per Dance)	\$55.00 incl. GST

Multi-dance

❖ American, International, and Country (Per Entry)	\$60.00 incl. GST
❖ Junior and Juveniles	\$55.00 incl. GST

Open Multi-dance

❖ American, International	\$60.00 incl. GST
❖ Junior and Juveniles	\$55.00 incl. GST

Scholarship Rounds

❖ American, International, and Country	\$70.00 incl. GST
❖ Junior and Juveniles	\$65.00 incl. GST

Formation Teams

❖ Entry & Event Fee (per team)	\$85.00 incl. GST
❖ Event Pass (per team member)	\$30.00 incl. GST
○ <i>Team member(s) that already have a Competition Pass do not need to purchase an Event Pass</i>	

Amateur Competitions

Amateur competitors must purchase a Competitor Pass to enter in any of the competition events.

❖ Entry Fee Per Category	\$45.00 incl. GST
❖ Entry Fee Per Category (17 and under)	\$40.00 incl. GST
❖ Entry Fee for 1-Dance Category	\$30.00 incl. GST