

2026 Indianapolis Open DanceSport

Rules and Regulations

- 1) Everyone attending the Indianapolis Open DanceSport Competition, shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the National Dance Council of America (NDCA), and by participating in the Indianapolis Open DanceSport Competition automatically become obliged to adhere to them.
- 2) Students dancing in Closed categories should use material based on NDCA Syllabus or its equivalent. Any couple dancing out of category will be given on warning. If the couple continues to dance out of category, they will be penalized.
- 3) Solo, Show Dance, and Formation routines must be 3 minutes or under (incl. on and off the floor)
- 4) Any event (Pro, Am or Pro-Am) with less than 3 paid entries before the deadline may be cancelled or combined across age and/or gender divisions. Prize money will be reduced in events with fewer than 3 entries.
- 5) Junior dress code will be enforced for Pre-Teen. Please visit www.ndca.org for dress code info.
- 6) All event schedules are approximate and are subject to change. Competitors are required to be in the ballroom and ready to perform at least 30 minutes prior to any published time schedules
- 7) All requests for changes or cancellations must be made in writing 14 days prior to the starting date of the competition, after which there will be no refunds. Refunds will be made 30 days after the event (\$ 50.- processing fee applies). Any direct cost incurred by the Organizer from third parties, such as meals, hotel etc. , will be deducted from given refund. Absolutely NO refunds at the event. No refunds or exchanges on general admission tickets.
- 8) Private videotaping is not allowed
- 9) In order to qualify for the Scholarship events, students must be entered in the same Single Dances per Scholarship. (For example: To dance Silver Rhythm 3-Dance Scholarship, student has to enter also Single dances : CC, R, SW in any Silver level to qualify.)
- 10) All Scholarships and Multi-Dance Challenges are unisex events, except Gentlemen Only Challenges.
- 11) The Indianapolis Open DanceSport is not liable for any personal charges made at the hotel.
- 12) Top Teacher rules: *Pro/Am Adult Single and 2-Dance Entries : 1st place - 8 points, 2nd - 7, 3rd - 6, 4th - 5, 5th - 4, 6th - 3, 7th - 2 , and 8th - 1 point. For each recall from preliminary round - 4 points.
*Pro/Am Multi 3, 4, 5 etc. Dance Entries - 1st place - 20 points, 2nd - 15, 3rd - 10, 4th - 8, 5th - 6, 6th - 4, 7th - 2 , and 8th - 2 point.
For each recall from preliminary round - 5 points. *If a placement is in an uncontested event, the points will remain the same.
*To qualify for Top Teacher Awards - entries must be full priced entries, discounted entries are 1/2 point. Teacher needs to be on one of the Packages or Saturday Evening with Dinner.
- 13) Previous Year's vouchers can only be credited when received by deadline.
- 14) No personal checks will be accepted after deadline. Only Cash, Cashier's Checks, Money Orders, Credit Cards, Zelle will be accepted after the deadline. Entries will not be processed without payment in full.
- 15) The NDCA has implemented a registration fee \$25.- for all Pro/Am dancers. Please visit NDCA.org to register your students before competition.

To: ATTENDEES OF INDIANAPOLIS OPEN

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