

Important Information



We look forward to seeing you at The Washington DC Open.

In order to make it run smoothly as possible, we are asking you to cooperate with us in the following ways:

- 1.** Please make sure that you have completed your Entry Forms, a Participant Order Form for each person attending, and a Studio Accounting Summary and return those to us by our closing date of April 1, 2026. Please note that a \$100 late fee per person will be charged after the deadline.
- 2.** Shortly after we receive your information, we will send you an invoice/confirmation. Please check this closely for spelling, correct entries, and correct charges and let us know immediately if we need to make changes. Please be advised that at the competition we may not have the time to make changes or take additional entries. Please note that if you are not on a package, tickets for the sessions in which you are dancing should be ordered for teacher and student. If tickets are not ordered, we will automatically add those to your invoice.
- 3.** You are responsible for your own hotel reservation. In order to receive a discounted rate for the room, please, make a reservation through Washington DC Open website. Follow the link on the Hotel info page to be redirected to the hotel's website. Hotel rooms are first come first serve, so make sure you meet the deadline.
- 4.** The deadline for a refund on a cancellation is 30 days prior to the date the competition commences. Refunds will be made by mail after 30 days of the completion of the competition. The organizer will not refund any money for expenses he has paid that cannot be recuperated. Any canceled entries are subject to a cancellation fee of %10 but no less than \$100 per participant for cancellation. If the Organizer is notified of cancellations after the deadline, credit toward the following year will be considered in cases of emergency only and must accompany a Doctor's Certificate. No substitutions will be allowed for entry cancellations taken at the event. No exchanges or refunds will be made on admission tickets.
- 5.** Upon arrival at the hotel, one representative from the studio should come to the desk and pick up the packages for his/her studio. ***OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID BEFORE PACKAGES CAN BE RELEASED.*** Only *that* representative will be allowed to make payment and pick up packages. We will not be accepting payments from individual students or releasing any tickets until payment is made in full. Each participant will be given a heat list showing what heat and at what time he/she is dancing. Please be advised that the time listed is approximate and subject to change. Each competitor should be present in the ballroom at least 30 minutes prior to his/her scheduled dance time. When you receive your heat sheet, please check and make sure your dances, levels, and ages are correct. We need to be made aware of any mistakes as soon as possible.
- 6.** Competitor numbers can be picked up from the registration desk. If you are a professional dancer or an amateur couple, you must have proof of your registration with the National Dance Council. If you are not on the NDCA roster and do not have a current card or receipt showing you have paid for a current registration, you will be required to register at the competition or you will not be allowed to compete.
- 7.** Seating will be according to packages and the date of the order with preferred seating going first to package holders with balances paid in full 4 weeks prior to the competition. All seats in the ballroom are numbered and match ticket numbers. Seating is assigned when the tickets are ordered. Tickets ordered at a different time period may be for a different table in a different area.
- 8. All vouchers for money, Teachers Pot of Gold, prizes, scholarships etc. must be redeemed and collected before the end of the competition or they become invalid. Checks are not going to be mailed!**

Entries are due by deadline: 4/1/2026

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