

2026 Rules and Regulations

Syllabus	Material used in closed competition should be based on the current NDCA step list. No continuity in Bronze American entries. Open divisions are not material restricted.
Dance Levels:	A student may enter two consecutive dance standards (for example: Bronze and Silver, Silver and Gold). If you are entered in Bronze you may dance all Bronze and Silver levels but may not enter Gold or Advanced Gold levels. You may enter the Newcomers level for a period of one year commencing with your first NDCA sanctioned event regardless of the style.
Scholarships:	For each scholarship a student enters, he/she must dance 5 dances in single dance or championship events. Scholarships and championships are unisex and have different age categories than freestyle events. Scholarship events must have a minimum of 3 participants in order to pay prize money.
Solos	Solos are limited to 3 minutes. Solo judging is on impression. Students receive score and comments.
Adjudicating:	The decision of the judges shall be final. Our judges are highly qualified and are not to be harassed or questioned about their reasons for markings. The Chairman of Judges shall be responsible for decisions concerning ties or any problems arising over marks. The skating system of judging shall be used.
Age Divisions:	Adults may enter their true age category and one division younger. Preteen, Juniors, and Youth may enter their true age category and one division older.
On Deck Area:	Dancers are required to be in the "On Deck" area two heats prior to their scheduled heat. Any competitor not on the floor when the Master of Ceremonies calls, is subject to disqualification for that heat. Please be advised that changes may be made from the original program and all dancers should be in the ballroom at least 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled.
Late Entries:	Entries received after the deadline (January 6, 2025) are subject to a \$100 late fee.
Payments:	All payments received after the deadline must be by Cashier's Check or Money Order, by Paypal or Venmo. Personal or studio checks WILL NOT be accepted at the door. All prices include Hawaii GE tax.
Cancellations/ Refunds	The deadline for cancellation refunds is January 20, 2026. If the organizers are notified after the deadline, refunds will be considered only in case of an emergency and a doctor's certificate is required. The organizer will not refund any money for expenses he has paid that cannot be recuperated. Refunds will be mailed 30 days after the event. Any canceled entries are subject to a cancellation fee.
Seating:	Seating preferences will be based on package and receipt of entries and payment. Spectator seating will be based on when the paid order is received.
Videos/Photos:	No personal video cameras will be allowed. Professionally produced videos will be available for purchase.
Charges:	The organizer cannot be held responsible for any personal charges made to the hotel. All participants must pay for their own personal charges including phone and room service.
Hotel Rooms:	Hotel rooms are NOT included in the Package

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1. All persons attending the Aloha Ball (spectators, competitors, officials, staff, guests, etc.) shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the National Dance Council of America (NDCA) and, by participating in this event, automatically become obligated to adhere to them.
2. Every person attending the Aloha ball does so at his or her own risk and expressly and irrevocably waives any claim or claims against the NDCA, Aloha Ball, its organizers, employees and representatives arising from any loss, personal injury, death, or damage associated with this event.
3. The Aloha Ball , its organizers and the NDCA accept no responsibility for damage, loss, or theft of property left in the changing rooms, ballroom, guest rooms, or hotel.
4. This event may be photographed by video, photography, or other method. All persons attending this event may be photographed and, by their presence, waive any claim related to the use of that photography and the rights of any copyright, privacy, or publicity associated with said photography. The Aloha Ball and its organizers reserve all print, electronic, and broadcast rights and reserve the right to use any and all photography taken at the Aloha Ball for future promotional purposes.
5. ALL DANCERS competing at the Aloha Ball MUST be registered with the NDCA and provide proof of current registration to the organizers on entry forms and upon request.
6. Entry waivers for minors must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
7. Changes or additions to entries after January 12,2024 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizers.
8. All entries must be complete and all fees paid before competitor numbers are issued and before competitors are allowed to dance.
9. The organizers reserve the right to modify the final schedule if necessary. In accordance with NDCA rules, events may commence up to 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
10. Competitors must be in the ballroom at least 30 minutes before their scheduled event and in the "on deck" area at least 2 heats prior to their scheduled heat. Events will not be delayed for latecomers.
11. Events with less than 3 entries may be canceled or combined across age and/or gender divisions. Prize monies may be reduced in events with fewer than 3 entries.