

USA GRAND NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Main Ballroom		Habersham Ballroom	Kennesaw Ballroom	
THURSDAY, May 21st – Registration opens at 4PM				
6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Specialty Workshop TBD *EXTRA*	Joey & Jennifer (FREE) Beginner Carolina Shag	NOT AVAILABLE for PRACTICE until Friday	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
7:30 PM		TBD (FREE) WCS Level 1		7:30 PM
8:30 PM	Early Bird Party (FREE) Hosted by: Atlanta Swing Dancers Club, Swing Invasion, and Wicked Westie	Early Bird Shag Party (FREE) Hosted by: Michael & LeAnn		8:30 PM
FRIDAY, May 22 nd				
Registration opens at 10:00AM				
Non-routine competition sign-ups close 1 hour before contest starts				
7:00 AM	Floor trials/Sound check (7:00 – 10:00)	Practice/Private	NOT AVAILABLE for PRACTICE until ~ 5pm	7:00 AM
11:00 AM	TBD WCS Level 2	Social Dancing		11:00 AM
12:00 PM	TBD WCS Level 3	Pro-Am Shag Strictly Pro-Am Swing Strictly (Awards following) 12:00 PM		12:00 PM
1:00 PM	TBD WCS Advanced/All-Star	Non-Professional Carolina Classic (1:30 PM)		1:00 PM
2:00 PM	Intensive TBD (2:00 – 5:00) *EXTRA*	Shag Jack & Jills (2:30 PM) (Awards following)		2:00 PM
2:30 PM				2:30 PM
5:00 PM	Ballroom Closed for Dinner Break	Ballroom Closed for Dinner Break	Practice/Private	5:00 PM
Competitors (not mandatory)/Judges Meeting – Galleria Room (5:00 PM)				
7:30 PM	Ballroom Opens Social Dancing	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	7:30 PM
7:45 PM	Opening Ceremonies!			7:45 PM
8:00 PM	Rising Star (Rising Star Tour) (8:00 PM)			8:00 PM
9:00 PM	Carolina Masters (Shag) (9:00 PM)			9:00 PM
10:00 PM	Showcase (NASDE) (10:00 PM)	Vinyl Party (11:00 – until)		10:00 PM
11:00 PM	May Madness Professional Tournament J& J (non-WSDC) (11:00 – until)			11:00 PM
12:00 AM	Social Dancing (12:00 – until)			12:00 AM

SATURDAY, May 23 rd				
Registration opens at 9:00AM				
Non-routine competition sign-ups close 1 hour before contest starts				
7:00 AM	Floor trials/Sound check (7:00 – 9:30)	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	7:00 AM
9:30 AM	TBD WCS Advanced/All-Star (WSDC)	TBD WCS Level 3		9:30 AM
10:30 AM	TBD WCS Level 2	TBD WCS Level 1	Practice/Privates	10:30 AM
11:30 AM	Jack & Jills (11:30 AM) Prelims/Semis/Finals Novice, Newcomer, Advanced, Sophisticated	TBD Carolina Shag Beginner/Intermediate	TBD WCS Advanced/All-Star	11:30 AM
12:30 PM		TBD Carolina Shag for WCS	Practice/Privates	12:30 PM
1:30 PM		Afternoon at the Shag Pavilion Social Dancing	Junior Pizza Party (1:30 PM)	1:30 PM
Ice Cream Social – Atrium (2:30 PM)				
3:00 PM	Jack & Jills (3:00 PM) Prelims/Semis/Finals Intermediate, Masters, All-Stars	Afternoon at the Shag Pavilion Social Dancing (cont)	Practice/Privates	3:00 PM
4:00 PM		TBD WCS Level 1		4:00 PM
5:00 PM	(JACK & JILL AWARDS following comps)	TBD(5:00 PM) Carolina Shag Advanced		5:00 PM
6:00 PM	Dinner Break	TBD (6:00 PM) WCS Level 3		6:00 PM
7:30 PM	Ballroom Opens Social Dancing	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	7:30 PM
8:00 PM	Open Strictly Prelims/Finals			8:00 PM
9:15 PM	Team			9:15 PM
10:00 PM	“Super Bowl Saturday Night” Carolina Classic Classic			10:00 PM
11:45 PM	Social Dancing (11:45 – until)	Social Dancing (11:45 – until)		11:45 PM
12:30 PM	Theme Party & Costume Contest		12:30 PM	
SUNDAY, May 24 th				
Registration opens at 9:30AM				
Non-routine competition sign-ups close 1 hour before contest starts				
7:00 AM	Floor trials/Sound check (7:00 – 10:00)	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	7:00 AM
10:00 AM	TBD WCS Level 2	TBD WCS Advanced/All-Star (WSDC)		10:00 AM
11:00 AM	TBD WCS Level 3	TBD Carolina Shag Advanced		11:00 AM
12:00 PM	“Everybody Dance Now” (All American J &J) Awards immediately following	TBD WCS Level 2 12:00 -12:50	Practice/Privates	12:00 PM
1:00 PM		TBD WCS Level 1 1:00 – 1:50		1:00 PM
1:30 PM	Pro-Am Routines	Practice/Privates		1:30 PM
2:30 PM	Junior Shag		Business Workshop - TBD FULTON ROOM	2:30 PM
Ice Cream Social – Atrium (3:30)				
4:00 PM	Cabaret	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	4:00 PM
4:30 PM	Champions Strictly Prelims/Finals			4:30 PM
6:00 PM	Dinner Break			6:00 PM

7:30 PM – “Dress to Impress” Cocktail Party – Atrium Bar				
8:30 PM	Doors Open for Awards			8:30 PM
8:45 PM	USA GNDC AWARD CEREMONY (“Dress to impress”)	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	8:45 PM
10:00 PM	Social Dancing (10:00 – until)	Social Dancing (10:00 – until) Always Stay Sunday Night! (12:00 AM – IYKYK)	Practice/Privates	10:00 PM
Safe Travels Home! See you next year – May 27 – 31 th , 2027.				

- Workshops:
- Level 1: Fundamental patterns and techniques with basic partnering and musicality concepts
 - Level 2: Requires fluent recall and application of pushes, passes, whips, and basic variations
 - Level 3: Complex patterns or detailed technique. Significant experience needed
 - Advanced and All Star: Entry is based on WSDC competition level