

# USA GND~~C~~ GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## USA GRAND NATIONALS DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

Main  
Ballroom

Habersham  
Ballroom

Kennesaw  
Ballroom

THURSDAY, May 21st – Registration opens at 4PM

6:00 PM	Specialty Workshop TBD *EXTRA*	Joey & Jennifer (FREE) Beginner Carolina Shag	NOT AVAILABLE for PRACTICE until Friday	6:00 PM
6:30 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<sup>nd</sup>

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/Privates	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		5:00 PM	

Competitors (not mandatory)/Judges Meeting – Galleria Room (5:00 PM)

7:30 PM	Ballroom Opens Social Dancing	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	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)			10:00 PM
11:00 PM	May Madness Professional Tournament J & J (non-WSDC) (11:00 – until)	Vinyl Party (11:00 – until)		11:00 PM
12:00 AM	Social Dancing (12:00 – until)			12:00 AM

SATURDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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	<b>Jack &amp; Jills (11:30 AM)</b> 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	<b>Junior Pizza Party (1:30 PM)</b>	1:30 PM

Ice Cream Social – Atrium (2:30 PM)

3:00 PM	<b>Jack &amp; Jills (3:00 PM)</b> Prelims/Semis/Finals Intermediate, Masters, All-Stars	Afternoon at the Shag Pavilion Social Dancing (cont)		3:00 PM
4:00 PM		TBD WCS Level 1		4:00 PM
5:00 PM	<b>(JACK &amp; JILL AWARDS following comps)</b>	TBD(5:00 PM) Carolina Shag Advanced	Practice/Privates	5:00 PM
6:00 PM	Dinner Break	TBD (6:00 PM) WCS Level 3		6:00 PM
7:30 PM	<b>Ballroom Opens</b> Social Dancing			7:30 PM
8:00 PM	<b>Open Strictly Prelims/Finals</b>			8:00 PM
9:15 PM	<b>Team</b>			9:15 PM
10:00 PM	<b>“Super Bowl Saturday Night”</b> Carolina Classic Classic		Practice/Privates	10:00 PM
11:45 PM	Social Dancing (11:45 – until)	Social Dancing		11:45 PM
12:30 PM	<b>Theme Party &amp; Costume Contest</b>	(11:45 – until)		12:30 PM

SUNDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>

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		7:00 AM
10:00 AM	TBD WCS Level 2	TBD WCS Advanced/All-Star (WSDC)	Practice/Privates	10:00 AM
11:00 AM	TBD WCS Level 3	TBD Carolina Shag Advanced		11:00 AM
12:00 PM	<b>“Everybody Dance Now”</b> (All American J & J) Awards immediately following	TBD WCS Level 2 12:00 -12:50		12:00 PM
1:00 PM		TBD WCS Level 1 1:00 – 1:50	Practice/Privates	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	<b>Pro-Am Routines</b>			1:30 PM
2:30 PM	<b>Junior Shag</b>	Practice/Privates	Business Workshop - TBD <b>FULTON ROOM</b>	2:30 PM

Ice Cream Social – Atrium (3:30)

4:00 PM	<b>Cabaret</b>			4:00 PM
4:30 PM	<b>Champions Strictly Prelims/Finals</b>	Practice/Privates	Practice/Privates	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	<b>USA GNDC AWARD CEREMONY</b> ("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<sup>th</sup>, 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