

USA GRAND NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Main Ballroom		Habersham Ballroom		Kennesaw Ballroom		
THURSDAY, May 22rd – Registration opens at 2PM						
5:00 PM	Beginner Shag	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	NOT AVAILABLE for PRACTICE until Friday	5:00 PM	
6:00 PM	WCS Level 1				6:00 PM	
7:00 PM	WCS Level 2				7:00 PM	
8:00 PM	Early Bird Party (FREE) Hosted by: Atlanta WCS Community (Atlanta Swing Dance Club, Wicked Westie, and Swing Invasion)				8:00 PM	
FRIDAY, May 23th						
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 – 10:00)	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	7:00 AM	
8:00 AM					8:00 AM	
9:00 AM	Intensive (11:00 – 2:00) *EXTRA*	Social Dancing	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	9:00 AM	
10:00 AM		Pro-Am Shag Strictly Pro-Am Swing Strictly (Awards following) 12:00 PM			10:00 AM	
11:00 AM					Non-Professional Carolina Classic (1:30 PM)	11:00 AM
12:00 PM						12:00 PM
1:30 PM	WCS Level 3	Shag Jack & Jills (2:30 PM) (Awards following)	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	1:30 PM	
2:00 PM					2:00 PM	
2:30 PM	WCS Advanced/All-Star	Shag Jack & Jills (2:30 PM) (Awards following)	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	2:30 PM	
3:00 PM					3:00 PM	
4:00 PM	WCS Level 2	Ballroom Closed for Dinner Break	Ballroom Closed for Dinner Break	Practice/Private	4:00 PM	
5:00 PM	Ballroom Closed for Dinner Break				5:00 PM	
Competitors Meeting – Fulton Room (5:00 PM)						
Judges Meeting – Fulton Room (5:30 PM)						
7:30 PM	Ballroom Opens Social Dancing	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	7:30 PM	
8:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies!				8:00 PM	
8:15 PM	Rising Star (Rising Star Tour) (8:15 PM)				8:15 PM	
9:00 PM	Carolina Classic (Shag) (9:00PM)				9:00 PM	
10:15 PM	Showcase (NASDE) (10:15 PM)	Vinyl Party (11:00 – until)	WCS All-Star Workshop (WSDC)	WCS All-Star Workshop (WSDC)	10:15 PM	
11:00 PM	Social Dancing (11:00 – until)				11:00 PM	
SATURDAY, May 24th						
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/Private	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	7:00 AM	
8:00 AM					8:00 AM	
9:00 AM	WCS Advanced/All-Star (WSDC)	WCS Level 3	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	9:00 AM	
9:30 AM					9:30 AM	

10:30 AM	WCS Level 2	Shag Intermediate/Advanced	Practice/Private	10:30 AM
11:30 AM	Jack & Jills (11:30 AM) Prelims/Semis/Finals Novice, Newcomer, Advanced, Sophisticated	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	11:30 AM
1:00 PM		Afternoon at the Shag Pavilion Social Dancing	Junior Pizza Party (1:00 PM)	1:00 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	Practice/Private	3:00 PM
4:30 PM		WCS Level 1		5:30 PM
5:30 PM	(JACK & JILL AWARDS following comps)	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	6:00 PM
6:00 PM	Dinner Break	WCS Level 3		7:30 PM
7:30 PM	Ballroom Opens Social Dancing	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	8:00 PM
8:00 PM	Open Strictly Prelims/Finals			9:15 PM
9:15 PM	Masters Carolina Classic			10:15 PM
10:15 PM	Team			10:45 PM
10:45 PM	Classic			11:30 PM
11:30 PM	Social Dancing (11:30 – until)	Social Dancing (11:30 – until)		12:15 PM
12:15 PM	Theme Party & Costume Contest	Social Dancing (11:30 – until)		
SUNDAY, May 25th				
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 – 10:00)	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	7:00 AM
8:00 AM				
10:00 AM	WCS Level 1	WCS Advanced/All-Star (WSDC)	Practice/Private	10:00 AM
11:00 AM	WCS Level 3	Shag Beginner/Intermediate		11:00 AM
12:00 PM	“Everybody Dance Now” (All American J & J)	Practice/Private		12:00 PM
1:30 PM	Pro-Am Routines	WCS Level 2	Practice/Private	1:30 PM
2:30 PM	Junior Shag			2:30 PM
Ice Cream Social – Atrium (3:30)				
4:00 PM	Champions Strictly Prelims/Finals	Practice/Private	Practice/Private	4:00 PM
5:30 PM	Cabaret			5:30 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”)			8:45 PM
10:00 PM	Social Dancing (10:00 – until)	Social Dancing (10:00 – until)		10:00 PM
Safe Travels Home! See you next year – May 21 – 25th, 2026.				

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