



California Star Ball

65th CALIFORNIA STAR BALL

Nov 27th – Nov 29th, 2026

HOTEL DEADLINE Nov 6th, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINES: Early Bird Oct 23rd, 2026, Regular Nov 12th, 2026

Rules, Regulations & General Information

For All competitors and spectators, please read carefully before submitting entries and packages.

1. All Pro/Am teachers, students, professionals, and amateur couples are required to have a **2026** Registration Number with the NDCA. (Pro/Am students DO need to be registered.)

Register online: www.ndca.org/registration

2. Material danced should be based on the NDCA approved syllabi. Lifts are allowed only in solo exhibitions. All Closed categories will be invigilated for compliance with the NDCA approved syllabus lists. This competition is governed by the rules and regulations set forth by the NDCA.

3. Teachers can only have one (1) entry per dance, level and age combination. Competition events will be run only once; therefore a teacher cannot dance the same event with two different students.

4. Pro/Am Competitors and Student/Student Competitors are allowed to dance two (2) consecutive divisions. For example, a student may dance all the Bronze (pre-bronze, intermediate bronze, full bronze and open bronze) divisions plus all of the Silver Divisions.

5. Adult Amateur Competitors may dance in any two (2) consecutive age categories for which they are age-eligible. Preteen/Junior/Youth Amateur Competitors may dance in their correct age category plus one (1) age category older. Amateur Competitors may dance any 2 consecutive proficiency levels in a given style; proficiency levels may be different in different styles.

6. Preteen competitors, whether in Pro/Am or Amateur events, must dress according to current NDCA dress code, regardless of age category of entry.

7. Solos are limited to 4 (four) per student. The maximum duration per solo is 4 minutes, including entrance and exit. You must provide your own music on an individually labeled cd or memory card acceptable to the music director with student's name and solo number.

The five solo routines with the highest average scores will be invited to compete in the Top Solo Grand Prix to determine the Overall Top Solo for this year's California Star Ball.

8. Scholarships: In order to register for a scholarship, student must dance a full round of single dance entries in the same category and level as the scholarship. A full round shall be 4 Smooth single dances or 5 Ballroom, Latin, or Rhythm Single Dances.

9. The organizer reserves the right to combine events by merging age or proficiency levels of events with fewer than 3 entries without prior notification to the competitors.

10. No responsibility for loss of theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballrooms, or hotel rooms can be accepted by The California Star Ball, by the organizer, David Alvarez, or Dance Junkie Productions, or any of its officers or staff, or by the NDCA Inc., and neither can they be held

liable for injury sustained by persons attending the event. Everyone attending The California Star Ball does so at his or her own risk. All persons attending The California Star Ball, whether as spectators, competitors, officials or guests shall be bound by current NDCA rules and, by participating in any capacity in The California Star Ball, will be obliged to adhere to them.

11. HOTEL

- The closing date for hotel reservations is **November 6th, 2026** to guarantee a room at our hotel at our group rate. Our room block is limited, so please make reservations early, and ask for the California Star Ball group to get the correct room rate.
- Hotel reservation must be guaranteed with credit card. There may be a 14-day cancellation policy for the hotel rooms, please contact the hotel for details.
- All hotel reservations are the responsibility of the participants. There are a limited number of rooms available a few days before and after the competition dates. Please book your rooms early.

12. PAYMENT POLICIES

- Payment must accompany entry forms. Entries are not considered to be complete without payment.
- Payments made after **November 12th, 2026** will be subject to a \$50/person late fee.
- Entries and/or payments made after **November 12th, 2026**, must be in the form of a Certified or Cashiers' Check or Credit Card. No personal or business checks will be accepted after **November 12th, 2026**.
- Entries will not be accepted over the phone. Please e-mailed to info@californiastarball.com, or mailed to California Star Ball Entry Processing, 115 Via Lee, Santa Barbara, CA.
- You will receive confirmation of your entries and packages. Please check very carefully that no mistakes have been made.

Make checks payable to:
California Star Ball

Mail all entries and payments to:
California Star Ball Entry Processing
Attn: David Alvarez
115 Via Lee
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

13. REFUND POLICIES

- Packages, entries, and room reservations can be cancelled, in writing. The refund schedule is as follows: 100% refund 5 weeks before the 1st day of competition; 75% refund and 25% credit 4 weeks before the competition; 50% refund and 50% future credit 3 weeks before the competition; 25% refund and 75% future credit 2 weeks before the competition; 100% future credit 1 week before the competition. No cancellations will be accepted after **November 26th, 2026**. However, the Organizer may consider credit in the case of emergency only and must accompany a doctor's note.
- No refunds or exchanges will be made on admission tickets. All sales are final.
- Refunds are subject to a \$100 per entrant service charge, any entries paid for with a CC will have a 3.5% service charge cancellation fee. The credit card company does not refund us the service fee they charge us.
- Refunds will be made within 30 days after the Event.
- Entries scratched or missed during the event are non-refundable.