



California Star Ball

62nd CALIFORNIA STAR BALL

November 24th – 26th, 2023

HOTEL DEADLINE October 20th, 2023

EARLY BIRD ENTRY DEADLINE October 13th!!

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 **20232023** Registration Number with the NDCA. (Pro/Am students DO need to be registered.)

Register online: www.ndca.org/registration

For more information on NDCA registration, contact:

Eleanor Wiblin
NDCA Registrar
PO Box 22018,
Provo, UT, 84602-2018
(801) 422-8124

2. Material danced should be based on the NDCA approved syllabi. Lifts are allowed only in solo exhibitions. All Closed categories will be inviolated 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 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 held during an evening session to determine the Overall Top Solo for this year's Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i Star Ball, will be obliged to adhere to them.

11. HOTEL

- The closing date for hotel reservations is **2023October 20th, 2023** to guarantee a room at our hotel at our group rate. Our room block is limited, so please make reservations early, and mention the California Star Ball 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 unless on VIP package. There are a limited number of rooms available a few days before and after the competition dates. Please book you rooms early.

12. PAYMENT POLICIES

- Payment must accompany entry forms. Entries are not considered to be complete without payment. Payments made after **November 6th, 2023** will be subject to a \$100/person late fee. A minimum non-refundable 20% down payment is required by **November 6th, 2023** to guarantee participation in selected events and hotel and other purchases. If a deposit is not received, entries and hotel purchases are subject to cancellation at organizers discretion.
- Entries and/or payments made after **November 6th, 2023**, must be in the form of a Certified or Cashiers' Check or Credit Card. No personal or business checks will be accepted after **November 6th, 2023**.
- Entries will not be accepted over the phone. Entries must be faxed to 808-356-0651, 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, and must be received at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first day of the event. No cancellations will be accepted after **November 20th, 2023**. 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 3% service charge, minimum of \$100.
- Refunds will be made within 30 days after the Event.
- Entries scratched or missed during the event are non-refundable.



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Top Awards & Prize Money

California Star Ball Top Teacher, Top Students and Top Studio awards are based on both entries and placements. Teachers and students must dance the events to earn points.

- Teachers that dance Pro/Am and also have student couples dancing in separate single dance adult student/student single dance events will be awarded "coaching" points and will accumulate 1/2 points per couple. Coach MUST be identified at the time of registration.
- There will be no points awarded for any scratched or missed entries for any reason.
- Each entry, whether for single dance, multi-dance challenge or scholarship event will receive a single entry point.
- Placement points will be awarded according to the following schedule:

Proficiency

1 pt per entry, no extra points for placements

1-2 Dance events

1st= 8pts 2nd=7pts 3rd=6pts 4th=5pts 5th=4pts 6th=3pts
7th=2pts 8th=1pt plus 4pts/recall

3-5 Dance events

1st=20pts 2nd=15pts 3rd=10pts 4th=8pts 5th=6pts
6th=4pts 7th=2pts 8th=2pts plus 5pts/recall

Youth Events will accumulate points at ½ the above rate.

The 2023 California Star Ball Top Student

- Top Newcomer Lady/Gent
- Top Bronze Lady/Gent
- Top Silver Lady/Gent
- Top Gold & Above Lady/Gent
- Top Amateur Couple
- Top Solo Grand Prix Winner
- WDSS Top 20 Overall Students
- Top Overall Lady/Gentlemen

The 2023 California Star Ball will award the following Pro/Am Scholarship Prize Money

Adult Closed Pro/Am Scholarships

Cash (1-3) 1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$50
4th – 6th \$40 Voucher

Adult Open Pro/Am Scholarships

Cash (1-3) 1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100
4th – 6th : \$50 Voucher

Youth Scholarships

Cash (1-3) 1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$50
4th – 6th : \$25 Voucher

2023 Top Teacher Awards

- 1st Place (minimum 300 pro/am entries): \$7,000*
- 2nd Place (minimum 250 pro/am entries): \$5,000*
- 3rd Place (minimum 200 pro/am entries): \$3,000*
- 4th Place (minimum 150 pro/am entries): \$1,500
- 5th Place (minimum 100 pro/am entries): \$1,000
- 6th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 7th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 8th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 9th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 10th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500

All prizes will be awarded as long a minimum entries are met; however only the amount of money qualified for will be given out. For example, if the 1st place Top Teacher has only 275 pro/am entries, he or she will receive \$5,000, not \$7,000. In the same scenario, if the 2nd place Top Teacher also has 275 pro/am entries, he or she will also earn \$5,000. If there are not 10 qualified Top Teacher candidates, then fewer places will be awarded.

*Teachers AND Students must be on a VIP package (A, B, C or D) to qualify for the award money for the top 3 Top Teacher & Top Femal Bonus Awards regardless of number of entries.

The 2023 California Star Ball will award the following Professional Prize Money

Rising Star Divisions

1st \$750 2nd \$500 3rd \$400 4th \$300
5th \$200 6th \$100

Open Professional Championship Divisions

1st \$1,500 2nd \$1,000 3rd \$700 4th \$600
5th \$500 6th \$400

Professional Cabaret

1st \$1,000 2nd \$800 3rd \$600 4th \$400
5th \$200 6th \$100

The 2023 California Star Ball Top Studio

- Top Large Studio (7+students)
- Top Medium Studio (3-6 students)
- Top Small Studio (1-2 students)

**2023 California Star Ball
Total Prize \$90,000+**