

DANCESPORT VA

Presents the



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Dear Dance Teachers, Studio Owners & Colleagues:

Welcome to the 14th Annual Virginia Beach Dance Challenge! We are very excited to host everyone here at DancesportVA in Virginia Beach, VA. We would like to invite you all to enjoy a fun-filled weekend of dance challenges, showcases, and general dancing. We have floating sprung maple dance floors in our ballrooms that are sure to enhance your dancing experience.

In this package, you will find: Event Information, Schedule of Events, and Price List. Please call DancesportVA at (757) 473-3267 if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing our returning students and teachers as well as meeting those who are attending our event for the first time!

Sincerely,

Sara Austin

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Dance Guidelines

- In Bronze Level, American Smooth, only closed footwork is permitted. No continuity styling.
- In closed or restricted categories, syllabi from NDCA or USA Dance member organizations should be used as a guideline.
- Open categories are not material restricted.
- American style competitions should not include International style figures (Except where permitted by the above organizations)
- In the single dance events, competitors may enter three consecutive dance levels and two consecutive age categories. (Younger and not older - except in the case of juniors or youths.) Competitors may dance in one age group no more than twice at the same level per dance.
- A couple's age classification is defined as the age of the youngest partner on the day of the event. (Except when only one person of the couple is being evaluated for proficiency)
- No lifts allowed in closed and open events. (Except in Argentine Tango, open levels) A lift is when both feet of one person are off the floor and therefore needs the other person to support them totally.
- Solo Exhibitions music should be submitted (cued and identified) on flash drive to the DJ no later than one hour prior to the event. The maximum time is three minutes including entrance and exit. Props are allowed.
- The Organizers reserve the right to merge any categories.



Information Sheet Policies and Procedures

Event Information

Our Annual Virginia Beach Dance Challenge will be held at DanceSportVA, 5721 Arrowhead Drive, Virginia Beach, Va 23462. Phone: 757 473-3267 website: www.vbdancechallenge.com. The contact person is Sara Austin 757-473-3267.

Competition Check-In

Studio owners/managers and instructors must check in with the Registrar to pick up packages, tickets and to confirm dance entries. All changes of entries, if any, should be made prior to the start of the competition by 8:00am on Saturday morning. Please provide the phonetic pronunciation of your name (or the contestant's name) for the Master of Ceremonies (MC).

Closing Date (March 26, 2026)

Entries and payments must be submitted before the closing date of **March 26, 2026**. Entry Forms received after the closing Date may not appear in the program.

Payments/Refunds

Please make checks payable to: DanceSportVA. **There will be no refunds after March 26, 2026.**

Publicity Release

All persons attending this event have, by his or her presence in the ballroom, consented to the use and release of any video, pictures or names of those spectators, contestants, or persons participating in the floor show to the organizers of the event and do hereby release to organizers and/or official photographer(s) of the event such video or pictures to be used in print media, online media, television or in any tapes, DVD's, etc. for sale. **All persons participating in this event must sign the release form enclosed in this information package.**

Liability

Neither Virginia Beach Dance Challenge organizers nor their staff will be held responsible for loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, bathrooms, ballrooms, or hotel. The organizer(s) of the Virginia Beach Dance Challenge will NOT be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending the event.

Attendees at this event do so at their own risk.



Schedule of Events

Adjudicators: Dan Calloway | Rick Zilonka | Emily Drinkall

MC: Jeff Miller

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Friday April 17, 2026: (Tentative times and events)

5 pm: Registration Open at Reception Desk.

6:30 pm: A beginner ballroom dance class in the Dance Club for registered VBDC guests and spectators.

7:30 pm: A Beyond Beginner ballroom dance class in the Main Ballroom. This class is included in the competition admission to the Welcome Party.

8 pm: Welcome Party. Ballroom Dancing in Main Ballroom and Latin Dancing in the Dance Club. Free to all VBDC Participants. Includes beverages (wine, beer and soft drinks) and snacks. Guests and Spectators \$20 per person.

9pm: Mini Salsa & Bachata Lead/Follow Competition. Cost is \$10 per person (this is not included in admission). Prizes will be awarded for top social lead and top social follow for each dance.

Saturday April 18, 2026: (times are subject to change)

7 am: Registration Open. Both the Main Ballroom and Dance Club are open for practice.

8 am: Competition takes place in the Main Ballroom. Dance Club open for practice.

7 pm: Dinner (Buffet Style)

7 pm: Awards Ceremony and General Dancing

Free to all VBDC Participants. Guests and Spectators \$10 per person.

9pm: Mini West Coast Swing & Country Two Step Lead/Follow Competition. Cost is \$10 per person (this is not included in admission). Prizes will be awarded for top social lead and top social follow for each dance.