DECEMBER 18 - 19, 2026 TORONTO WINTER BALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Everyone attending this event, whether as spectators or as Officials or as Competitors or guests of the Organizer, shall be bound by NDCC and CDF rules and by participating in the Toronto Winter Ball automatically become obliged to adhere to them.

Professionals: Professionals competing in any capacity must be currently registered with the CDF or other governing body recognized by WDC and supply the Organizers with an official registration number on our entry forms. For Canadians professionals registration forms are available from CDF website www.canadiandancesportfederation.ca . Professionals from the USA must hold their **current year** Professional Registration with NDCA.

Professional Showtime Challenge: Couples will be judged performing a solo routine of their own choice, not to exceed three (3) minutes, including walk-on and walk-off music. All competitors entering this event must come prepared with their own special music on USB or emailed prior to the event to torontowinterball@gmail.com

Amateurs: Amateur events are sanctioned by NDCC. For Canadian couples, both lady and gentleman competitor must hold their current NDCC card (National Dance Council of Canada) prior to the beginning of Toronto Winter Ball competition event. NDCC registration and renewal shall be done through NDCC website at https://dancecouncil.ca/about/registration/. Amateur couples from the USA should be registered with NDCA. Amateur Competition Rules and Regulation, Dress Code and Syllabus Step Lists are available on NDCC website at http://dancecouncil.ca/about/rules/. In order to compete in Scholarship event you must dance at least one (1) multi dance event prior to your Scholarship event.

Pro/Am: Pro-Am students do not need to be registered with any association. During single dances, ladies and gentlemen are not competing against each other. In all other dance categories, ladies and gentlemen may be competing against each other. **Pro/Am Multi-Dance Rules:** In the 3-Dance Open Championships a Student may dance 2 consecutive levels in the same style. In all Multi-Dance events, a Student must enter the Scholarship or Championship level of the highest single dance entry level in a style. To qualify for the 9-Dance, a student must enter the minimum 9 single dances. TO ENTER TO A SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANT MUST DANCE AT LEAST 10 SINGLE DANCES OF ANY STYLE.

Entrees: Pro/Am, Am/Am and Mixed Student Age Divisions may enter in two age divisions - one of their own age group and one lower than their own age group. Pro/Am, Am/Am and Mixed Student categories may dance up to three levels in the closed or open categories

Showdance: Maximum time limited to two and a half (2,5) minutes for a single dance and three (3) minutes for a medley. Two teachers dancing with one student are entered as a regular exhibition. Drops and Lifts are permitted in all levels of Solo Exhibitions. Maximum of three (3) Solo Exhibitions per student will be accepted. Music must be on USB or emailed prior to the event DJ.

Formations: Maximum time limited to two and a half (2,5) minutes for a single dance and three (3) minutes for a medley. Teams must consist of at least two (2) couples. Drops and Lifts are permitted in all levels of Solo Exhibitions. Maximum of three (3) Solo Exhibitions per student will be accepted. Music must be on USB or emailed prior to the event DJ.

Syllabus: All of the material used in Closed, Single, Multi and Scholarship dance events should be based on the Syllabus approved by NDCC and CDF. An invigilator will be used for all restricted categories. These categories will be strictly supervised and competitors committing infraction will be warned and/or disqualified

Costumes: Pro/Am - any style of costumes are permitted at any level except Newcomer. All Amateur and Mixed Amateur dancers will follow NDCC costume rules and regulations

PRIZE MONEY Professional, Amateur and Pro-Am Championships and Scholarships: In any category with three entries or less, the organizer reserves the right to pay prorated fee of 50% of estimated prize money or to to eliminate the age and sex divisions and merge competitors into one open division.

TOP TEACHER PRIZE MONEY: Please go to www.torontowinterball.com for the most current prize money & qualifications.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Cancellations made 30 days prior to the event - a full refund will be issued within 30 days after the event minus $50 processing fee. All other cancellations past 30 day prior to the event will be given a credit equivalent to the amount paid toward the entrees for the next year of Toronto Winter Ball event.
There are no refunds or exchanges on general admission tickets.

Liability: Everyone entering to Toronto Winter Ball does so at their own risk. No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballroom, or hotel rooms can be accepted by the organizers or the NDCC and CDF, neither can they be held liable for injury, including death sustained by persons attending the Toronto Winter Ball
By entering to the Toronto Winter Ball 2025 Competition held at Delta Toronto Airport Hotel, located at 655 Dixon Rd, Toronto, ON M9W 1J3, I agree to all of the above rules and regulations.