

Regolamento



At 7:30 PM on Saturday, June 13, 2026, during the 5th edition of the Sweat and Dust Country Festival, the fourth edition of “THE BEST OF DANCE” will take place, featuring teams led by the event’s guest choreographers competing against each other.

The competition format was designed with the aim of fostering togetherness and making a dream come true for many dancers: the chance to perform together with their favorite choreographer.

★ COMPETITION START

Saturday, June 13, 2026 – 7:30 PM

★ CHOREOGRAPHIES IN COMPETITION

Each choreographer will choose, according to their own preferences, one of their already well-known choreographies. These choreographies will be announced through the Festival’s communication channels, allowing all participants enough time to learn and/or review the selected routines.

★ APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Dancers may submit their application free of charge starting from February 1, 2026, with the registration deadline set no later than May 30, 2026, by completing the dedicated registration form available on the following webpage:

<https://sweatanddust.com/thebestofdance/>



Each dancer may choose to apply to participate in one or more choreographies. For this reason, each application must be submitted individually, and group applications will not be accepted.

If a dancer has expressed the intention to participate in multiple choreographies, they may compete only with the team for which they are (if applicable) selected first.

The registration process will be considered complete only upon receipt of a confirmation email from the Sweat and Dust Country Festival.

★ **TEAM DRAW**

On June 12, 2026, starting at 7:00 PM, during the event, the names of the selected dancers will be announced.

For each of the five choreographies in competition, 24 names will be drawn and will form, together with the choreographer, a team of 25 members.

The draw will be conducted in a purely random manner, with no criteria based on age or gender.

★ **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

Each member of a selected team must strictly:

1. **Guarantee their presence** at the rehearsals with the Team Leader (the choreographer), which will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2026, for approximately one hour, in order to allow the choreographer to organize the performance;
2. **Show the utmost respect for the choreographer** and the other team members by committing to the study and/or review of the choreography.

The Staff of the Sweat and Dust Country Festival reserves the right to remove dancers during team rehearsals with the choreographer who, based on an evaluation of their knowledge of the steps (and not on the execution style), are found to be insufficiently prepared..

★ **WHO THE COMPETITION IS FOR**

The competition is open to all Country Line Dance dancers.

★ **DRESS CODE**

All participants are required to wear appropriate attire that ensures decorum and respects the traditional standards of country dance.



It will be mandatory to wear a country hat and country boots. The use of any other type of footwear or headwear is strictly prohibited.

The Sweat and Dust Country Festival will provide the official competition T-shirt to all members of each team. The T-shirt will be supplied in a unisex model and must be worn during the competition.

The T-shirt will remain a complimentary gift to each dancer as a souvenir of the event.

★ COMPETITION PROCEDURE

The 24 dancers forming each team, together with the choreographer, must report to the Pala Dust at least one hour before the start of the competition for accreditation and must be ready to enter the dance floor in accordance with the scheduled time.

The order of performance will be determined by a draw once all competing teams have completed the accreditation process.

★ VOTING

Voting will be by popular vote.

All guests present on the dance floor at the time of the competition will receive a token, which must be used to vote for their favorite performance.

At the end of all performances, voters may place their token into the box corresponding to the chosen choreography, which will be positioned below the stage.

Once the tokens have been counted, the winner will be declared.

★ PRIZES

Each dancer will receive the official competition T-shirt as a complimentary gift.

Each choreographer will receive, in addition to the competition T-shirt, a commemorative plaque as a token of appreciation for their participation.

These regulations may be subject to changes should organizational requirements make them necessary.



For any further information, the following contacts are available:

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