2026 Ohio Star Ball Collegiate Challenge
Official Information Document

Event Title: OSB Collegiate Challenge (OCC)

Dates: November 21 & 22nd, 2026

Registration Deadline: November 13th, 2026

Location: Union Station Ballrooms of the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Competitor Entry Fees/Tickets:

College Competitor Price - $85/person All fees are per person
Includes... 10 entries per person, up to two consecutive levels per style (the 10-entry limit does not include fun, university team and formation team events), Friday night practice entry and a ticket for Friday and Saturday night to watch professional events at the Ohio Star Ball.

In order to compete at the OCC, you must be (1) a college student with a valid Student ID, OR (2) have graduated within the last 6 months/previous semester, and be able to show a graduation certificate AND YOUR PARTNER IS STILL A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT WITH A VALID STUDENT ID. (Dropping out of school 2 months ago, does not count.) AND (3) you must be between the ages of 16 and 35.

No additional membership in any organization will be required for this event.

Formation Team Members - $40/person (For team members who are NOT dancing in any other event, all others MUST pay the $85/person competitor price.) If a team member is also competing in a regular "couple" event then the fee for that person is

$85.00/person. Each team member will receive the following: Friday night practice entry and a ticket for Friday and Saturday night to watch professional events at the Ohio Star Ball.

The names of all team members (both those only competing in the Formation Team, and those members who are also dancing in the couple events,) must be sent to the registrar via email.

College Coach / Club Sponsor - $65 in advance, $70 at the door - Please send the names of your college coaches/sponsors who will be attending to the register at: osbcollegiatechallenge@gmail.com by Nov. 13, 2026. Please note: only 2 coaches/sponsors per team are allowed!

Competitor Fees and Coaches passes can be paid for via two methods:

1. Team Check – Please email the organizer at osbcollegiatechallenge@gmail.com by Nov. 14th to let them know you will be bringing a check to the event to avoid late charges. Checks must be made payable to the "**OHIO STAR BALL**".
2. Credit Cards – All credit cards must be paid online by the end of registration (Nov 14th) to avoid late fees.

Spectators (good only for the collegiate event) - **FREE**

OSB Evening Session Ticket Information:

All tickets for the Ohio Star Ball evening sessions will be distributed from the OCC registration desk outside of the Union Station Ballrooms (NOT from the Ohio Star Ball registration desk).

Ohio Star Ball may be televised. Regardless, if you are not dressed appropriately for an evening show, you will not be allowed to attend the show. Appropriate dress includes dress slacks, a nice shirt and a tie for men, and either cocktail/party type dress or dress slacks and a nice top for the women. (Appropriate dress is not jeans, t-shirts, sandals, or the type of attire you may wear to classes at your college or university.) Please do not embarrass yourself, your school, or us.

Friday evening tickets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis as you register on Friday evening. Saturday evening tickets will be given to the Team Captains on Saturday. This includes coaches passes.

Schedule:

This is the preliminary schedule and just a listing of events that will be danced during each session. **This is NOT the order of events.**

Friday Night:

6pm - 10pm - Grand Ballroom Foyer: Registration / Pick-up Tickets & Numbers
6pm - 7:30pm - Grand Ballroom: Formation Team - 10-minute check-in practice with invigilator.
7:30pm - 10pm - Grand Ballroom: Practice Session

Saturday Morning:

TENTATIVE - 7:00am - Grand Ballroom Foyer: Registration / Pick-up Tickets & Numbers

TENTATIVE - 8:00am (could possibly be earlier or later depending on the registration levels)

Session 1 - SMOOTH EVENTS (NOT THE FINAL ORDER OF EVENTS):

Pre-Bronze Smooth Waltz (W)
Pre-Bronze Smooth Tango (T)
Pre-Bronze Smooth Foxtrot (F)
Bronze Smooth (WF)
Bronze Smooth Tango (T)
Bronze Smooth V. Waltz (V)
Silver Smooth (WF)
Silver Smooth (TV)
Gold Smooth (WF)
Gold Smooth (TV)
Novice Smooth (WTF)
Pre-Champ Smooth (WTFV)
Open Smooth (WTFV)

Session 2 - Saturday Afternoon: LATIN EVENTS (NOT THE FINAL ORDER OF EVENTS):

Pre-Bronze Latin Cha Cha (C)
Pre-Bronze Latin Rumba (R)
Pre-Bronze Latin Jive (J)
Bronze Latin (CR)
Bronze Latin Samba (S)
Bronze Latin Jive (J)
Silver Latin (CR)
Silver Latin (SJ)
Gold Latin (CR)
Gold Latin (SJ)
Syllabus Paso Doble (P)
Novice Latin (SCR)
Pre-Champ Latin (SCRJ)

Open Latin (SCRPJ)

National Collegiate Latin Formation Team Championship
National Collegiate Standard Formation Team Championship

Sunday

TENTATIVE - 8:00am (could possibly be earlier or later depending on the registration levels)

Session 3 - STANDARD EVENTS (NOT THE FINAL ORDER OF EVENTS):

Pre-Bronze Standard Waltz (W)
Pre-Bronze Standard Tango (T)
Pre-Bronze Quickstep (Q)
Bronze Standard (WQ)
Bronze Standard Foxtrot (F)
Bronze Standard Tango (T)
Silver Standard (WQ)
Silver Standard (FT)
Gold Standard (WQ)
Gold Standard (FT)
Syllabus Int'l V. Waltz (V)
Novice Standard (WFQ)
Pre-Champ Standard (WTFQ)
Open Standard (WTVFQ)

University Team Match American Style (T/C/F/M)
University Team Match International Style (W/S/F/R)

Session 4 - RHYTHM EVENTS (NOT THE FINAL ORDER OF EVENTS):

Pre-Bronze Rhythm Cha Cha (C)
Pre-Bronze Rhythm Rumba (R)
Pre-Bronze Swing (S)
Bronze Rhythm (CR)
Bronze Rhythm Swing (S)
Bronze Rhythm Mambo (M)
Silver Rhythm (CR)
Silver Rhythm (SM)
Gold Rhythm (CR)
Gold Rhythm (SM)
Syllabus Bolero (B)
Novice Rhythm (CRS)
Pre-Champ Rhythm (CRSM)
Open Rhythm (CRSBM)

Competitor Rules:

NOTE TO COMPETITORS: The following needs to be true:

Must have a valid college student ID; OR have graduated within the last 6 months/previous semester, and be able to show a graduation certificate AND YOUR PARTNER IS STILL A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT WITH A VALID STUDENT ID (Dropping out of school 2 months ago, does not count.) AND
Must be between the ages of 16 & 35.

ENTRY RULES - Each INDIVIDUAL competitor is limited to 10 events, with up to two consecutive levels per style. Events exempt from the 10-event limit are the University Team Matches, and the Formation Teams.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE - ONLINE. Please read the information below BEFORE proceeding to

ONLINE REGISTRATION - http://register.o2cm.com/?event=occ

FORMATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - You can enter your Formation Teams with the online registration. The entry only accepts 2 names right now. Enter the team captain's name as the lead and be creative with the follow and use this section to describe your team/routine. For the rest of your team members, please contact the Competition Coordinator, Amanda Ashcraft (osbcollegiatechallenge@gmail.com). All team members need to pay for their entries. (University Team Match couples will be signed up on-site, there is no reason to sign up for the Team Match in advance.)

Please be aware that the Formations Teams will be required to follow the NDCA rule book. Please download the rules at https://www.ndca.org/pages/ndca_rule_book/Default.asp. You will be required to show the routine to our invigilator on Friday night from 6 to 7:30 PM or Saturday morning 6:30 to 7:30 AM. Each routine will be given 10 minutes on the floor. If additional time is needed you will have time later Friday night or early Saturday morning prior to the start of the event. You will not be allowed to compete unless we see the routine.

NO PARTNER - For all competitors who do not have a partner, please register with your partner's name as "TBA, TBA". By doing this, you will allow us to schedule the events appropriately. There will be a "Partner Search" area at OCC. Once at the competition, anyone looking for a partner will have the opportunity to connect with other TBA dancers from other universities. (Please do not use this opportunity to dance with people from your team who you couldn't register with because of event limitations.) Be sure to register your new partnership and entry at the registration desk at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. We will be using the honor system, please respect this.

A TBA follower can dance with a leader one level down or 1 level up from their highest OCC competitive level.
Examples:

A Bronze follower may dance down to Pre-Bronze or up to Silver
A Silver follower may dance down to Bronze or up to Gold
A Gold follower may dance down to Silver or up to Novice

A TBA leader can lead a follower 1 level down from their highest OCC competitive level & may add 2 TBA events with a follower from a different university.

A Bronze leader may lead Pre-Bronze
A Silver leader may lead Bronze
A Gold leader may lead Silver
An Open dancer may lead Gold

LATE ENTRIES - Late entries (after Nov. 13) will only be accepted at the discretion of the organizer AND WILL INCUR A $15.00/PERSON LATE FEE. To ensure you can dance the events you want, REGISTER NOW! **Deadline to register is Nov. 13, 2026.**

SYLLABUS RULES - Syllabus Definitions can be found at http://ndca.org/rules-and-results/ndca-rule-book/.

In the Syllabus Paso Doble, International V. Waltz & Bolero events, a couple may dance any syllabus figure from Bronze - Gold, but may not dance any open combination of steps.

PRE-BRONZE COMPETITOR STATUS:
Pre-Bronze is recommended for someone who:
Does not have more than a year of competitive experience, or
Is competing in the particular style of the first time and
Basically, is doing only steps 1-7 in the Bronze syllabus of the particular style.
We will be using the honor system and will not be checking to make sure that you are truly a Pre-Bronze dancer. We trust that you will respect the Pre-Bronze level as a place to encourage dancers who are relatively new to competition &/or the style of dance.

UNIVERSITY TEAM MATCH CHAMPIONSHIP: We will be running two team match events: American University Team Match Challenge, and International University Team Match Challenge. There will be four dances in both of these events. A team will consist of four couples, one for each dance. To allow more people a chance to dance, couples should not be the same for both team matches. Couples must meet the eligibility requirements above.

American University Team Match:
Tango
Cha Cha
Foxtrot
Mambo

International University Team Match:
Waltz
Samba
Foxtrot
Rumba

Entries: (A) Schools can enter one team per style; (B) Four couples for each team; (C) Each person can dance only once; (D) A team member may only dance on one team and (E) The number of rounds will be determined by the Chair of Judges.

Dress Code Rules:

There are no costumes allowed in Newcomer, Bronze or Silver. NO reflective material, sequins, rhinestones, etc. Fringe is fine. No decoration jewelry with light reflective qualities, including earrings necklaces, bracelets, etc. No gloves or floats.

Costumes are allowed for Gold, Novice, Pre-Champ and Open.