

CALGARY DANCE STAMPEDE - 2026 EVENT AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026	
5:00 – 8:00 pm	Pop-Up Event Registration opens for PRE-REGISTERED PACKAGE PICK UP ONLY
6:30 pm	Couples KICK-OFF PARTY at the Ranchman’s Calgary (9615 Mclead Trail S) – Lesson at 7:00pm
6:30 pm	Line Dance KICK-OFF PARTY at Thompsons room in the Hyatt Regency – Lesson at 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026	
10:00 am	Event Registration opens; Competition floor open for practice
1:00 pm	UCWDC ProAm Divisions: Intermediate, Advanced, All-Stars, ProPro, ProAm Spotlight. <i>30min Floor Trials with Competition to follow</i>
3:00 pm	Workshops begin (see Workshop Schedule)
4:00 pm	CTST / NCDC Prep Class
4:00 pm	WCS COMPETITORS SEMINAR w/ Jim Tigges Separate fee for class
5:00 pm	WCS Leveled auditions for anyone without Intermediate or above WSDC points
5:00 pm	CTST / NCDC Two Step Jack n’ Jill and Strictly Two Step registration deadline Each competitor must possess a Full Weekend Pass (Stampede or Maverick pass)
6:00 pm	Free Beginner Workshops begin
6:00 pm	CTST / NCDC Two Step Jack n’ Jill Prelims – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Sophisticated, Masters and All-Stars
~7:00 pm	Strictly Two-Step Prelims and Finals – Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
7:00 pm	Friday Night Showcase w/ UCWDC Crown/Crown + and Open Div I (Classic and Showcase) <i>15min Floor Trials with Competition to follow</i>
7:00 pm	WCS ProAm Strictly and Maple Mix-Up Jack n’ Jill registration deadline Each competitor must possess a Full Weekend Pass (Stampede or Maverick pass)
~7:45 pm	CTST / NCDC Two Step Jack n’ Jill Finals - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Sophisticated, Masters and All-Stars
8:00 pm	Beginner Welcome Info Session
8:30 pm	30 min - Open WCS dancing in the Swing Ballroom
9:00 pm	Workshops (all rooms) closed
9:00 pm	Practice Rooms are available (see Workshop Schedule)
9:00 pm	Line Dance Party begins in the Thompsons Room until 3:00 am
9:00 pm	‘Outlaw’ Professional Invitational Jack n’ Jill Contest
9:00 pm	WCS Maple Mix-Up (formerly All-Canadian) Jack n’ Jill Prelims
10:00 pm	Country Dance Party Begins in the Main Ballroom until 3:00 am
~10:00 pm	WCS ProAm Strictly Divisions - Leader / Follower Newcomer/Novice & Intermediate
~11:00 pm	WCS Maple Mix-Up Jack n’ Jill Finals

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12:00 am	West Coast Swing Dance Party in the Swing Ballroom until 3:00 am
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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026	
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7:00 am	Event Registration opens; Competition floor open for practice
8:00 am	UCWDC ProAm Newcomer & Novice Divisions <i>30 min Floor Trials with Competition to follow</i>
9:00 am	Workshops begin (see Workshop Schedule)
10:00am	WCS Leveled auditions for anyone without Intermediate or above WSDC points
11:00 am	WCS INTENSIVE: The POWER of Patience w/ Phil and Flore Berne Separate fee for class
11:00 pm	WSDC Jack n' Jill Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate and WCS Strictly Swing, registration deadline, Each competitor must possess a Full Weekend Pass (Stampede or Maverick pass)
1:00 pm	30 min - Open WCS dancing in the Swing Ballroom
1:00 pm	UCWDC Line Dance, Teams and Line Dance Choreography <i>30 min Floor Trials with Competition to follow</i>
1:30 pm	WSDC Jack n' Jill Prelims – Newcomer, Novice and Intermediate
~2:45 pm	WCS Strictly Swing Prelims and Finals - Newcomer/Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
~3:45 pm	WSDC Jack n' Jill Finals – Newcomer, Novice and Intermediate
5:00 pm	Workshops and Swing Ballroom (all rooms) closed
5:00 pm	Main Dance Hall closed; Floor trials for UCWDC Masters and show performers
~6:00 pm	Campfire Ball Dinner is served in the Swing Ballroom; doors open at 6:00 pm
~8:00 pm	Campfire Ball Professional Showcase & Masters Competition in the Main Ballroom; doors open 7:45 pm
8:00 pm	Evening Line Dance Workshop
9:00 pm	Line Dance Party begins in the Thompsons Room until 3:00 am
9:30 pm	30 min - Open WCS dancing in the Swing Ballroom
10:00 pm	Rising Star Tour
~10:00 pm	Country Dance Party begins in the Main Ballroom until 3:00 am
~ 10:30 pm	West Coast Swing Dance Party begins in the Swing Room until 6:00 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026	
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7:00 am	Event Registration opens; Competition floor open for practice
8:00 am	UCWDC Couples Divisions (except Open Div I & Ascension Divisions) <i>30 min Floor Trials with Competition to follow</i>
9:00 am	Workshops begin (see Workshop Schedule)
10:00 am	NCDC Country Swing Jack n' Jill and Strictly Country Swing registration deadline, All Divisions Each competitor must possess a Full Weekend Pass (Stampede or Maverick pass)

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11:30 am	NCDC Country Swing Jack n' Jill Prelims – Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
12:00 am	COUNTRY INTENSIVE: Dance Like a Champion w/ Mike Wagner and Satu Ketellaupper Separate fee for class
~12:30 pm	Strictly Country Swing - Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
1:30 pm	30 min - Open WCS dancing in the Main Ballroom
2:00 pm	WSDC Jack n' Jill Prelims – Sophisticated, Masters, & Advanced
~3:00 pm	WCS ProAm Routine and WCS Team Divisions
~3:45 pm	WSDC Jack n' Jill Finals – Sophisticated, Masters, & Advanced
4:00 pm	Workshops (all rooms) closed
~4:45 pm	WCS Professional Invitational Jack n' Jill Contest
6:00 pm	Event Concludes – Please refer to full event schedule for exact times
7:00 pm	FREE Annual Curling After Party, Calgary Curling Club (Shuttles leave the hotel between 6:00-6:30 pm)