



**EASTERN IDAHO FAIR
DIRT ROAD DANCING
COUNTRY SWING DANCE CONTEST**

WELCOME!

The Eastern Idaho Fair and Dirt Road Dancing have teamed up to bring the 2nd Annual Country Swing Dance Contest on Saturday, September 7th, 2024 at 2PM?. Contest is FREE and includes fair admission. All contestants will need to register online or in person day-of no later than 1PM. Dancers will be required to check in no later than 1PM at the Dirt Road Dancing booth. All contestants will dance to a randomized song.

Qualifications

- All contestants must be at least 16 years of age. Contestants under 18 years of age must have parent/legal guardian signature on liability release form.
- Must be registered online or in person before 1PM September 7th.
- Competition is limited to the first 20 qualified entries.
- **This is a BEGINNER/AMATEUR dance competition, therefore anyone who has received compensation to instruct or perform any style of country dancing will be ineligible to compete.**
- All competitors must check in with a signed liability waiver by 1:00PM the day of contest. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. FAILURE TO CHECKIN PRIOR TO 11:30AM WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC 5 POINT DEDUCTION FROM THE COMPETITION.

Prizes

The overall top three highest scores will be awarded! Top three winners will be eligible to compete in the State Fair Championship in Boise, Idaho, October 3rd, 2025.

First Place: \$150 Cash Prize, Weekend Passes to Northwest Dance Fest, and prize bag and swag.

Second Place: \$100 Cash Prize, 1 Day Pass to Northwest Dance Fest and prize bag and swag.

Third Place: \$50 Cash Prize, 1 Day Pass to Northwest Dance Fest, and prize bag and swag.

Contest Regulations:

- One song per couple will be chosen. All songs will be selected at random.
- Judges will be selected prior to the contest and are not allowed to compete.
- **Dancers will dance a minimum 90 seconds to a randomized song. Organizers reserve the right to group similar dances together or increase the length of songs in the event if time allows. The length of the song will be consistent for all competitors and determined by organizers.**
- Lifts, drops and aerals are allowed but not required. There are no lift maximums.
- One entry per person. No person can compete twice with different partner.
- Judging begins during the time of song only.
- The number of couples in the contest will determine the length of the contest.

Judging Criteria

Total possible score is 25 points. All judges' scores are final. Unsportsman like conduct to other contestants, judges, or audience will result in immediate disqualification. In the event of a tie, organizers will choose one song in which competitors will dance to at the same time as a "dance off."

******All judging scores are confidential after contest.**

Technique: execution, smooth transitions, complexity, stable framework, spacing, (Score 1-5 on a .5 scale)

Musicality/Timing: movement to music, suitable tempo, overall fluidity of feet, rhythmic, in unison (Score 1-5 on a .5 scale)

Connection: Lead/follow partnership, coordination, togetherness, body awareness, variety of movements (Score 1-5 on a .5 scale)

Showmanship: presentation, attire, audience engagement, creativity, teamwork, overall dance styling (Score 1-10, whole numbers only)