

Highlights



“It’s all started with a movie...” - National Teacher’s Association - NTA®

“It’s all started with the success of the movie **Urban Cowboy** in 1980” remembers Kelly Gellette, NTA’s current President. At the same time, C.W. Parker put the **National Teacher Association** together, as a nonprofit organization which promotes Country Western dancing. C.W. Parker became the President, Dave Getty VP, Mike Haley Treasurer, and Kelly Gellette was Secretary & newsletter editor. As the movie was taking off; every single bar in the USA had a dance instructor teaching a few line dances & Two Step. Quickly the founding members realized that very few of these teachers were knowledgeable and so...came the **NTA and the**

Rules.

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China Dance Camp - July 2019

For three days in July 2019, UCWDC® in partnership with China Line Dance Promotion Centre organized a Dance Camp in Hangzhou, south of Shanghai.

After the success of the first UCWDC competition event in November 2018, and in preparation of the upcoming second “**China Open International Line Dance Competition**” scheduled for November 11, 2019; the local team wanted to train their teachers and coaches on UCWDC fundamentals and Country Dance technique.

Keith Armbruster – our President and **Clive Eaton-Stevens** – our Line Dance Committee Chairman; both Examiners on the Judge Certification Program went to China for a special Dance Camp. The camp, organized over 3 full days, was based on the UCWDC’s Fundamental Dance Curriculum for Line material. From the host side, thirty-one national teachers and coaches were able to attend the entire program.

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Regional Review Roundup



... and in this Corner



Judge Certification
Kathy St. Jean

Make the Judges Happy! Fabulous Footwork...A Must!

A great smile, personality that matches the dance, detailed grooming all are important aspects of competition but if your footwork is not pristine, it will put a damper on just about everything else! Let's take a closer look!

A house is only as strong as its' foundation! When building a house, we dig deep to ensure the foundation is solid and it will be strong! The judges are looking for a strong foundation which starts from the floor and your footwork is the key. Great footwork is a lifetime goal! We are always working to develop our footwork and use our feet and ankles correctly depending on the dance. It is never too early or too late to include this important focus in your practice regiment!. [\(continue to full article\)](#)

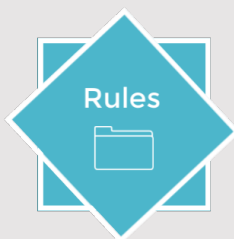


Line Dance Committee Chairman Clive Eaton-Stevens

New Motions! New Countries!

New Motions are coming! This year we introduced Samba as our newest motion and it has been well received by the dancers! As our competition Line Dancesport has evolved from country to social to a Dancesport form, so must we evolve and offer new motions.

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VP Rules Beth Emerson

HOT 2020 Rules Previews!

Here are a few rule change previews! A full version of the updated rules will be available at the start of the new dance season!

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Upcoming Events: Sept - Dec 2019



Labor Day Weekend



Let's
DANCE
DANCE



September 20-22, 2019



October 4-6, 2019

Asia Pacific
Line Dance Classic

September 14-15, 2019



October 17-20, 2019



Korea International Line Dance Festival

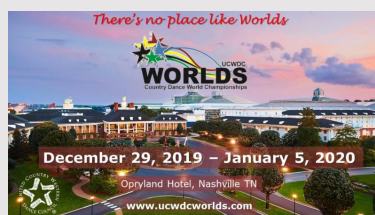


November 15-17, 2019

China Open International Line Dance Competition



November 11, 2019



Full Calendar of Events

FloDance Live Stream



Watch Chicago Land Country & Swing Dance Festival Live!
Aug 16-18, 2019



Watch Nashville Dance Classic Live!
August 30- Sept 1, 2019



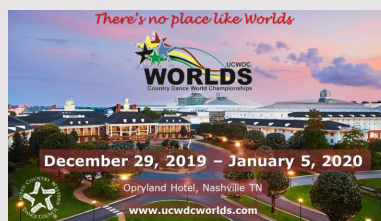
Watch Dance Fiesta Live!
September 26-29, 2019



Watch Dallas Dance Festival Live!
November 7-10, 2019



Watch Christmas In Dixie Live!



Watch The UCWDC World Championships

December 13-16, 2019

Live!
August 30- Sept 1, 2019

Watching a replay on FloDance? Join FloDance for exclusive access to these videos and the complete library of archived competition videos, all live competitions and events, and original documentaries! Due to the current state of copyright law in the US, we are unable to provide sound on videos post-performance.

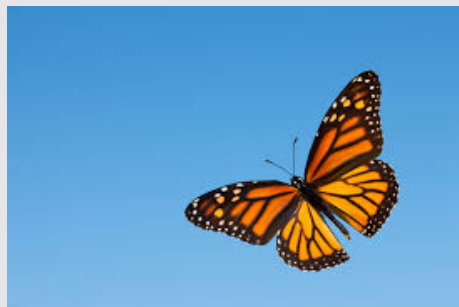
UCWDC Blogs



Don't Touch My Hat! And More Stuff You Should Know about Cowboy Hats



All Ways Dance! ...monthly musings of a convert to the church of dance



From Fright to Flight!

UCWDC WORLDS UPDATE

Hotel

- Due to an overwhelming response to the early bird pricing, our hotel block at Opryland hotel is sold out for **select** days. Please check the website or call the reservation line for available days.
- To accommodate those who need a longer stay, The Inn at Opryland is offering a discounted rate to our group as well as a free shuttle to Opryland. Updates will be available for the online reservations in the next few days: <https://ucwdcworlds.com/hotel/>

Registration

- Discounts for registration and payment continue through October 13, 2019
- Full prices take effect October 14 through close of registration November 15, 2019
<https://ucwdcworlds.com/registration/>



Points Championship

Are you the next UCWDC Points Champion?!

UCWDC Points Championship points are earned for every dance completed by each contestant at every UCWDC event around the world during the dance season (January 15th - December 25th). Check your standing!

<https://ucwdc.org/associatemembercenter/ucpoints.php>



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