

College Royal Square Dance Open and Student Competition 2026 Rules and Regulations

1. Sets entered must consist of 8 dancers and one caller, everyone is welcome. ****Open Competition ONLY****
2. Sets entered must consist of 8 dancers and one caller, who are currently full or part-time students at the University of Guelph. ****Student Competition ONLY****
3. An individual may dance for more than one set and call for more than one set; however, each set is limited to only two members who have danced or called with a previous set.
4. Each set will be required to dance two of the four compulsory dances, which will be determined by a random draw immediately before dancing. A guest caller will call the compulsory dances.
 - i. The four compulsory calls for 2026 are
 1. Texas Star
 2. Canadian Breakdown
 3. Four Poster Bed
 4. Double Pass Through
5. Each set will dance one Compulsory Dance to the Compulsory Caller and one Optional Dance of their choice to their own Caller. The Optional Dance must not contain any of the compulsory dances. The Optional Dance must not exceed seven minutes, including the entrance and exit. Each set will dance the compulsory dance followed immediately by the optional dance. Sets are not allowed to dance the same dance in two classes. With the exception of first-year sets.
6. Music will be provided. Music will be randomly selected by the band for the compulsory dances but sets can request a specific song for their optional dance.
7. Each set will be required to dance an option of their choice and will not exceed seven minutes in duration. Marks will be deducted, at the discretion of the judges, for sets in violation of this rule.
8. Entrances should be kept to a minimum, only exits will be judged.
9. Dance times will be given before the competition. Failure to dance at the specified time will result in disqualification of the set.
10. In the case of a tie, judges may request the dead-locked sets to dance a dance of the set's choice.
11. To avoid disqualification, please ensure that **all set members** are present at the awards presentation. Prizes will be awarded to the members only if present. If this is a problem, you **MUST** contact Morgan Wagler prior to March 15th, 2026.
12. The decision of the judges is final.

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13. A \$50 (one competition) or \$90 (both competitions) non-refundable entry fee is required and to be payable to College Royal by the day of the competition.