

Honor Roll of N.S.D. State Champions

National Smooth Dancers' State Championship is the highest honor that can be achieved by any dance couple in N.S.D. competition. To become State Champions, a couple must win first place in the highest level, four-dance event (*i.e.* 4-Star), of sanctioned ballroom competition at National Smooth Dancers' State Convention.

Originally, the four-dance competition did not specify style and there was only one four-dance contest, so the winners of that event became the State Champions. After establishing separate categories for American Smooth and International Standard in 1993, there were two categories and State Champions for each. Dance Rules added the 4-Star level for International Latin and American Rhythm starting in 2016. There are no State Champions for those categories prior to 2016.

At one time N.S.D. Dance Rules required five couples to participate in the 4-Star event for the winners to be State Champions. The years that have no names are those for which fewer than five couples competed. In recent years, the winners of the four-dance event acquire the status of State Champion if the event is sanctioned and if at least three couples participate.

The list shows all couples that won sanctioned 4-Star events. Years 1976 and 1990 show two couples because they were ties.

State Champions

1954	Betty & Burnett Bolloten – San Diego	1974	Cleo Ravn & Jack Kukus – San Francisco
1955	Florence & Herman Scholtens – Los Angeles	1975	Genevieve & Jack Hylton – San Jose
1956	Lee & Cliff Isaak – San Francisco	1976	Bea & Clarence Deminski – San Fernando Valley
1957	Babe & Duke York – Los Angeles	1976	Ethel & Elmer Focht – Los Angeles
1958	Betty & Burnett Bolloten – San Diego	1977	Lilana Alberts & Phil Reservato - Oakland
1959	Lee & Cliff Isaak – San Francisco	1978	Lee & Floyd White – San Jose
1960	Juanita & Paul Burkett – Los Angeles	1979	Ellen Alter & Helmut Wursten – Los Angeles
1961	Agnes & Paul Wagner – San Jose	1980	Ione Schwarzkopf & Morgan Lee – Los Angeles
1962	Edna & Syd Wollard – San Jose	1981	Bobbi & Joe Rodgers – San Jose
1963	Marion & Ray Jewett – San Fernando Valley	1982	Ann & Jim Aboud – San Jose
1964	Agnes & Paul Wagner – San Jose	1983	Shirley & Wayne Tidwell – San Jose
1965	Dona & Erick Holm – Los Angeles	1984	Muriel & Ed Scott – San Jose
1966	Cleo Ravn & Pentti Hanninen – San Francisco	1985	Muriel & Ed Scott – San Jose
1967	Louise & Jack Mitchell - Coronado	1986	Judy & Dan Apple – San Jose
1968	Cleo Ravn & Pentti Hanninen – San Francisco	1987	Claudette Agnew & Russ Comacho – San Francisco
1969	Cleo Ravn & Pentti Hanninen – San Francisco	1988	Stephanie & Alan Frankel - Palomar
1970	Louise & Jack Mitchell - Coronado	1989	Helen & Henry Hwang – San Jose
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1972	Jeanette & Ed Ball – San Fernando Valley	1990	Christina & T.F. Chang – San Jose
1973	Ginny & John Bergesen – San Jose	1991	Christina & T.F. Chang – San Jose
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International Standard Champions

1993	Marsha & Peter Hanson – Palomar
1994	Cherie Gossett & Donald Beaman – San Diego
1995	Debi Brosell & Paul Rutan – S. F. Valley
1996	Barbara Greenlaw & Bill Steeber – S. F. Valley
1997	Sandra & Ron Daves – San Diego
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2002	Nadia & Igor Tilinin – San Francisco
2003	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2004	Barbara Greenlaw & Bill Steeber – S. F. Valley
2005	Canceled
2006	Nadia & Igor Tilinin – San Francisco
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2008	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2009	Mark Chapman & Been Kao – San Diego (2 couples)
2010	Canceled
2011	Canceled
2012	Canceled
2013	Jacky Yu – San Diego & Lynn Sanders – Fresno
2014	Igor & Nadia Tilinin – Golden Gate
2015	Igor & Nadia Tilinin – Golden Gate
2016	Fewer than 5 couples
2017	Canceled
2018	Exhibition only
2019	No Four-Star event
2020	Convention canceled
2021	Convention canceled
2022	No Four-Star event
2023	Igor & Nadia Tilinin – Golden Gate (3 couples)
2024	Jim Beaver & Ji Kenworthy – San Diego (6 couples)

American Smooth Champions

1993	Marsha & Peter Hanson – Palomar
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1995	Martha Bale & Al Folkman – San Diego
1996	Sue & Bob Dowell - Fresno
1997	Stephanie O'Brien & Alan Frankel - Palomar
1998	Kathy & Rick Constantino - Fresno
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2000	Marsha & Peter Hanson – Palomar
2001	Kathy & Rick Constantino - Fresno
2002	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2003	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2004	Lorraine & Gaylord Rohloff – Los Angeles
2005	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2006	Al Folkman & Cathy O'Harra – San Diego
2007	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2008	Linda Gu & Jim Drysdale – San Diego
2009	Bill & Lona Dolan – Visalia (2 couples)
2010	Bill & Lona Dolan – Visalia
2011	Canceled
2012	Canceled
2013	Canceled
2014	Canceled
2015	Canceled
2016	Frank Lacson & Jennifer Ethridge-Fan (3 couples)
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2018	Ben & Wendy Wilson – Bakersfield
2019	Douglas Giardini & Ji Kenworthy – San Diego (4 couples)
2020	Convention canceled
2021	Convention canceled
2022	Shane and Myra Nielsen – Visalia (4 couples)
2023	John Zhang & Nina Wu – San Diego (3 couples)
2024	Jim Beaver & Susan Wells – San Diego (6 couples)

International Latin Champions

Note – prior to 2016, 3-Star was considered the championship level

2014	Igor & Nadia Tilinin (3-Star)
2015	Igor & Nadia Tilinin (3-Star)
2016	Canceled
2017	Canceled
2018	Canceled
2019	Canceled
2020	Convention canceled
2021	Convention canceled
2022	No Four-Star event
2023	No Four-Star event
2024	No Four-Star event

American Rhythm Champions

2014	Les & Roberta LaZar (3-Star)
2015	Bill & Lona Dolan (3-Star)
2016	Frank Lacson & Jennifer Ethridge-couples
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2018	Exhibition only
2019	Canceled
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