

# *Rose City Swing FAQs*

## *What to expect*

Rose City Swing 2026 is a full weekend of West Coast Swing classes, social dancing, and community all in one place. During the day, we offer workshops for all levels on a variety of topics, giving dancers lots of chances to learn, practice, and improve. In the afternoons and evenings, we add competitions and social dancing! Come cheer on your friends, show off your moves, and dance all night.

Between classes and dances, there's time to relax, connect with other dancers, and enjoy the unique atmosphere of Rose City Swing.

## *What to wear*

Wear something comfortable that lets you move and stay cool. Soft-soled dance shoes or sneakers that slide easily on the floor work well, and clothes that stretch and breathe will make long nights of dancing much more enjoyable. The goal is to feel good, move freely, and focus on dancing.

## *How do I get to the event?*

- Our location: Embassy Suites Tigard, OR  
9000 SW Washington Square Road
- Map pin: [Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Tigard](#)
- Parking at the hotel is FREE!!
- How do I get from the Portland International Airport to the hotel?  
[Driving Directions \(30 minutes\)](#)  
[Public Transit Directions \(60-90 minutes\)](#)  
Uber/Lyft (30 minutes) is \$50-60  
Post in [the roomies and rides group](#) to coordinate or look for rides! (Link)

## *Food*

- The hotel offers free breakfast every morning from 6 AM to 9:30 AM, including make your own omelets. It's amazing - you don't want to miss this!
- There is also a complimentary cocktail hour (with light snacks) every day from 5-6:30 PM.
- Hotel restaurant - Open for dinner from 5 pm to 10 pm
- The hotel is located right next to Target and the Washington Square shopping mall, both within very easy walking distance and with ample food and coffee options, plus clothing and anything else you may have forgotten to pack.

## ***Workshops***

- Workshops are 50 minutes long, unless otherwise designated on the schedule. This allows a few minutes for video recaps and for transitioning to your next workshop.
- Advanced/AllStar workshops are taught at a level and pace appropriate to higher-level dancers. Dancers at other levels may sit and watch these workshops and may participate in their own area off to the side but may not dance in the same rotation as the advanced and all-star dancers.

## ***What is an intensive?***

An intensive is a longer, more focused class that allows one specific West Coast Swing topic to be explored in depth. Instead of just learning a few patterns and moving on, more time is spent working on technique, timing, connection, musicality, and how everything applies to real dancing.

Because of the extended format, ideas can be broken down, practiced, and reinforced so they actually stick. Intensives are ideal for leveling up, getting unstuck, and gaining a deeper understanding beyond what a single class can provide. [You can find more details about our intensives here!](#)

## ***Competitions***

- It is very important that every competitor reads the Rose City Swing Competition Rules BEFORE you sign up to compete.
- Link to rules: [Competition Rules - Rose City Swing](#)
- Competitions are managed by a team of very talented and dedicated individuals, led by Chief Judge Torri Zzaoui and Secondary Chief Judge Jessica McCurdy. Other members of the team are:
  - Andreas Kasper, scorekeeper
  - Wren Newman, contest coordinator
  - Jason Isbell, marshalling manager

## ***How to register***

[You can sign up for passes, competitions and intensives in advance here!](#) You can also sign up at the registration desk once you arrive at the event. Remember that a full weekend pass is required if you wish to compete.

Day and night passes may be purchased at the door.

## ***Here's our most current weekend schedule:***

[Schedule - Rose City Swing](#)

### *Private Lessons*

- If you wish to have a private lesson, please contact the pro(s) of your choice to schedule.
- The Umpqua Room is reserved for private lessons throughout the weekend. There is no sound system in this room.
- The Rogue River Room may be used for private lessons when it is not otherwise designated on the schedule. There is a sound system in this room.

### *Safety*

- **In an emergency, please call 911 or contact hotel staff.**
- For event-related or safety incidents please contact the Rose City Safety Team led by Nick Payton. The registration desk and the DJ booth can connect you with a member of the Safety Team.
- We expect everyone to comply with our [Code of Conduct](#). You can report violations to our Safety Team or registration desk.