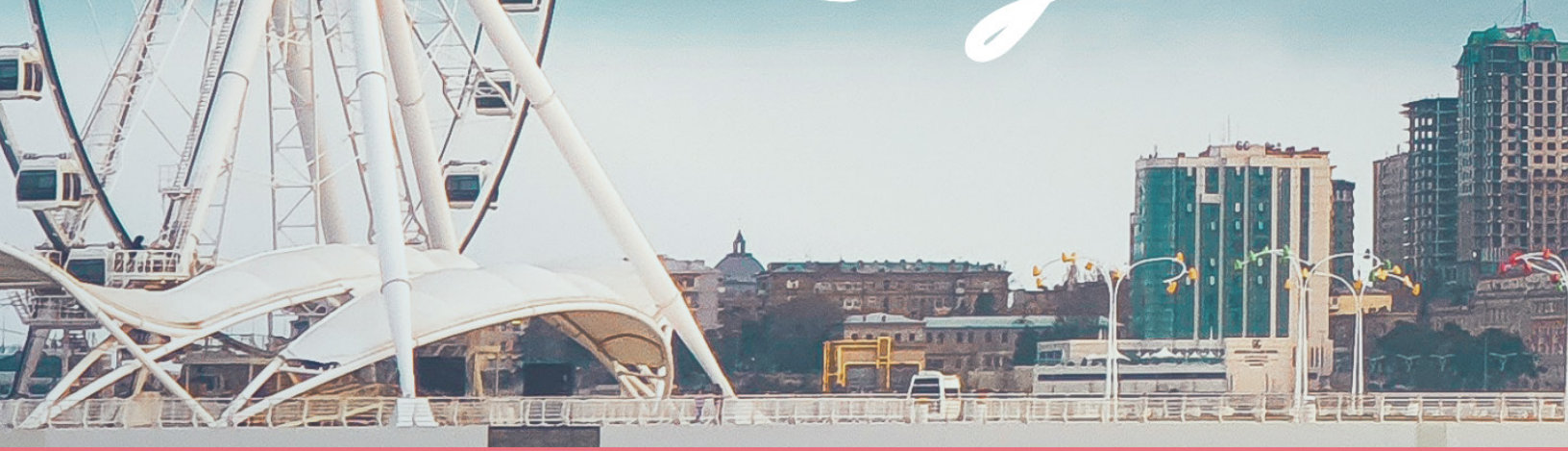
North American Irish Dance Championships
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Event Logistics





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Wristbands

- Wristbands are required for entry to all competition ballrooms.
- They are not required for access to vendor areas, practice stages, or other public spaces within the venue.
  - For attendees booked within the official hotel block, wristbands will be provided at hotel check-in for the number of attendees registered under the block reservation, and will reflect the days of stay.
- For those not staying in the official block, wristbands can be purchased on-site at the Information Desk outside the Woodrow Wilson ballroom at the Gaylord National Harbor.
  - Facility Usage Fee and Facility Fee Exemptions are outlined on the official website: 2025naidc.com/location-accommodation

Vendors & Practice Halls

Wristbands are **not** required for access to the Vendors and Practice Halls

Vendors

- Vendors are located in the Cherry Blossom Ballroom Lobby, and the Maryland Lobby.
- Hair & Makeup Vendors are located in Annapolis 2-3
- Dress Shop is located in the Baltimore Room between the two practice halls
- Vendor Hours
  - **July 3** 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
  - **July 4–8** 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
  - **July 9** 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Practice Halls

- There are two official practice halls, each featuring a 30x40 ft practice stage, located in the Baltimore Rooms, on either side of the Dress Shop
- Practice Hall Hours
  - **July 3** 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm
  - **July 4–8** 5:00 am to 11:00 pm
  - **July 9** 5:00 am to 5:00 pm



Info Desk

- Located outside the Woodrow Wilson ballroom (Stage A)
- Open **July 3 — 3pm to 7pm / July 4-9 — 7am - 4pm**

Visit the Info Desk for:

- Wristband sales (outside block attendees)
- Wristband pickup (for those exempt from facility fee)
- Pre-ordered program pickup
- Designated Teacher wristband & program pickup
- Teacher pickup of dancer patches
- Lost & Found

Programs

Printed Programs – Pre-Ordered Only

- Pickup is located at the Information Desk outside the Woodrow Wilson ballroom
- Please bring your confirmation email as proof of purchase
- There will be *no on-site sales for printed programs*

Free Digital Program

- A free downloadable digital program will be available on the official event website: 2025naidc.com/digital-program

Complimentary Teacher Program

- Teachers will receive a complimentary printed program
- If not collected at the Convention on July 3, it can be picked up at the Info Desk outside the Woodrow Wilson ballroom

Please Note:

- This is a ***cashless*** venue.
- Wristbands are required for access to ALL ballrooms.
- **Lists, recalls and results** will be posted online at **2025naidc.com**
- **For live updates** leading up to and during the event, follow **@naidc2025**

Perpetual Awards

Returning

- Location: Trophy Room – Chesapeake L
- All perpetual trophies must be returned by 4:00 PM the day before the associated competition
- The Trophy Room will open at 12:00 PM on July 3 and remain open for the duration of the event
- If the room is temporarily unmanned, a sign will be posted with return instructions

Collection

- For collection, dancers 18+ must sign a contract; minors must have a parent/guardian sign on their behalf
- Collection takes place behind the awards stages – please speak with the Awards staff for assistance



Competitions

Competition Ballrooms

Ballrooms A–E

- All competitions will take place across stages A (Woodrow Wilson), B (Cherry Blossom), C (Maryland), D (Maryland), and E (Riverview) at the Gaylord National Harbor.
- Exact ballroom assignments for each competition is outlined in the Schedule available online at 2025naidc.com/schedule
- All ballrooms open at 7:00 AM daily

Access Requirements

- Wristbands are required for entry into all competition ballrooms
- Please plan ahead and allow time for wristband checks at entrances

Dancer/Team Numbers

Number Pickup

- Competitor numbers will be posted online at 2025naidc.com 45-60 minutes prior to the start of the competition, after assessors for that competition are sequestered without any access to phones, smart watches, etc.
- Dancers (or someone nominated by them) will pick up their numbers side stage at the designated Number Pickup table, in the same ballroom they are dancing in
- Number pickup will be **1 hour before the scheduled competition start time**
- Numbers will be released staggered by competition start to reduce crowding
- All dancers for all events must adhere to the process as required.
- Dancers that have not collected their number before the first dancer or team takes the stage will not be allowed to compete.
- A dancer that has collected their number but misses their rotation will not be allowed to dance that round.

On Stage

Solo Championships

- All Solo Championships (including Adult) will commence with the hard shoe round, followed by the soft shoe round.
- For U8 – U15, the hard shoe round will be performed (3) three-at-a-time.
- In all other age groups, including Adult, the hard shoe round will be performed (2) two-at-a-time.
- For all age groups, the soft shoe round will be performed (2) two-at-a-time.
- All set dances, regardless of age group, will be performed (1) one-at-a-time.

Solo Championships Number Check

- All Solo Championship competitions (including Adult) will feature a number check either part-way through or at the end of each of the first two rounds of competition, where all dancers who have already danced that particular round will be called side-stage to appear in front of the assessors one more time to ensure the correct assignment of marks to each dancer.
- Dancers must be in costume and Irish dance shoes

4 Hands

- All teams must dance with the top couple standing to the left of the assessors.
- All 4-Hand entries are only allowed to select from one of two dance choices. All teams MUST perform the required figure listed in the Official Syllabus

Ceili (8 Hands)

- All teams must dance with the top couple's backs to the assessors.
- All dances must be performed through the completion of a figure of choice, unless otherwise specified.
- All ceili dances must be danced in accordance with the requirements of the 2025 syllabus for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, as published by An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (**clrgoireachtas.com**), but only in terms of duration and conclusion of the dance. [IDTANA/2010]

Figure Choreography & Dance Drama

- Teams must follow the parameters as laid out in the 2025 syllabus for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, as published by An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (clrgoireachtas.com)

Traditional Set Competitions

- For U8 – U15, the traditional sets will be performed (3) three-at-a-time.
- In all other age groups, including Adult, the traditional sets will be performed (2) two-at-a-time.

Mass

- Mass will be held on Saturday, **July 5 at approx 6:00 pm** and **Sunday, July 6 at 7am** in Ballroom E (Riverview) with Fr Brian Frain, TCRG

Zen Room

- Located in Annapolis 4 – beside the Hair & Makeup Room
- The Zen Room – also referred to as the Refocus Room or Dancer's MindSpace – is a dedicated area where dancers and teachers can relax, regroup, or quietly reflect during the event.
  - We kindly ask:
  - No dancing in the space
  - Whispers only, to maintain a peaceful environment for everyone

Inside you'll find:

- Stations and educational posters designed to help dancers let go of unhelpful thoughts, reframe their thinking, improve focus, and engage in calming breathing techniques
- A quiet space for meditation, journaling, or simply sitting or lying down to reset
- Dimmed lighting (when possible) and relaxing background music to encourage mental recovery
- This space was developed in collaboration with performance psychology professionals to support dancer well-being throughout the competition.

For questions about the Zen Room, please contact:

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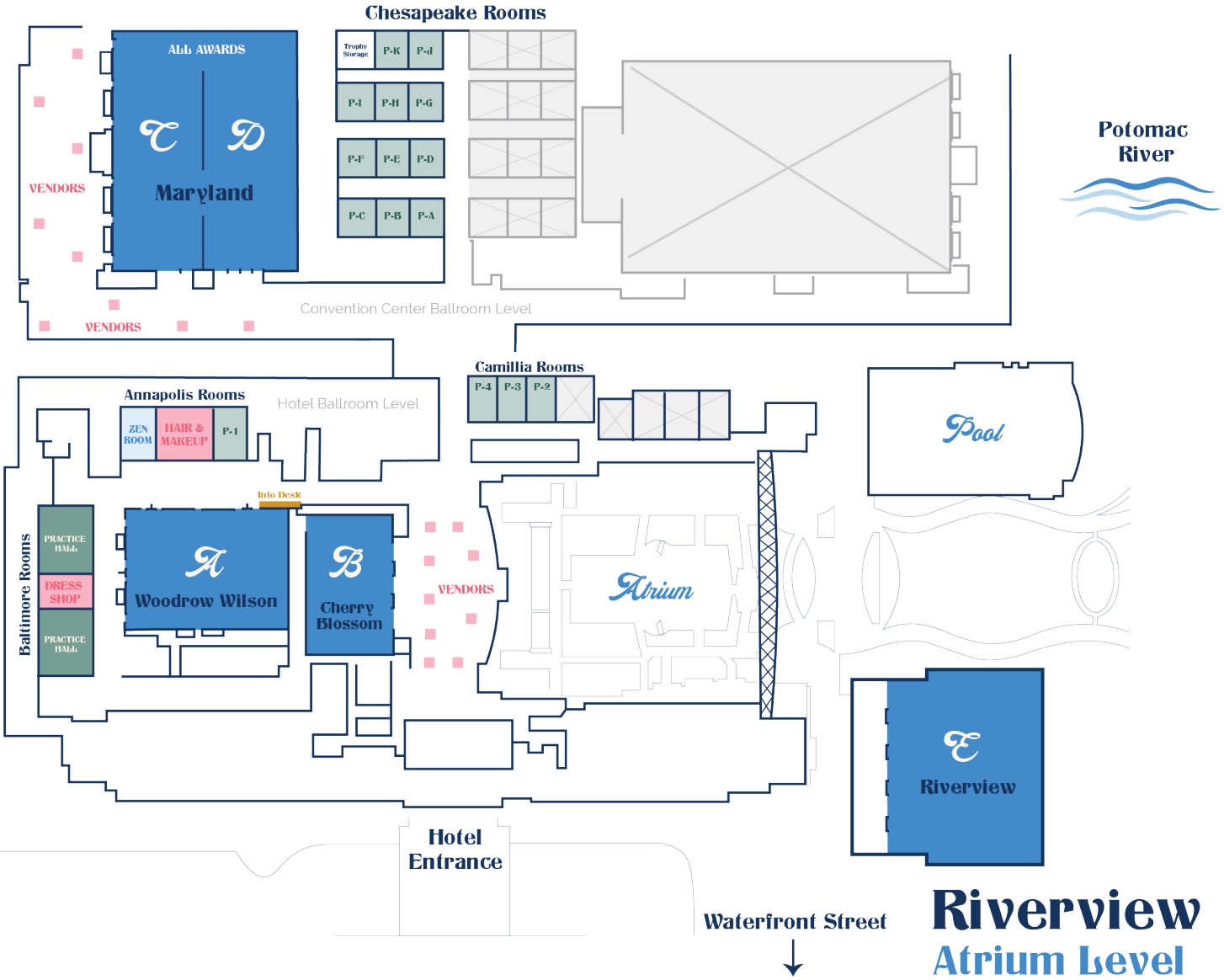
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Venue Map - Gaylord National Harbor

Hotel & Convention Center

Ballrooms Level 2



Riverview

Atrium Level

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