



Ontario DanceSport

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT of ODS

The following is the current ODS board of directors:

Executive:

Gordon Brittain	President	Henri List	Membership
Dave Winn	Vice President/Treasurer	Candy Leung/Nixon Wu	Volunteer only webmasters

Due to COVID 19 restrictions on large meetings and that the fact that basically nothing happened this past year, ODS was unable to hold its 2021 AGM. Therefore it was decided to circulate our year end report.

Membership

At the time of writing this report we have 230 ODS members but this number reflects the number from December 2021 since ODS decided to extend the 2019/2020 membership to December 31, 2021 therefore effectively giving ODS members a 30 month membership for the price of 12 months due to COVID restrictions.

There was a **change made in the ODS membership year** in 2020 therefore now the ODS year goes from **January 1 to December 31**. This was decided since a January 1st renewal makes it easier for ODS. I have attached a revised ODS membership form for 2022 to be completed and sent to Henri List either by mail or email attachment. Please note some of the fees have changed slightly.

Remember you must be a current 2022 ODS member before you can renew your WDSF Athlete's E Card.

ODS Bylaws & Rules

There were no major Rule changes this past year but I have cleaned up the ODS Bylaws & Rule Book to reflect the changes over the past couple of years with ODS, CDS, and WDSF. Since Canada DanceSport (CDS) is now recognized by Canadian Olympic Committee and Sport Canada, CDS has had to have important sections of its Rulebook & website translated to show both English & French. CDS has added the following documents under Rules link on the CDS website- check them out since all apply to ODS athletes too.

A) Safe Sport Policies

- 1) CDS Safe sport Training
- 2) CDS HARASSMENT, BULLYING, and DISCRIMINATION POLICY
- 3) CONCUSSION GUIDELINE
- 4) UNIVERSAL CODE OF CONDUCT TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS MALTREATMENT IN SPORT (UCCMS)

B) Code of Conduct

CANADA DANCESPORT ADJUDICATORS CODE OF CONDUCT
CANADA DANCESPORT ATHLETES CODE OF CONDUCT

C) CDS Rulebook

2021 WDSF CHAMPIONSHIPS/CUPS

Junior Worlds-No entries from Canada

Youth Worlds

06/11/2021 World Championship Ten Dance Youth Sibiu - Romania

16/32 couples Thomas Zinger - Sarah Stolarsky-ON



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13/11/2021 World Championship Standard Youth Dresden - Germany

22/57 couples Thomas Zinger - Sarah Stolarsky-ON

43/57 couples Dennis Gluskin - Anna Perzan-ON

U 21 Worlds

16/10/ 2021 World Championship Standard Under 21 Rotterdam - Netherlands

65/67 couples Leon Shvaitser - Alissa Guissine-ON

Adult Worlds/Cups

18/09/2021 World Championship Standard Adult -Brno - Czech Republic

18/67 couples Patrick Rucinski - Tatiana Veselkina- QC

53/67 couples - Stiliyan Stanev - Rosi Mihaleva- QC

04/12/2021 World Championship Latin Adult -Pforzheim - Germany

7/64 couples Winson Tam - Anastasia Novikova -ON

64/64 Winston Gaqui - Amanda Poelzer -AB

20/11/2021 World Championship Ten Dance Adult Elblag - Poland

30/34 couples Stiliyan Stanev - Rosi Mihaleva QC

Breaking

04/12/2021 World Championship Breaking 1vs1 b-boys Paris - France

2/99 entries B-Boy Phil Wizard - Phil Wizard-BC

38/99 B-Boy Mass Samuel Cyr- QC

04/12/2021 World Championship Breaking 1vs1 b-girls Paris - France

22/80 B-Girl Tiffany Nora Leung - Tiffany Nora Leung ON

23/80 B-Girl Emma - Emma Misak BC

Senior I Worlds-No entries from Canada

Senior II Worlds-No entries from Canada

Senior III Worlds

11/09/2021 World Championship Latin Senior III Platja d'Aro

46/83 couples Victor Tsemko - Sylvie Bourguignon-QC

Senior IV Worlds- No entries from Canada

Congratulations to all ODS athletes who participated in different WDSF World championships in 2021.

Competitions – 2021 ODS Sanctioned/Registered

ODS was not able to hold either the 2021 Ontario Closed or Open due to COVID Restrictions applied at Thornhill Community Centre. ODS, unfortunately, found that only being permitted 32 people in the venue (that number includes officials, volunteers, competitors, and spectators) that it was financially and physically impossible to run a dance competition since we use over 20 volunteers, at least 12 officials which would mean no competitors or spectators! Our insurance policy would not cover ODS if we had to suddenly cancel the event nor would it protect the participants. DanceSport BC, DanceSport Quebec, or DanceSport Alberta were not able to hold any events due to the same reasons I have given.

Although ODS has noticed a decline in membership for the syllabus level our championship class still remains very strong. This past year Breaking athletes were added to ODS membership which resulted in about 30 new members.



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The Breakers successfully, following strict COVID restrictions, ran 3 qualifiers for the 2021 WDSF World Breaking Championships.

ODS has tried running singles, solo, Teacher/Student, and combo competitions with some success but are always open to suggestions for different events. We also hope to encourage other styles of dance to compete at our events.

Some people have noticed that organizers from a different dance professional organization were able to host some competitions in the fall since they were able to offset their financial losses by running Pro Am events. ODS cannot run Pro Am events to offset any financial losses.

Fortunately one event was held to help ODS athletes continue to compete.

On October 30/31, 2021, the **DanceSport Grand Prix Canada** ran an event held at the Markham Pan-Am Centre. This event offered all levels of competition with competitors mainly from Ontario & Quebec although a couple were from USA and Belarus. A big thank you to Larissa Kerbel & Elena Shvaitser to taking the risk during these difficult times

2021 Canadian Closed Championship, This event was scheduled for Vancouver in the spring but was cancelled due to COVID Restrictions.

2021 Canadian Open Championship was scheduled for September in Montreal but was cancelled due to COVID Restrictions

2022 Canadian Closed Championships are scheduled to be held April 29-May 1st, 2022 at Centre Pierre-Charbonneau - 3000 Rue Viau, Montréal, QC. Website coming soon.

Waivers for 2022 CCC: DanceSport Alberta, DanceSport BC, and Ontario DanceSport have all applied for and were granted a waiver from hosting a 2022 CCC Qualifier due to COVID restrictions currently present in their provinces. ODS does not have any idea when these restrictions will be lifted in Ontario so was unable to book a venue therefore to err on the side of caution decided to apply for a waiver. DanceSport Quebec is still waiting to see how things develop.

IMPORTANT: In order for ODS athletes to compete in the **2022 CCC** they must have **ODS membership no later than March 12, 2022** (this condition applies to DSBC & DSAB members as well). A list of ODS members will be sent to DSQ on March 12 informing them the names of ODS athletes that qualified to compete in the 2022 CCC. **No extension to this date of March 12 will be given by CDS.**

Please note that DSQ has stated that all participants (athletes, officials, & spectators) are required to show **proof of double vaccination** for entry into the venue and stated that just showing a negative test result will not count as proof for entry instead of double vaccination. This is a requirement of the Quebec government & venue.

Financial

Due to the loss of revenue from Ontario Open, Ontario Closed, cancellation of 2020 CCC (ODS was producing it), less membership in some categories, the ODS treasurer has recommended & the board concurred, that due to the current situation, ODS will not be financially able to give ODS World competitors any bursaries until further notice. In summary, Ontario DanceSport ended the year with less available cash assets than 2020 year end with a loss of \$2423.51. ODS still has the following regular expenditures- insurance, web hosting, office expenses, and monaris (credit card) fees. With the uncertainty of future competitions and less members this coming year's operations will undoubtedly be challenging.

Relationship with the Ontario Professionals

ODS continues to have a good working relationship with our amateur friendly CDS-PD professionals in Ontario & other Provinces.



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Vacancies on the Ontario DanceSport Board

As mentioned last year in my report, ODS is having extreme difficulty getting any of our members to take any interest at all by taking a position on the **ODS board**. The current Board have all dedicated over 35 years to Ontario DanceSport, both as past competitors and serving you on the ODS Board. We are all burnt out, much older and therefore are ready to retire and pass the running of this organization on to other members!

If you are ready to donate some time to Ontario DanceSport here are the duties of the different Board members

PRESIDENT (currently held by Gord Brittain but wishing to retire)

The President shall preside at all meetings at which the President is present. The President shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Association and may serve as an ex-officio member on all Committees. Only a person who has been a member of the executive Committee for at least one year may run for the position of President but I am fully prepared to step aside after this period to allow the VP to become President for the rest of my term.

VICE-PRESIDENT (currently held by Dave Winn but wishing to retire as he reaches 82 this year)

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President during the absence of the president and will act as Chairperson of any special committee not covered by any other officer. The Vice-President may serve as an ex-officio member on all other committees. In general, the Vice-President shall be the President's assistant.

SECRETARY:

Keeps the minutes of all meetings of the Association. These shall be an accurate and official record of all business transactions. Is custodian of all Association records, but not those of the special or Standing Committees. Keeps a list of all members present at each meeting of the Executive or Association. Conducts all correspondence of the Association but not that of the special or Standing Committees unless requested to do so.

TREASURER: (currently held by Dave Winn but wishing to retire as he reaches 82 this year)

The Treasurer shall receive all Association funds and shall be responsible for keeping the accounts on a current basis and for reporting the state of the said accounts at the Executive and General Meetings as required. Association funds shall be kept in Bank selected and approved by the Executive Committee and paid out only on an order signed by any two of the 4 executive directors which consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall submit a year-end audited balance sheet to the Annual General Meeting. Year-end for audit purposes shall be December 31 immediately preceding the AGM
Two Auditors, one of whom may be the Treasurer, shall be elected from the membership at the Annual General Meeting to examine the records of the Treasurer and certify their correctness to the Association not less than once a year.

MEMBERSHIP (currently held by Henri List)

Membership Director will keep a record of all members. The Membership Director will be responsible for keeping a register of all competitive members and their grades. The Membership Director will ensure that each competitor who is eligible and not in arrears will be issued with registration cards bearing a number, which should correspond with a master register. On all matters governing competitive dancing, the Membership Director will act as emissary for all competitive dancers. Mailing lists developed by this Membership Director must not be given to anyone for any reason except for the ODS business for which they were intended.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR- this position has not been filled for past few years and therefore the President has had to do most of the organizing! ODS **urgently** needs a person to take over this position.

The Competition Director shall organize ODS competitions or any other related events. The ODS Board will assist the Competition Director in organizing & running the event.



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PUBLICITY

Publicity Director shall be responsible for publicizing the objectives of the Association by all recognized means. For example, Facebook, ODS website, media, and any other form of publicity deemed desirable. The Publicity Director will work closely with the Competition Director to assist him/her in its duties.

NATIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:

Under the Regulations of the National Board, two members of each Province are permitted to sit on the National Board to represent that Province. The Ontario representatives will be the President and the Vice President. If, for any reason, either of these positions cannot be used for the normal procedure, any member of the Executive will be the substitute.

Plus add to these duties all ODS Board directors must help out at ODS run competitions/functions (setting up, tear down, dress code, award presentations etc). Pre-Covid ODS meetings were held every 2-3 months, one AGM and 2 competitions although with more organizers now choosing the fall to run their events conflicting with our ODS Ontario Open, we might have to decide to run just one event called Ontario Open as CCC qualifier in late winter.

The ODS Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall serve a term of two years with one half of the Executive being replaced annually. They may be re-elected to serve further terms at the discretion of the membership. A simple majority vote shall decide the election of each officer. Some of these positions can be combined example currently VP and Treasurer positions are both held by Dave Winn.

Only a person who has been a member of the executive Committee for at least one year may run for the position of President. The Executive Committee may at its option leave vacant or appoint a member of the General Membership to fill any vacancies, which may occur on the Executive Committee. Executive Members so appointed will serve only until the expiry of the incumbent's term of office and then thereafter seek election at the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee may at its option choose to leave any position (except the President's and Treasurer's position) vacant. A position can be declared redundant and therefore eliminated if it is left vacant for 3 consecutive years.

Summary

Please contact me if you feel you can give back to dancing by being on the ODS Board in some capacity. As I said previously the current Board is wishing to retire but needs **YOU** to volunteer your time to be on the ODS board. I know, with the talent pool within our ODS membership that there are people with much to offer to ODS. If not you might know somebody who is extremely involved in dance, (can not be a professional dancer, must be a Canadian citizen/permanent resident, and must reside in Ontario).

If ODS wants to continue to run competitions then it is imperative that the ODS members/friends get more involved by being on the board.

Hopefully we will be able to resume dancing soon. Stay safe, healthy, and have a good winter!

Respectively submitted by

Gord Brittain (ODS President), Dave Winn (ODS Vice President/Treasurer), Henri List (ODS Membership Director)