

# UNYP ARENA

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## Team Canada Dance

TCD is a not-for-profit organization that has been bringing together Canada's elite performers, dancers and choreographers together as Canada's National Dance team on the world stage for 3 decades.

Our organization gives dancers the opportunity to travel, meet other dancers worldwide and to compete as a unified team with other dancers from across Canada. Team Canada Dance also gives Canadian dancers the opportunity to learn from master teachers and choreographers both within Canada and worldwide. We encourage our Team Canada dancers and their supporters to foster good sportsmanship, and to promote Canadian values while exhibiting our remarkable dance training. We only work with the 'best of the best' choreographers who choose the best dancers to represent Canada.

# WORLD TAP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

The International Dance Organization (IDO), is a non profit World Dance- and Dancesport Federation consisting of OVER 90 member and contact NATIONS, representing more than 500,000 DANCERS, from all SIX CONTINENTS.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The IDO Dance Championships are the sole "officially" accepted world dance sport championships in the Performing Arts

**WELCOME!** If you are new to the team or a returning member, we welcome you to a new and exciting season! This year, the IDO World Tap Championship will be held in Prague, Czechia which is only the second time in IDO history to be held outside of Riesa, Germany.

**INTERNATIONAL DANCE ORGANIZATION (IDO):** IDO is a nonprofit World Dance-and Dancesport Federation consisting of over 90 member and contact nations, representing more than 500,000 dancers from all 6 continents! Team Canada Dance / IDO Canada is Canada's National Member Organization

**TEAM CANADA DANCE:** Team Canada Dance is a nonprofit organization that brings together Canada's most elite dancers and choreographers to compete on the world stage, proudly representing Canada. Our organization allows dancers to travel, meet other dancers worldwide, and compete as a unified team with other dancers from across Canada. Team Canada Dance also allows Canadian dancers to learn from master teachers and choreographers both within Canada and abroad. We encourage our dancers and their supporters to foster good sportsmanship and to promote Canadian values while exhibiting our remarkable dance training. We only work with the 'best of the best' choreographers who choose the best dancers to represent Canada.

**WHAT WE AREN'T:** Team Canada Dance is not a charity and dance is still not recognized as a sport in Canada. What that means is that we cannot get government funding or team sponsors to help with the costs. Dancers are encouraged to seek their own sponsors to offset the cost of attending our events. We have a Sponsor Receipt that can be given with our Non-Profit number, but sponsors cannot use sponsorship as a charitable donation, they can use it for advertising or however, they see fit. We carefully adjust our price packages according to expenses and past costs.

**CHOREOGRAPHERS:** Each year we choose choreographers who have a proven record of winning medals for Canada and have a great reputation in our community.

**STUDIO / REHEARSAL SPACE:** Team Canada Dance does not have its own rehearsal space nor is it affiliated with any particular studios. We ask for studio space to be donated for all our rehearsals otherwise we need to include rental cost in the package.

**WHAT TO BRING:** On your first Team Canada Dance rehearsal, ALL dancers must bring an envelope with the dancer's name on it, and put your choreography fee in cash inside. You may not participate without handing this in - and it must be in a marked envelope. The choreography fee does not include costumes. This will be separate. You must bring choreography fees for EACH ROUTINE YOU ARE COMPETING IN, and a rehearsal fee may apply if making a previous solo appropriate for the competition.

Also - don't forget water because you will be working hard!

**COSTUMES:** You may be measured at the first rehearsal for costumes so please wear something appropriate to be measured in.

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**CHOREOGRAPHY FEES:** Choreography fees are per routine. \$300/children formation, \$300 junior formation, \$350 adult formation, and \$250 production. Other routines tba

**COSTUME FEES:** This is a separate fee as determined by the choreographer. You will be told what this fee is when the time comes. We do our best to keep the cost to a minimum.

**TEAM CANADA FEES:** Team Canada fees include 7 nights hotel in Prague with breakfast, ground transportation in Czechia, entry fees, IDO licensing fees, a commemorative t-shirt for each dancer, parent admission (if applicable), Team Canada Dance faculty expenses, and administration fees. *Please note that this year's rate includes one extra night from previous years.*

**1 Dancer:** This package is for any dancer who is travelling alone and will be sharing a room with another dancer

**\$2,500** (if pd in full by Mar 31/24) **OR \$2,650** (\*must be pd in full by Sept 1/24)

**1 Dancer + 1 Parent/Guardian:**

**\$4,500** (if pd in full by Mar 31/24) **OR \$4,800** (\*must be pd in full by Sept 1/24)  
Sharing a triple room

**1 Dancer + 2 Parent/Guardian -OR- 2 Dancer + 1 Parent/Guardian:**

**\$6,100** (if pd in full by Mar 31/24) **OR \$6,500** (\*must be pd in full by Sept 1/24)  
A dancer and family of 4 requiring 2 rooms

**2 Dancer + 2 Parent/Guardian:**

**\$8,750** (if pd in full by Mar 31/24) **OR \$9,220** (\*must be pd in full by Sept 1/24)

### **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATES:**

**MANDATORY ARRIVAL DATE:** Please be sure that you depart by **October 20th** (so you will arrive by October 21st).

**OPTIONAL DEPARTURE DATE:** You will check out of the hotel on **Monday, October 28th** and we will have a shuttle to the Prague airport. As mentioned, your return date is optional.

**RESERVING ROOMS:** The organizers book our hotel rooms and we have limited space available as dancers from across the world are coming to compete. We will book our dancers into rooms first and if there is space, we can try to accommodate extra family members on our trip, however, it is not guaranteed. For safety reasons, we don't allow dancers to have their own room. Rooms are hard to get enough of at World Championships due to the number of people attending so any changes in configurations are difficult.

**ENTRIES:** IDO has increased their fees, so now any dancer chosen for a solo, duo, or trio will be required to pay an additional \$65 each in entry fees. Small Group members will be required to pay an additional \$50 in entry fees. We will collect the fee in Canadian funds convert it into Euros and wire the money to Europe. Entry fees for formation (incl. production) are included in your package.

**TEAM PARENT/LIAISON:** An appointed person who may assist if needed with roll calls, remind team members of rehearsals, and help wherever else is needed by the Team Canada office and/or choreographer(s) at team events and World Championships. **We will communicate by TeamSnap.**



**IDO WORLD TAP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024  
PRAGUE, OCTOBER 23 - 27 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY**

CHILDREN		ALL FIRST ROUNDS
JUNIORS 1/2	SOLOS FEMALE / MALE, DUOS	FIRST ROUNDS

**THURSDAY**

CHILDREN		ALL NEXT ROUNDS
CHILDREN		ALL FINALS
JUNIORS	TRIOS, GROUPS, FORMATIONS	FIRST ROUNDS
JUNIORS 1/2	SOLOS FEMALE / MALE, DUOS	FINALS

**FRIDAY**

JUNIORS	TRIOS, GROUPS, FORMATIONS	NEXT ROUNDS
JUNIORS	TRIOS, GROUPS, FORMATIONS	FINALS
ADULTS		ALL FIRST ROUNDS

**SATURDAY**

Bill Fowler's Battle of the Feet		
ADULTS		ALL NEXT ROUNDS
ADULTS	SOLOS FEMALE / MALE, DUOS, FORMATIONS	FINALS

**SUNDAY**

MASTERCLASSES		
Bill Fowler's Battle of the Feet		
ADULTS 2		ALL FIRST ROUNDS
ADULTS 2		FINALS
ADULTS	TRIOS, GROUPS	FINALS
PRODUCTIONS		FIRST ROUNDS
PRODUCTIONS		FINALS

**THE ORDER OF THE CATEGORIES DURING THE DAY IS NOT SPECIFIED!**  
Please mind that all times will be announced in the final schedule after the enrolment deadline September 25, 2024.

The hall is expected to open at approx. 7 am and the end of each competing day will not be later than 10 pm.

Dry rehearsals will occur multiple times daily between the rounds.  
The Parade of Nations and prize giving ceremonies will take place Thursday to Sunday, on each day when there are final rounds.

Please note that all times are subject to change.

**PLEASE NOTE** that any competition information will be shared by TEAM CANADA DANCE OFFICE ONLY. Previously, we have had families look at the schedule or the entries and cause a panic with others, especially if they didn't see a routine. Once all information is correct and confirmed with the organizer, we will share it with the team. We may have knowledge that is not on the website yet so please do not share any information until we do.

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**EXTRA ROUTINES:** You have been invited to the Canadian National Team. Each country is allowed 3 entries per age per division. Please remember that this is a World Championship and it's not open for anyone to enter. You have to be selected to qualify. We work closely with all the choreographers on the teams across Canada to decide how we split any 'extra' routines between the provinces if necessary. Please remember that Team Canada is not just your province! Those three positions must be split across all of our Canadian dancers and we want to choose the best to represent Canada.

If you are asked to be in another routine, extra fees will apply. Please also note that rehearsals for extra routines may fall outside of the posted scheduled days for formation and production.

*\*Any Junior dancer on the adult formation (who is asked) may compete as a junior for small groups, trios, duos, or solos, or they may be asked to participate in an adult small group.*

**TEAM REHEARSALS:** All team rehearsals are mandatory. If you must miss one due to travel difficulties, illness, bereavement, or mandatory prior home-studio commitment, please let your choreographer **and** the IDO Canada office know. Any other reasons for missing rehearsals such as parties, etc., are not acceptable and the choreographer may remove you from routines. Missing rehearsals will be assessed by the choreographer on a case-by-case basis. We are taking a **studio-first** approach, which means that any activity that you are required to take part in from your home studio that conflicts with Team Canada's schedule is acceptable - please let us know in advance. However, please keep in mind that we are attending a World Championship and we need to be ready!

The rehearsal schedule will be available until departure. The choreographer may schedule extra rehearsals if necessary or for 'extra' routines. Any changes to rehearsal notices will be emailed to the team, and/or posted on TeamSnap.

**REHEARSALS AT COMPETITION:** It is the discretion of your choreographer as to how many and when they will hold rehearsals for the team. The Team Parent/liaison/Assistant will make sure all the dancers are aware of when/where they will be held. This information will be given daily and will be posted. This cannot be pre-planned until the team knows the competition schedule and what rounds they qualify for. We ask the parents to not stay and watch the rehearsals as we find the dancers are much more focused at rehearsals without an audience.

**TEAM WEAR:** To order Team Canada wear, please go to [www.TeamCanadaDance.ca](http://www.TeamCanadaDance.ca) to the TEAM WEAR tab. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact them directly. Please remember that no other Team Wear is allowed to be made by anyone else.

**MONEY:** Everything connected with IDO is in Euros (€) but competition organizers may offer additional merchandise and use local currency for admission and other event-specific items.

**How much cash do I send with my child?** We have found that \$400 CDN converted to local currency is usually enough in the past. A wonderful breakfast is usually included but you will want to buy your other meals and maybe some souvenirs. Czechia is a little more expensive than other countries we have competed in. Credit cards are usually accepted at most places.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**AIR TRAVEL:** **\*\*Be at the airport 3 hrs prior** to departure! We don't want you to miss your flight!

Team Canada Dance will NOT be purchasing air tickets on behalf of the team this year. We suffered a huge loss since 2019 and our airline tickets cannot be purchased as a group like we used to. This year, we are asking families to book their own tickets on their own terms (*upgrades, holiday, points, etc.*). Last year, not only did the tickets exceed our budget in your travel package, but several delays caused issues with both the shuttles and travelers.

**PASSPORTS:** **Please make sure your passport does not expire within 6 months of travel.** We are not kidding! We have had both dancers and parents turned away at the gate for this in the past. This is YOUR responsibility, not ours, or the airline. We have run into passport issues several times despite our warnings. Melissa will also require an updated passport for ALL DANCERS to enter the competition - and will use these for any age checks at the competition.

**TEAM TRAVEL:** Dancers are to wear their Team Canada jacket when traveling and at the competition. It also makes spotting other dancers easy! There will be extra Team Wear available for sale if anyone is interested - the extra Team Wear is optional.

**EXTENDED STAY:** If you plan on traveling outside of Czechia or the Schengen area, please check with the Government of Canada Travel Advisory. <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

**Please arrange any vacation time for after the completion of the competition as your hotel is paid for the entire time and you will not get a refund for early departure.**

**ENTERING CZECHIA:** Czechia is a member of the European Union and part of the Schengen area. You do not need to pass customs when traveling between Czechia and other European countries. At this time there are no further entry requirements to enter the country and we will update you if this changes.

**TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN:** Canadian travelers visiting Germany with children should carry:

- a valid passport for each child
- the child's long-form birth certificate.
- if a child is traveling alone, with only one parent, or a third party of legal age, a letter of authorization signed by the other parent, or both parents, as the case may be

See more <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children>

**DANCERS TRAVELLING WITHOUT A PARENT:** If you are sending your child (*under 18*) without a parent, please ask another parent on the team that you and your child feel comfortable with to chaperone. Please let us know who the chaperone is so we can arrange suitable hotel accommodations. Please fill out and have your child carry the following consent letter <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS:** Please have a notarized letter from the other parent permitting you to travel with your child outside of Canada. Usually, we haven't had any problems, but customs have informed us that there is an increase in human trafficking and they have become stricter. If a father is listed as 'unknown', then you must have your child's long-form birth certificate.

**COSTUMES:** Please pack costumes and shoes in your carry-on. All props must go with the luggage. **ONE SUITCASE PER PERSON.** Dancers - you do not need many clothes as 99% of the time you will be in dance clothes or team wear. Although you can pay to bring more luggage onto the plane, **PLEASE DON'T** as it will not fit into the bus that picks up the team at the airport. Also - we have had many suitcases lost at the airport and your costume cannot be immediately replaced or substituted.

**WHILE ON THE PLANE:** It is very important that the dancers sleep on the plane as we need them well rested when they arrive. If they try to stay awake during the flight then they will likely get run down and ill by the end of the week. You will likely be on an overnight flight. When you arrive, it will be 6 hrs ahead of our time, so 6 pm in Czechia will be midnight in Ontario or 10 pm in Alberta, which will make competing difficult unless rested. Please, get your sleep! We are offering a turn-around day this year to combat fatigue and travel concerns in case of delayed flights.

**SECURITY:** Please note that in Europe, security is quite strict - be prepared to be frisked from head to toe. Line-ups can also be quite long as they are very thorough. The competition security is also very tight. Please, always exercise a high degree of caution and be alert.

**ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT PRAGUE AIRPORT:** Please gather your luggage and go out the door customs door and group together. Wait for the driver holding the IDO and/or Canada sign and possibly Melissa will be there to greet you as well. Remember to go to the washroom before boarding the bus! The ride is about 40 min.

**CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS:** The world can be unpredictable! If our flights are canceled due to weather or other natural conditions, please know that it's for your safety and no one is to be blamed. Please do your best to remain calm and let us know of any delays to your arrival.

**AIRPORT SHUTTLES:** In addition to having shuttles each day from the hotel - venue - hotel, we are also planning to offer an airport shuttle for the group. Prague Airport is approx. 40-minute drive to the hotels/venue or up to 1.5 hrs by transit. We will have more information on shuttles at a later time.

**HEALTHCARE IN CZECHIA:** Good medical care is widely available. Care providers may require upfront payment. Lately, we have had at least one dancer per team who needed to attend a local hospital for further treatment of either an allergic reaction or an injury outside of the competition. There will be a First Aid team at the competition. Please make sure you have health insurance should you need it.

**CURRENCY:** Euros (€) - and currency exchanges can be found at the airports or here in Ontario. Always have some cash on you as credit cards aren't always accepted. You can use the ATM in Europe to withdraw for a nominal fee. Leave tips but no obligation to. The currency exchange is approx. 1 CAD = 0.69 Euro

Czechia uses the Czech koruna or Czech crown (Kč / CZK). Currently, the exchange rate is 1 CAD = 17.50Kč. There are some great apps for your phone to help you with figuring out the exchange.

**WEATHER:** In October, Prague dons a classic autumn appearance as the city streets are strewn with fall foliage creating a picturesque scene. The climate is brisk, making it an ideal time for strolls or bike rides along the Vltava River. October in Prague offers a charming mix of crisper weather and exquisite fall scenery. It can be both mild and cold with increasing cloudiness throughout the month. Highs average around 10-11C with lows averaging 3-4C. Some evenings can dip to -2C.



## HOTEL INFORMATION

**HOTEL:** \*Please be patient as it may take some time to check in large groups!

IDO organizers coordinate all the hotels for IDO World Championships. They have reserved hotels within a large radius of the venue. The sooner we submit our rooming lists, the sooner we will know which hotel! **We have asked for the host hotel or the closest hotel that is the nicest. We will hopefully know which hotel after the deadline in June. Please know that we may not know which hotel until the end of the summer depending on how many teams the organizer is working with.**



Our hotel is the **(coming soon)**

### Required at check in:

- Credit card or cash deposit required - if you want to charge anything to your room and/or turn the phone on
- Government-issued photo ID/passport - this is required for everyone.

### **PASSPORTS:** KEEP THEM SAFE!

Please put all passports in your hotel safe. If you want to hold onto them, please know that if you lose them, you are on your own to replace them, however, the organizer of the competition can guide you to the embassy. Dancers who are traveling without a parent have no choice - put them in the safe! We have a copy in our Amilia Registration system as well and use that for passport/age checks at the competition.

#### **WE DO NOT ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE INTO OUR ROOMS.**

Any social visiting must be done in the Lobby.

**No room or hall parties!** (applicable for both dancers and parents)

#### **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

If anyone is caught sneaking another family member or friend into their rooms to stay with them, that dancer and family **will be expelled immediately** from the competition. Unlike our hotels we do not pay for the room but *per person*. It is important that Canada does not look like cheaters. This rule also applies to all our ground transportation also – it is for dancers and parents travelling with the team – they have paid for this service **PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR ANY EXCEPTIONS – WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ANYTHING DIFFERENT**

**DINING:** There are several restaurants near the hotel and the venue. They have a variety of different cuisines, such as Italian, Japanese, American, European, etc.

**VACCINATIONS FOR CZECHIA:** Routine vaccines should be up-to-date. We recommend the flu and COVID booster as we have noticed illness every year going around such big events, which hinder the dancers from performing their best!

**FUN TIME:** Yes! There will be time for fun and visiting the area if you wish to do so. You will be asked not to plan any activities on the day of the competition so you are rested and don't miss it! **Please note: we will be planning team get-togethers while there, starting with an activity Oct. 22!** Please support the Canadian dancers at the competition as much as possible.



## PRAGUE - CZECHIA (Czech Republic)



**Prague:** With a population of 1.3 million, Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic<sup>2</sup>(*Czechia*) and the historical capital of Bohemia (*westernmost and largest historical region of the Czech Republic*). The Czech name *Praha* is derived from an old Slavic word that means "rapid" referring to the city's origin at a crossing point of the Vltava River but there are other theories in which the word originated. Prague is the political, cultural, and economic hub of central Europe with a rich history and Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architectures. It is called the "City of a Hundred Spires", based on a count by 19th-century mathematician Bernard Bolzano; today's count is estimated by the Prague Information Service at 500. Nicknames for Prague have also included: the Golden City, the Mother of Cities, and the Heart of Europe. It is the 5th most visited city in Europe after London, Paris, Istanbul, and Rome.

Prague is home to several well-known cultural attractions, including Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Prague astronomical clock, the Jewish Quarter, Petřín Hill, and Vyšehrad. This historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites since 1992.

The city has more than 10 major museums, along with numerous theatres, galleries, cinemas, and other historical exhibits. An extensive modern public transportation system connects the city. It is home to Charles University, the oldest university in Central Europe.



**CZECHIA/CZECH REPUBLIC:** Also known as *Czechia*, is a landlocked country in Central Europe bordering Germany, Poland, Slovakia, and Austria. The country was divided into 3 lands, Bohemia (*Čechy*) in the west, Moravia (*Morava*) in the east, and Czech Silesia (*Slezsko*) in the northeast, but sits mostly within modern Poland. Known as the *Bohemian Crown*, *Czechia*, and *the lands of the Crown of Saint Wenceslaus*. The country regained independence in 1918 after the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian empire and the new name of *Czechoslovakia* was coined to reflect the union of the *Czech* and *Slovak* nations within one country. Czechoslovakia then dissolved in 1992. The name *Česko* was adopted as the Czech short name for the new state and the Czech government directed the use of *Czechia* as the official English short name in 2016. The largest companies by revenue in Czechia are Škoda Auto, ČEZ Group, Agrofert, EPH, Unipetrol, Foxconn CZ, and Moravia Steel. Škoda Transportation is the 4th largest tram producer in the world. Czechia is also the world's largest vinyl records manufacturer! Czech food companies include Agrofert, Kofola, and Hamé.

Czechia boasts 16 Cultural UNESCO World Heritage Sites and 1 Natural, with another 13 on the Tentative List. Architectural heritage includes castles, cathedrals, and 15 basilica. There are also many beer festivals and puppet festivals. Puppetry and marionette exhibitions are common. The country is also known for its numerous museums. Aquapalace Prague in Čestlice is the largest waterpark in the country.

**SCHENGEN AREA:** The world's largest visa-free zone! The Schengen Area signifies a zone where 27 European countries abolished their internal borders, for the unrestricted movement of people, in harmony with common rules for controlling external borders. The area covers most of the EU countries and some outside of the EU. Canadian citizens do not need a visa for travel to countries within the Schengen area, however, visa-free travel only applies to stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

## IMPORTANT VENUE INFORMATION

- The dimensions of the stage depth x width are approximately 14m X 14m (45ft X 45ft). Entry is from the sides of the stage, with no wings. The floor is plywood and SLIPPERY!
- Spectator capacity tba
- Catering facilities in and near the hall
- The organizers do not provide custody or insurance for the participants. The responsibility to provide custody and insurance applies to the delegate institutions. The organizer will not be held responsible for any accidents during the stay in Prague and the UNYP Arena. The team captains of the nations must have insurance information ready if something happens and paramedics are called to bring the dancer to the hospital if necessary. You may leave insurance papers with the IDO Organizational Office at check-in.
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CZECHIA HEALTH SYSTEM: Please be aware that the Czechia health system does not allow doctors or hospitals to treat anyone without insurance or payment by cash. If you go to the hospital, be prepared to pay or show insurance.
- The institutions and their dancers own the right to withdraw from further competition at each stage of the event. Withdrawal from the competition shall not result in reimbursement of the enrollment fees.
- The use of sports footwear is mandatory, while the use of 'stiletto' or 'spike' heels (*or any kind of footwear that may damage the surface*) is prohibited on the stage.
- Any form of advertisement is forbidden without the written consent of the organizers.
- During the IDO Championship, the participants are obliged to comply with fire and occupational health and safety requirements and procedures valid in UNYP Arena.
- Participation in the IDO World Tap Championship expresses the unconditional and perpetual consent to photo, video, TV recording, and broadcasting of all presentations.
- Protests (Festival) can only be submitted in writing to the organizers and judges immediately (maximum 20 minutes) after the round concerned and only by the official National Team Captains. Later protests shall not be considered. In the event of rejection, the security shall be forfeited as a whole. Protests (IDO WC) comply with IDO Dance Sport Rules & Regulations
- **Detection of non-compliance to the age-division rules may result in disqualification and making the information publicly available.**
- Attention! There may be a 'age-check' during the competition because of past problems. The number and names of dancers in the competition will be according to the internet enrolment (by DIES) or if they are different, fewer or more dancers on stage. **\*Team Canada already will have a copy to use if needed.**

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

**COMPETITION CHECK-IN:** Team Canada Dance/IDO Canada will have already checked in the dancers and collected entrance and dance bands the night before.

**COMPETITION ENTRY FEES:** World Tap Championship entry fees were included in your travel fees. Entry fees were already wired to IDO and/or the organizers.

**SPECIAL RULE FOR COSTUMES:** \*will discuss at the meeting.

General costume rules for all age divisions include costuming that covers all intimate parts of the dancer's body during the entire performance and is covered with a non-transparent material in any colour except flesh. Male dancers may dance bare-chested (except in Children's division). Dancers must also dance in an age-appropriate manner.

*Costuming should never be offensive to the public or other competitors. If religious or political symbols are used as decoration and/or costume, they must suit the theme and choreography in which they are used. Such symbols must always be in good taste and never be offensive.*

**MARKING:** Judges mark on the 3D system: TECHNIQUE (10 marks), COMPOSITION (10 marks), & IMAGE VALUE (10 marks). Total of 30 marks.

**COMPETITION & JUDGING:** After all dancers dance, the next round of dancers will be posted and announced. WE WILL POST IN TEAM SNAP AS WELL. For each additional round, the list is flipped so whoever danced first now dances last in the next round.

**TIME LIMITS:**

*Strictly enforced.*

Solo, Duo - 1:45 - 2:15 minutes  
Small Group (3-7 dancers) - 2:30 - 3:00 minutes  
Children Formation - 2:30 - 3:00 minutes  
Junior & Adult Formations - 2:30 - 4:00 minutes

**JUDGES:** There is no feedback at the World Championships. By the time you make it to this stage, you should not need to be told to stretch your feet, etc. Each judge is from a different country and no country will have two judges on the panel at the same time. They are qualified tap-focused judges!

**ROUNDS:** If there are 50 in a category then it will be cut down to 25, then 12, then to the Final 6. After each round, the scrutineers will count the marks for the competitors to reach the next round. They will publish the results for the next round as soon as possible relating to running of the event. **Please do not leave the hall until this announcement** as there might be an extra unforeseen round (re-dance) that you might **miss by leaving too early**. We had an exciting re-dance for the first last year in jazz so it happens!

**Team Canada Dance will post all next rounds on Team Snap to avoid the chaos at the posts**

**FINALS:** The final 5 or 6 will dance in the finals. If you are lucky enough to be one of the top 5 or 6 in the world, please stay backstage after you dance as they usually call the top 5 or 6 back on stage for a bow and so the judges can take one final look and place thee dancers from 1st - 5th or 6th place.

**EPN/ENTRIES PER NATION:** The IDO World Championships are the largest official Dance Sport World Championships in the world. Because so many nations and dancers are involved, there is a limit to the number of entries each country can bring to 3 EPNs in each age/category. Exception for Wild Cards and Defending Champions. Post-covid competitions may differ on allowable EPNs

**WILD CARDS:** During regular World Championships, the organizing country has the right to one additional participant (dance group) in each discipline, category, and age group.

In addition, dancers may qualify as a Wild Card at sanctioned Grand Prix events. Dancers winning GOLD in the Adult categories may qualify as an additional entry for that nation.

**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Last year's World Tap Champion for Children, Junior, and Adult I and II divisions have the right to defend their titles without national qualification, in addition to the national enrolments (EPNs) - but they have to be enrolled by their national federation.

**THIS IS A REAL COMPETITION:** This is not a competition where everyone comes home with a medal - there is 1 (one) Gold, 1 (one) Silver, and 1 (one) Bronze. Each dancer will be given a certificate with their placement. Only your Team Captain and/or choreographer may pick these up - no parents/dancers in the IDO Office.

**PREPARATION / BE READY:** Because the World Championships are normally big events, the schedule may have to be adjusted during the days. We ask all coaches for the dancers to be ready to dance at least 90 minutes before the published start of the round - respectively inform themselves about the planned start of the dancers. All information will be published backstage near the stage entrance and announced from the stage. Everybody, please inform yourself during the day(s).

**TEAM CAPTAIN:** This is always Team Canada staff, usually Melissa. Certificates will be picked up by this assigned person only. The Team Captain may be called to the desk for any infractions. If you do not see the Captain attend the call, please don't worry as all the Captains will be communicating through a private chat with the organizers.

**PARADE OF NATIONS:** All dancers in all age divisions are to participate in the Parade of Nations, wearing their team jackets and black pants, or team wear. Please bring flags to wave and souvenirs to trade with other countries! Please note that you are expected to attend and participate in **every** Parade of Nation at the event.

**LIVESTREAM:** There will be livestream. Generally, it does cost about 7-10 Euros per day. We will post any livestream information once it is released.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** Personal videos are strictly prohibited at all times at the Championship. Their crew will film the whole event and produce DVDs for sale. Pictures taken at the event are permitted only by journalists/reporters with accreditation, the official photographer of the organizer, and parents taking pics of their children with prior consent and proven upon request. They are strict about the rules and anyone not following the rules risk being ejected from the facility.

**SCHEDULE:** Once all the entries are in, we will post the final schedule. This usually comes out shortly before the start of the competition. We have the tentative schedule posted.

**OFF DAYS:** The World Championship can last several days and dancers may not dance every day. Dancers are free to explore the tourist activities in the area during this time, however, we do hope and expect our team members to show up and cheer on the other Canadian participants throughout the competition. There will be a GALA/party after the final day of the competition and Team Canada will arrange some fun team activities.

# TEAM PICTURE

**Every year we do a team picture – GO CANADA!**

*We usually try to arrange this for the Friday evening before Finals*



TEAM CANADA 2019  
WORLD TAP CHAMPIONSHIPS GERMANY

# ADMISSION TO CHAMPIONSHIPS, GALA, and ACCREDITATIONS

CASH ONLY accepted for meal vouchers  
CASH & CREDIT (EC, Visa, MC, Maestro, PayPal) accepted for Tickets

## **DANCERS ENTRANCE BANDS:**

Dancers will each receive a wristband to enter each day.  
If lost, a new one must be purchased.

**Dancers must wear these with their costumes on LEFT WRIST**

**LOST WRISTBANDS:** 5 EURO each (*historical price-2024 not available yet*)

*\*PARENTS ARE NOT TO HAVE DANCER BANDS*

## **2024 ADMISSION TICKETS:**

Parents staying with the team will be given admission tickets this year. They will be handed out the night before the start of the competition only - after Melissa gets back from the competition check-in. We will give you a set time closer to this date. You must be there to pick up these bands when they are being handed out or have someone sign for you.

## **MASTERCLASSES:**

During the event, there *\*may\** be a Master Class offered. **WE DON'T KNOW YET IF THERE WILL BE ANY IN 2024!** In the past, classes were about 15 euros/person/class  
Masterclass tickets will be purchased by the Team Captain only (Melissa) and Euro Cash only  
Cash will be collected when we give you your wristbands before the start of the competition.

## **MEALS/BUFFET:**

We were told that there will be food available at the Championship but don't have any information on that yet. We will update this page once it is released.

There are several restaurants around UNYP Arena within walking distance, with a cafe right across the street, or several other options around the town of Prauge to satisfy any diet.

## **VENDORS:**

There will be vendor stands in the Arena selling t-shirts and related wear.

## **PHOTOS / VIDEOS:**

Photo and/or video packages will be available through  
Prices will be announced.

*We also have permitted a team videographer to film and put together a personal video of your dancer but this must be purchased in advance. More information to come.*

## A FEW MORE THINGS

**EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY:** When traveling in Europe, one of the most important things to bring with you is a POWER CONVERTER, as the wall sockets are much different. There also aren't as many outlets in hotel rooms as we are used to because electricity is much more expensive in Europe. Luckily, converters are affordable and can be bought at many places such as CAA, Walmart, Shoppers, Amazon, and so on. You will need different ones depending on the country. Your best bet is to get an all-in-one converter.

**CZECH REPUBLIC:** uses standard European type E. Standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. For reference, standard voltage in Canada is 100 - 127 V. YOU NEED A CONVERTER, NO JUST ATTACHMENT - You will fry your electric devices without a voltage converter!



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E



**NATIONAL FLAGS & PINS:** *Don't forget* to bring a Canadian flag for the Parade of Nations! Also, dancers love to trade anything with Canada on it, such as pins, scarves, hats, jackets, and so on.

**EXPECTATIONS OF TEAM MEMBERS:** We are representing Canada, IDO Canada / Team Canada Dance, our studios, and ourselves. Please be mindful at all times. We expect our team to be:

- polite and courteous to all dancers from around the world and within our team
- support all Team Canada dancers from other provinces as well as our own
- we cheer for everyone, even our competition!
- please mind your manners
- a pleasant disposition is always encouraged
- NO EXCUSES!
- no contact with the organizer unless it is to say "thank you"
- dancers and parents are to be respectful of their choreographers, and to each other
- everyone is to be respectful at the hotel
- no one is to talk to the judges - even if you know them!
- different countries, different cultures - please mind your facial expressions

**FACIAL EXPRESSIONS:** Please do not make faces or comments if you see something you do not like on stage as it does not set a good example of sportsmanship for our country. It will look like we are making fun of them or thinking that we are better than them. Also, if you don't understand someone or have anything to trade. A simple smile and 'no' goes a long way!

**ENGLISH:** All IDO World Championships are held in English as the common language but organizers may also use their native tongue in addition, such as German. Many townspeople speak English but not all of them or have very limited understanding but you can use Google Translate if you need to.



## MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

- Any dancer, choreographer, or parent not showing 100% sportsmanship will be removed from the team. Your behavior also risks the rest of the team being expelled from the competition. If this happens, there will be NO REFUNDS
- Dancers all would like to win, but even more so, they want to please you and make their parents proud. If you are angry or upset as a parent/chaperone - so will the dancers. Please try to emphasize the positives and work in a calm manner to smooth out any negatives. Remember, if you have time to complain then you have time to help! Be the solution, not the problem.

*\*Remember you may be the best in your area - but this is not a local, provincial, or National competition. It is a World Championship\**

- Be a humble winner and gracious if you do not win
- Over the years, dancers will receive many trophies and medals -- these will be long forgotten or lost as dancers move on into adulthood. However, the memories of this time as a member of Team Canada, representing Canada on the world stage, will be memories that will last a lifetime
- Please be the parent that makes this a wonderful experience each and every time your child gets to participate
- Everyone has worked hard to get to the World Championship. The dance studio teachers with their expert training, the choreographers who work endless hours for the dancers, the directors, your organizers, the dancers, and you - the parents! Remember that you are not just representing yourself, Team Canada Dance/IDO Canada, and Canada, you are also representing your province, your town, your trainers, and your community as a whole.

Thank you for giving the dancers this amazing opportunity!

- Who do we cheer for? EVERYONE! (but of course, we cheer really loud for Canada)
- Remember that we are all one team, from East to West. We are Canada.

*In other words, say little when you win and less when you lose.  
The number one ingredient of a true athlete is SPORTSMANSHIP!*

# CODE OF CONDUCT

This is an overview of the Code of Conduct which can be found on our website, [Teamcanadadance.ca](http://Teamcanadadance.ca) as well as the Files section of TeamSnap

## **DANCERS**

Dancers are expected to:

- arrive to rehearsal on time and ready
- work hard in every session with the team and PRACTICE at home
- stay home if ill and mask up when necessary to prevent spread across the team
- let the choreographer and Team Canada Dance admin know if they will be absent
- let the choreographer/admin know if you are having any difficulties so we can help.
- have a positive attitude by consistently demonstrating a spirit of sportsmanship, sport leadership, and ethical conduct.
- refrain from teasing/harassment of fellow team members, staff, and others that may be participating/attending, including those in other teams in Canada and internationally.

Types of behaviour that constitutes harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Written or verbal abuse, threats, or outbursts
- The display of visual material which is offensive or which one ought to know is offensive in the circumstances
- Unwelcome remarks, jokes, comments, innuendo, or taunts, leering or other suggestive or obscene gestures
- Condescending or patronizing behaviour that is intended to undermine self-esteem, diminish performance, or adversely affect working conditions
- Practical jokes that cause awkwardness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety or negatively affect performance
- Any form of hazing where hazing is defined as "Any potentially humiliating, degrading, abusive, or dangerous activity expected of a new dancer by a returning teammate, which does not contribute to either dancer's positive development, but is required to be accepted as part of a team, regardless of the new dancer's willingness to participate"
- Unwanted physical contact including, but not limited to, touching, petting, pinching, or kissing, as well as unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, requests, or invitations
- Physical or sexual assault
- Behaviours such as those described above that are not directed towards a specific individual or group but have the same effect of creating a negative or hostile environment
- Retaliation or threats of retaliation against an individual who reports harassment
- avoid public criticism of dancers, choreographers, officials, organizers, volunteers, employees, or members - within Canada and our international dance friends
- consist
- abstain from illegal drug use and performance-enhancing drugs. Abstain from alcohol if under the age of majority - all dancers are to abstain during competition
- avoid new tricks/moves that are beyond your capabilities.
- Never post/share any choreography until after the championship. Please tag us in all your adventures
- NEVER go to the media/other without first consulting with your Team Captain. Dancers often get left out and this is a team so we want to be sure everyone is included.

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- you must abstain from traveling and staying with the team if you are in an ongoing criminal investigation, conviction, or existing bail conditions involving violence, and/or child pornography/possession
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- Abstain from giving minors drugs/alcohol
- avoid pushing the dancer beyond what they are physically and emotionally ready for. Please support the dancer and not criticize or give advice, even when meaning well.
- Never post/share any choreography until after the championship. Please tag us in all your adventures
- NEVER go to the media/other without first consulting with your Team Captain. Dancers often get left out and this is a team so we want to be sure everyone is included. Never give an interview without prior permission from Team Canada Admin.

## BEFORE YOU LEAVE ....

### 1. CHECK YOUR AIRLINE TICKET & MAKE SURE WE KNOW YOUR ARRIVAL

- expiry of passport is NOT within 6 months of the return date

### 2. CHECK ROOMING LIST & SHUTTLE LISTS *(if applicable)*

- we will have copies for team members that you can write Room Numbers on at the hotel - it will also be posted in TeamSnap under PHOTOS

### 3. ANY WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED

### 4. TEAM JACKETS

- all team members will have a team jacket - new members will be given one.

### 5. CHECK THE WEBPAGE AND/OR TEAMS NAP

- [www.teamcanadadance.ca](http://www.teamcanadadance.ca) /Tap Teams tab
- TeamSnap
- we do try to email everyone important updates, but in case you missed it, it will be available at all times on our webpage/TeamSnap

### 6. EXTRA TEAM WEAR

- completely optional
- available through our website once opened for the season
- **no team should make their own**

### 7. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- please review our social media policy, as well as the rules & regulations
- do not create any new accounts in our name

### 8. HAVE FUN!!