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HIP HOP

World

CHAMPIONSHIP

2024



OCTOBER

SKOPJE

MACEDONIA

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**2024 Team Canada
HHW PACKAGE**

EVENTS: Skopje, North Macedonia

IDO World HIP HOP, POPPING, & BATTLE Championship - Oct. 9-15, 2024

IDO World STREET DANCE SHOW Championship - Oct. 16-17, 2024

ARRIVAL DATE: PLEASE BOOK YOUR FLIGHT AS FOLLOWS:

MANDATORY ARRIVAL DATE: You must arrive in Skopje, Macedonia @ the hotel **by OCT 7**

OPTIONAL RETURN DATE: You will check out of the hotel on the morning of the package you choose - **OCT 16 for HIP HOP** or **OCT 18 for the entire event**. Your return date is optional, however you must check out on the chosen date - no exceptions.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE ORGANIZATION (IDO):

IDO is a nonprofit World Dance and Dancesport Federation with over 90 members 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 /IDO CANADA

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 dancers 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.

THE ORGANIZER

Our North Macedonian organizer has been organizing and attending Hip Hop competitions for many years. The 2024 event will be unlike any previous IDO Hip Hop Championships!

TEAM CANADA DANCE RECORD

Team Canada Dance/IDO Canada has proven itself a worthy competitor at these events. Not only has Canada made an impression on the international Hip Hop community over the years, but multiple members of the IDO presidium have also recognized our dancers as a talented and original team. Canada made its mark! Reaching the podium is an amazing way to celebrate all the hard work that everyone has put into the team, but dancers have also made great connections with each other and in the international Hip Hop community. Past dancers have taught at international workshops and become adjudicators and choreographers themselves. The West team competed for the first time under the direction of Roberta Bierman last year and brought home several medals and 'trophies'. This year, we will have both an east and west team - 2024 will be unstoppable for Canada!

FLIGHTS:

This year, we ask dancers/families to purchase their own airline tickets. ***Dancers/families will be able to take advantage of seat sales, use their points, and use third-party sites like Expedia to get a better deal for their families.*** We feel that by purchasing your own, you will be able to get less expensive than group seats than what we can get for you. We realize that not everyone enjoys making their own flights. We are more than happy to assist you if you need any assistance!

ADVANTAGES TO BOOKING YOUR OWN FLIGHT:

- Tickets purchased online or through a travel agent are always less expensive than group tickets, as airlines are forced to hold over 100 seats for months for a team with a deposit. We cannot purchase seats without all the passport info which we usually need to wait for.
- Tickets booked online are the price that they are that day. With group tickets, we pay an average between the most expensive and least expensive tickets
- You are able to use your credit card for purchase and many credit cards include insurance. Please check what your credit card offers you for travel insurance and cancellation as well as points earned.
- You can decide the duration of your trip! If you wish to depart early or stay longer for a holiday, it's in your hands. You also don't have to get up early to depart the day after the competition to get back to the airport with the rest of the team if you don't want to.
- **You may find that large companies and corporations will sponsor you by letting you use their points to book your flights. PLEASE look into this to help offset your costs!**
- You can upgrade to whatever level of travel you wish when booking. You won't be limited as groups usually are.
- You can take advantage of seat sales or use third-party sites such as Expedia

DIS-ADVANTAGES TO BOOKING YOUR OWN FLIGHT:

- If your flight is cancelled or delayed, any additional expenses to get yourself to the hotel/competition will be your responsibility
- If something happens with your travel and you don't make it in time to compete in the first round, IDO disqualifies you for all subsequent rounds. They will make an exception if an entire team is delayed (*but won't for one or two dancers*).
- It's always exciting to travel with a group, but that hasn't been a reality for the last few years. As we won't be traveling together this year, we will be arranging a Team Dinner with the hotel (*more info to come*)
- You may not be comfortable making your own way - we can help!
- If you decide to vacation after the competition in Prague, it will be your responsibility to get back to the airport or whichever airport you are returning from.
- All holidays **MUST BE AFTER** the competition. We want you at your best to compete!

TEAM CANADA HH PACKAGES:

PACKAGES

Packages are based on team/hotel stay as follows:

9 nights - OCT 7-16 - Hip Hop *ONLY

11 nights - OCT 7 - 18 - Hip Hop + Street Dance Show

We are including an extra day to ensure that you arrive and acclimatize to the new time zone. Flights can often be delayed/canceled and if you miss your first round, IDO will not let you compete in subsequent rounds. (=2 more nights than 2023 team)

All packages include hotel w/breakfast, IDO fees, entry fees, Team Canada faculty expenses, administration fees, and more. Dancers choosing a package with parent/supporter will also include parent/supporter admission. New dancers receive a Team jacket.

PACKAGE #1 1 DANCER ONLY - shared with another dancer

1A - 9 nights October 7-16/2024 - Hip Hop ONLY **\$2,700**

1B - 11 nights October 7-18/2024 - HH + SDS = ALL **\$3,000**

*This option for 2/room includes two twin beds

PACKAGE #2 1 DANCER + 1 PARENT/SUPPORTER

2A - 9 nights October 7-16/2024 - Hip Hop ONLY **\$5,000**

2B - 11 nights October 7-18/2024 - HH + SDS = ALL **\$5,400**

*This option for 2/room includes two twin beds or one French/double bed

PACKAGE #3 3 IN THE SAME ROOM

3A - 9 nights October 7-16/2024 - Hip Hop ONLY **\$8,175**

3B - 11 nights October 7-18/2024 - HH + SDS = ALL **\$9,275**

*This option for 3/room is a suite that includes one double/french bed + one pull-out couch (French/double)

PACKAGE #4 4 IN THE SAME ROOM please contact us.

DEPOSIT—Upon your acceptance to the team, a deposit for each traveler is required. Deposits are your commitment to the team and reserve a spot per person traveling. Deposits are non-refundable, as we send them immediately to the organizer to reserve accommodations.

MINIMUM PAYABLE AMOUNT - You may choose to pay your package in monthly installments, which will include a minimum amount to pay per month. If you are seeking a sponsor(s) or are using fundraising to help offset the cost, you must pay the minimum and get reimbursed through sponsorships/fundraising. In the past, we have had to wait until departure time for some accounts to be paid, which caused additional late fees on our end while paying for entries, hotel, flights, etc., which all have to be paid far in advance. Remember that we are a non-profit, and the money we ask for in these packages goes towards your event experience with little extra for other fees for day-to-day operations. Team Canada Dance administrators and liaisons are volunteers and want to make this as affordable as possible for dancers.

COSTS:

As with all organizations, the Team Canada Dance costs included in the Package include the costs to operate the organization such as currency exchange rates, wire fees, phone, webpage, shipping, occasional rental space, registration system, storage unit, IDO National fees, bank fees, National Judges expenses, staff flight/hotel, carrying the cost of any loans to bridge the amount due to IDO on their due dates if not collected from everyone, etc. We want to represent you well, but we must also cover all fees by the IDO due dates. We do not have grants or donations to assist the organization itself.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Fees are based on a minimum of 100 participants. If we do not reach our goal, there may be additional costs of up to a maximum of \$100. ***You will have 2 choreographers traveling with you this year.**

PAYMENTS can be made by e-transfer or cheque. You may also deposit directly into the Team Canada Dance account at an RBC branch (*ask us how*).

Please e-transfer to **idocanadahiphopwest@gmail.com** and use the password **Dance2024**. In the security question, please put the **dancer name/province/team**.

A deposit must be made by May 1 of \$500/traveler to secure your spot. There will be 3 installment schedules offered, which will be explained after your acceptance. **The fees MUST be paid IN FULL by Sept. 1, 2024, or you will not be able to participate.**

COSTUMES- to be determined

The choreographers will do their best to keep the costume fees as low as possible. Solo/duo costumes may be sourced individually; however, they must be approved by the choreographer and/or Team Canada admin.

CHOREOGRAPHY - will be sent to you with acceptance

There will be a separate choreography fee for each group. This fee goes directly to the choreographer, not Team Canada Dance, and includes choreography and rehearsals. This must be given in cash.

CANADIAN NATIONAL HIP HOP TEAM HEAD COACHES AND STAFF:

LEON BLACKWOOD - Head of East Hip Hop/Street Dance Show teams

ROBERTA BIERMAN - Head of West Hip Hop Team

CARLO ATIENZA - West Coach

SHERI MACKENZIE - West Regional Coordinator

BONNIE - Team Canada Dance National Director & IDO Vice President

MELISSA - Team Captain & admin

FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising is a great way to offset some travel costs. You can do this individually or as a team. This not only helps those families in need but also promotes team bonding.

Individual dancers may also seek sponsorships from local businesses to help. We have had several dancers pay for their families this way in the past!

Businesses will also donate points towards your flight. Ask businesses, salespeople, and/or large companies/corporations—or anyone you know—to donate air points for your ticket.

Finally, get yourself in the news! ***But before you do, contact the Team Canada Dance office (Melissa)***, as there may be other dancers in your area who are on this team or another team competing this year, and it's only fair that you all get some exposure!

We are a non-profit, **not** a charity, meaning businesses that donate money cannot write this off as a charitable donation. However, in the past, some businesses have classified it as an advertising (or other) expense. Therefore, as a recipient of the funds, you may want to wear something with the company's name on a T-shirt or hat. We will also put their logo on our website and share your story on social media, thanking your sponsor.

We have documents for Fundraising Tips, Sponsor Letters/Receipts, Press Releases, and more. You will receive these after you accept your position on the team. If you need a school letter for the time off, contact us.

If you need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask!

REGISTRATION

After you accept your position on the team, you will be sent a link to register yourself and any family members traveling with you.

AGES

Ages are determined as of December 31/2024

CHILDREN - 12 & under

JUNIOR - 13-16

ADULT - 17 & over

ENTRIES

Team Canada will bring a team from both ON and BC, so the number of entries we are permitted will be split between the two provinces. Your choreographer will know. ***You will not be required to pay any entry fees—this is included as part of your team involvement.***

SOCIAL MEDIA:

We have a strict social media policy which is found on our website and registration terms. Team communication is all done through the TeamSnap app, or a direct email to **idocanadahiphopwest@gmail.com** as a secondary method. Please respect each other on this platform. We have had to remove aggressive participants in the past. NO CHOREOGRAPHY / REHEARSAL are to be posted online or shared outside of the group until the competition. Any videos shared within our team will be shared through our Google Drive. Occasionally, we may use some footage for promotion.

Also, please do not open any social media or crowd-sourcing accounts in our name. You can crowd-source and say you are participating on the Team Canada Dance team, but please don't make it look like our organization and/or the West team are the ones fundraising.

We do encourage all of you to tag us on your social media with your awesome pics and fun videos! Just don't post any choreography until after the competition. We might miss the occasional post due to our hectic schedules, but we would love to repost your stuff when we can! IG @teamcanadadanceofficial

TEAM HANDBOOK:

This is found in the FILES section on TeamSnap and the HIP HOP TEAMS page of our website <https://teamcanadadance.ca/2024-hip-hop-teams>. It will be updated as needed. Most of the answers to your questions can be found here. Please read it thoroughly and then ask any questions you may have. We will go over it again at our Team Meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

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. **The same applies at the competition as the choreographer would like to speak with the dancers first before results are shared.**

QUICK QUESTIONS:

*If you have any questions, please email **idocanadahiphopwest@gmail.com**. We will start TeamSnap after the team is established.*

CATEGORIES

- Hip Hop Solo Male / Female
- Hip Hop Duo
- Hip Hop Group (3-7 dancers)
- Hip Hop Formation (8-24 dancers)
- Popping Solo
- Popping Duo
- Hip Hop Battle Solo
- Hip Hop Battle Crew
- Street Dance Show Solo Male/Female
- Street Dance Show Duo
- Street Dance Show Group
- Street Dance Show Formation

HIP HOP vs STREET DANCE SHOW

You will be given both the Team Handbook and the Competition Rule Book after you accept your position on the team which will have a more detailed description. In short, Street Dance Show IS HIP HOP - but you compete with your own music much like you would a regular dance competition in North America. The Street Dance Show routines are more 'SHOW' meaning that you will have a theme/story, rather than a straight hip hop routine. See examples below.

VIDEOS

EXAMPLE LINKS

2023 IDO Hip Hop Championship Promo

HIP HOP

The Compound - Canada's 2023 Adult Hip Hop Formation - Silver Medal

Shabba - Slovenia's 2023 Adult Hip Hop Formation - Gold Medal

Swagg - Poland's 2023 Junior Hip Hop Formation - Gold Medal

My Dance - Slovak Republic's 2023 Children Hip Hop Formation - Gold Medal

S Crew - Denmark's 2023 Adult Group - Gold Medal

TDt - Canada's 2019 Adult Group - Bronze Medal

POPPING

Drako Cheng - Canada's 2023 Children Popping Male Soloist - Gold Medal

Seo Hyun Park - South Korea's 2023 Adult Popping Female Soloist - Gold Medal

2015 Crew Battle

STREET DANCE SHOW

2019 Street Dance Show Formation from Slovenia

2018 Female Street Dance Solo The Heist- Silver

2018 Group The Agency - Silver

2020 Street Show Duo Continent vs Continent Winner - Bury A Friend (FlowXS) - Gold

2020 Street Dance Show Formation Continent vs Continent Winner - TwoFourSeven - Gold