

Dear Tap Dancers:

Thank you for your patience in hearing back from our organization regarding the tap team coming out of western Canada.

We have not forgotten about you; however, we have been trying to work out the logistics of if it is to our dancers advantage to go this September to Riesa Germany or next year to Prague.

Some problems we encountered were:

Riesa is a very small town in eastern Germany and only has one hotel which the competition staff stay at, therefore the team would have to stay about one hour away and bus it in everyday and back again in the evening.

Germany is very expensive currently with the fuel shortage because of the war, so the cost is more than it has been in previous years.

We do not have a full team yet and with the competition just over one month away, we feel it would not be to the dancer's best interest to attend if our chances of being successful are low. The competition is of a very high caliber, and it is difficult to compete against a group of 24 with only 8-10 dancers.

Therefore:

The choreographer and I have discussed these issues and have decided in the best interest of our dancers and finances it would be to everyone's advantage to start working now for Prague next year.

Here are some important details:

IDO WORLD TAP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS in beautiful Prague.

October 24-27, 2024

Team Travel Dates: October 22-28

There will be two returns for anyone that wants to stay longer for a holiday. Extended travel dates October 24- November 3

All dancers and supporters staying with the team must travel as a team. There is a Team Canada Travel package that includes, air, hotel, ground transportation, Team Canada jacket for dancers, entry and starter fees for groups (selected solos, duets and trios will have an additional entry fee) Full package is around \$4,100.00 – however, until the airline releases their prices for 2024 we cannot confirm – but this is based on this year's travel costs.

Other costs will be choreography and costume fees.

CHOREOGRAPHY AND REHEARSAL – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Auditions – can be submitted by video

***November 2023 - Choreography**

Sunday December 2023 - Rehearsal (with rehearsal coach) and online with choreographer

***January 20-21 2024 – Team Rehearsal (with rehearsal coach) and any solo, duets, trios, small groups with choreographers**

February 18, 2024 – Rehearsal (with rehearsal coach)

***March 8-10, 2024 – Rehearsal with choreographer**

April – June – competition season so we will not interfere with your studio activities

***July 19,20,21 – Rehearsal and Team Meeting with parents, dancers and National Director**

August – off for studio intensives

September 14-15 – Rehearsal

September 28-29 – Rehearsal

October 5-6 – Rehearsal

***October 19–20 - Rehearsal**

Depart – October 22

Please remember these are tentative dates and will depend on studio availability. We ask everyone to let us know if you know any studio that is willing to donate their space for Team Canada rehearsals.

We also ask that you help us recruit dancers so that when we go to Prague we are going with a full and a very strong team.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact teamcanadatapwest@gmail.com

Once accepted to the team you will be invited to Team Snap – this is where all your information will be posted, no other Facebook pages or message boards can be made regarding the team, as this has only caused confusion in the past.

You will also need to check your passport and make sure it does not expire within six months of our travel dates. We need you to upload this on Team Snap as this is what we need to purchase our airline tickets and submit our entries to the International Dance Organization.

Questions regarding Team Snap will be directed to Melissa at our National Office – canadaworlddance@gmail.com

Head Choreographer: Mike Glenney

Please confirm with me if you are still interested in being part of our National Tap Team based out of British Columbia. We will accept members for the Western team from any western province if you can make it to rehearsal.

Once you confirm we will send you information on how to register for Team Snap.

Once again, thank you for your patience and we look forward to welcoming the many talented dancers from western Canada to Team Canada.

Best regards,

Bonnie Dyer
IDO Ambassador – The Americas
Team Canada National Director