



CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW DANCE TEAM INFORMATION MEETING 2018 MEETING AGENDA

VENUE: KRÁLOVKA, Nad královskou oborou 1080/51, Prague.

Královka Arena or Královka sports Hall is multipurpose hall located in Prague 7 district Letná, near to the Generali Arena. Sports and cultural events are held there. It has capacity for maximum 2500 people,



General Information

The IDO Show Dance Championships are the only and sole “officially” accepted world dance sport championships in Show Dance.

Welcome to Team Canada

Bonnie Dyer – Team Canada National Director
IDO Certified Judge, Supervisor, Chairman of Judges
Ambassador: IDO “The Americas”

Choreographer: Allain Lupien and team

Showdance Chairperson of judges: Josat Ralf (Germany),
Supervisor: Svehlova Hana (Slovak Republic),
According IDO rules the following IDO-federations are appointed to send "IDO-official judges": Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa,

QUESTIONS:

If you have a question regarding Formation Choreography, Small Group Choreography, Duet or Trio or costumes please ask your Team Parent Assistant to ask the choreographer.

Extra Routines:

You have been invited to the National Team. Each country is allowed to bring 3 extra entries. Please remember this is the World Championships so just not anyone can enter --you have to be selected or qualify at a Canadian National Dance Competition.

I will work closely with the choreographers on all the teams from Canada and we will collaborate of who gets any solo spots, duets, and small groups that may be available. Please remember it is Canada --not just your Province.

TEAM REHEARSALS: All team rehearsals are **mandatory**. If you must miss because of illness or for bereavement, please let your choreographer know. Any other reasons for missing of rehearsals such as holidays, party etc are not acceptable and the choreographer may remove you from a routine if you miss rehearsals. Different reasons why you must miss rehearsal will be assessed by your choreographer.

TRAVEL INFO:

FLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE GATE – TERMINAL 1

Air TRAVEL: (Be at airport **three** hours prior to departure) TEAM TRAVEL: **EVERYONE IS TOGETHER ON THE SAME TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHTS**

It is important that you check-in as soon as you arrive. Please go through security and find your gate. After that you can go to restaurants etc – but remember if you miss your flight it will be your responsibility to buy another ticket. Do not wait for anyone that may be late as it is easier to get one ticket the next day rather than 100 tickets.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

E-TICKETS – We use E-tickets which will be emailed to you once they have been printed. Please make sure your Passport **does not expire with-in 6 months of travel.**

E-tickets look like a piece of paper – it will have your name on it as well as your booking code.

DANCERS TRAVELLING WITHOUT A PARENT: Parents if you are sending your child (UNDER 18) without a parent please ask a parent on the team that you feel you and your child will be comfortable with. Please let me know who the chaperone is so that I can have their airplane seat and hotel room close to you.

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>

Divorced or Separated Parents: Please have a letter notarized from their other parent granting you permission to travel with your child. Usually we have not had any problems but there seems to be a lot of child trafficking these days and they are much stricter this year.

*If a father is noted as unknown – then you must have your long form birth certificate.

TEAM TRAVEL WEAR –Dancers are to wear their **Team Canada Jacket and black pants** while travelling. There will also be some extra Team Wear available for sale if anyone is interested – The extra team wear is optional – Your Team Canada Jackets are included in your fee you have paid. Go to the TEAMWEAR tab on our website www.teamcanadadance.ca

HAVE YOU CHECKED TO MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT DOES NOT EXPIRE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF TRAVEL?

TEAM TRAVEL

23 September AC#1922 Toronto 16:55 Prague 07:00 (24th September)
01 October AC#1923 Prague 09:35 Toronto 12:35

Extended Travel Dates return is 08October AC#1923 09:35 Toronto 12:35

HOTEL:

TOP HOTEL PRAGUE

TOP HOTEL Praha is easily accessible from the highway 1 and 800 m from the Chodov Shopping Centre. It offers an indoor pool, a hot tub, a solarium, a gym, bowling, several tennis courts and 2 receptions. Free WiFi is available in the lobby as well as the rooms.

You can reach the city centre by public transport within 25 minutes from the TOP HOTEL Praha. The bus stop is located right in front of the building.

The rooms are provided with Smart TV with satellite channels and free WiFi. Some of the rooms are also air conditioned. Rooms for disabled guests are also available.

Wellness and sports facilities include a gym, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a steam bath and an indoor pool and are available against a surcharge. The bowling alley at TOP HOTEL Praha is open until midnight. Thai massages are also available.

You can choose from 5 restaurants serving Czech, Indian and international cuisine, 3 bars, a lobby bar with a winter garden and outdoor seating area . Refreshments are available in the lobby bar. The hotel features a winter garden which has access to Japanese garden.

HOTELS IN EUROPE ARE NOT WHAT WE HAVE IN CANADA. THEY ARE MUCH SMALLER AND DO NOT HAVE DOUBLE QUEEN BEDS. WE HAVE BOOKED ALL UPGRADED ROOMS SO THAT IT IS CLOSER TO WHAT WE ARE USE TO AT HOME.



Each room has its own bathroom with a bathtub or shower, a hair dryer, flat-screen satellite TV, telephone, safe and minibar (minibar is filled upon request).

Superior rooms and the Presidential suite have an individually controlled air-conditioning and a high-speed LAN Internet connection. Wi-Fi connection is available free of charge in all premises of the hotel.

**We will be sharing rehearsal space with Team Slovenia
Parents are not allowed backstage or at rehearsals. Your choreographer will set the schedule for rehearsals and inform you.**

WE DO NOT ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE INTO OUR ROOMS. Any social visiting must be done in the Lobby. **No room or hall parties. (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 as we have included breakfast in our package. It is important that our Country 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

Why we are staying at this hotel?

The reason we are booked into this hotel is because it is in a safe location, it is the standard that is closer to what we are use to. It also means that our team does not have to be split between hotels to accommodate everyone. We have been partnering with Team Slovenia for a few years now and they are very nice and pleasant. We work well together. I hope that everyone also treats them with great respect as they have always been very good to Canada.

TEAM WEAR: To order Team Canada Wear please go to www.teamcanadadance.com Please remember no other Team Wear is allowed to be made by anyone else unless it is offered to all the teams across Canada and offered through the official Team Canada website.

COSTUMES – Please pack costumes and shoes in your carry on. All props must go with the luggage. One suit case per person. Dancers you do not need a lot of clothes as 99% of the time you will be in dance clothes or Team Canada Jackets and Black pants. Although you can pay to bring more luggage onto the plane **PLEASE DO NOT** as it will not fit onto the bus that picks us up at the airport.

SEATING ON PLANE: Every effort is made to keep all families together and chaperones with the dancers. However, airlines are somewhat unpredictable. There are enough of us travelling that if the airline does not honor our requests for seating (even though we have colour coded everyone that must stay together) there is enough of us that I am sure we can have a suitable exchange of seats between the team members.

WHILE ON THE PLANE: Parents it is important that your child sleeps as we need them rested when they arrive. If they try to stay awake during the flight chances are they will be ill by the end of the week. This is important that you try to get them to sleep

SECURITY: Please note in Europe the security is quite strict – be prepared to be frisked from head to toe. Line ups can sometimes be very long as they are very thorough.

ONCE YOU ARRIVE: Please gather your luggage and go out the doors. Wait with the person holding the IDO Sign or Canada sign. Please go to washroom before loading bus. Roll call must be taken before departing to or from the airport. **Once Roll Call has been taken DO NOT GET OFF THE BUS**

CHECKING INTO HOTEL: Please be patient it takes time to check-in a large group.

PASSPORTS: All passports should be put into the hotel safe. Parents if you want to hang onto your passport and not put into safe - please know if you lose it – **you are on your own. Dancers travelling without a parent have no choice – their passport must be put into the hotel safe.**

Shuttles

This is for all participants, coaches, supporters/chaperones and guests having booked the accommodation through Team Canada. Any persons that came on their own are not allowed to take this service.

The fee for the shuttles are included in your fee's – which enables transport to the **venue and back**. We are booked into with the Slovenia Team and therefore will be sharing the cost of the shuttle with that team.

Shuttle schedule will be worked on by a day to day basis. The reason for this is because if a group gets eliminated our time we must be at the venue the next day may change.

Always check with your choreographer or assistant as to what shuttle time you are to take.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Venue: The venue is large. There will be a rehearsal area and change rooms.

Check-in: I will have already checked in the dancers and wired the money

DANCERS ENTRANCE BANDS: Dancers will receive a wrist band to enter each day – if lost a new one must be purchased. Dancers must wear these with their costumes

PARENTS ENTRANCE TICKETS

Stage: There are usually no wings on the stage and the announcer sits upstage

- **Approx. 46 x 46 feet –**

FLOOR: Great floor – do not worry about going out of the coloured area, it is just there to let you know you are near the end of the stage. There is no penalty if you cross over the line

Time Limits – 3EPN

Solo, Duet, 1:45 – 2:15

Small Group – 3-7 Dancers – 2:30 – 3:00

Children Formation – 2:30 – 3:00

Junior and Adult Formations – 2:30 – 4:00

Judges mark on **T** = TECHNIQUE (10 marks); **C** = COMPOSITION/CHOREOGRAPHY (10 marks); **I** = IMAGE VALUE (10 marks); **S** = Show (20 marks)

Schedule: Once all entries are in, I will send you the final schedule, --usually about 3 weeks before competition

All dancers dance the first round. The judges will eliminate about ½ the dancers after the first round. Semi finals is usually 12 dancers, finals are usually 6 dancers.

***Each additional round, they flip the list, so who ever danced first now dances last for the next round.**

Judges: There is no feedback as this is 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 --no country will have two judges on the panel at the same time.

This is a real competition – it is not one where everyone comes home with a medal – there is one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze. Each dancer will be given a certificate with their placement. **Only your choreographer /Team Captain** is allowed to pick these up – no parents in the office.

Finals: If you are in the finals please stay backstage after you dance as after the category all dancers are brought onto the stage for a final bow before the next division starts

Preparation / be ready

We ask all dancers and coaches that dancers must be ready to dance at least 90 minutes prior to the published start of the round – respectively inform themselves about the planned start of the dancer.

All information will be published backstage near the stage entrance and announced from the stage. Everybody please inform yourself during the day(s).

After each round, the scruteneers will count the marks for the competitors to reach the next round. We will publish the results for the next round as soon as possible relating to the running of the event. Please do not leave the hall before this announcement – as there might be an extra unforeseen round (re-dance), which you might miss by leaving too early.

YOU MUST BE READY TO DANCE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO DANCE OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. There is no asking to be put to the bottom of the

list to dance

WARNINGS: If a judge gives a warning there is no penalty the first time. However, if the infraction is not corrected then you will be disqualified the next time you dance. Usually infractions are improper costumes for age group, bottoms hanging out, swearing in music, time limits, etc

PASSPORT CHECKS: Every now and then a passport check will be asked for. Usually it is if a dancer looks too young or too old for the age division they are dancing or not the proper number of dancers on the floor that were registered. Sometimes they just randomly pick a team to do a passport check.

Attention! Please bring a photocopy of your passport

***Last year there was a problem with one of the European countries exchanging dancers from who they had registered. I would suggest you carry a **photocopy** of your passport with you.

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION OF ALL!

Any dancer or parent not showing 100% sportsmanship will be removed from the Team.

Dancers all would like to win, but even more than winning they want to please you and make you proud. If you are angry or upset – so will they be. Please try to dwell on the positives and work in a calm manner to smooth out any negatives. Remember if you have time to complain – 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.

Over the years dancers will receive many trophies and medals – these will long be forgotten or lost as they move 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 memorable experience each and every time your child gets to participate.

Everyone has worked hard to get to the World Championships, their studio teachers with their expert training, their choreographers who work endless hours for the dancers, your directors, your organizers and you the parent. Thank you for giving your children this amazing opportunity!

Be a humble winner and gracious if you do not win

*In other words, say little when you win and less when you lose.
The number 1 ingredient of a true athlete is Sportsmanship!*

Who do we cheer for? EVERYONE! *(but really loud for Canada!)* *Remember we are all Canada whether you are from the East or West

PHOTOS AND VIDEO

Unfortunately, it happens time and again that pictures of the participants of IDO-Events appear on unauthorized commercial websites.

For that reason we would kindly advise you that taking pictures at IDO events is permitted to the following person only:

- Journalists and reporters who have been accredited beforehand (press cards must be presented Upon request) – photos are only possible from the left side of the stage (seen from the audience)
- The official photographer authorized by the organizer who has the right to use the space in front of the audience before the center access.
- Parents taking pictures of their children (this must be proofed upon request)

In the interest of the event being conducted in an orderly way, we reserve the right to revoke these permissions. **Personal videos are not allowed at any time

You may obtain the videos/DVDs, **Livestream Info at the stand or through www.videokruse.de / info@video-kruse.de**

National Flags

Please do not forget your national flag for the presentation of the nations

Trading With Other Countries: They love anything with Canada on it such as scarves, mitts, hats, etc

Insurance *(please fill out Health Forms and hand in to your Team Leader)*

With their official enrollment, all participating countries, federations and/or dancers, assure that they hold a valid health and accident insurance. The organizer will not be responsible for any accidents or injuries.

The team captains of the nations must have these insurance ready at hand if something happens and to enable the paramedics to bring the injured person into the hospital, if necessary. You may leave the insurance papers with the IDO organizational office.

Important note regarding health system!

- ☒ **Please be aware, that the system does not allow doctors or hospitals to treat anybody without insurance or payment by cash.**

TRAVEL POINTS: Each year I get asked if you can use points for travel. Group Travel does not allow this. As you can well imagine, if some people used points and did not travel with the team, or travelled with the team and used points for hotel or car rentals I would have at least 20 different lists and it would be impossible to have an organized team. Also, your fee's cover many other important necessities such as for your choreographers to be there with you. Starter fees, entry fees and National fee, wires, ground transportation. I have been doing the teams since the mid 90's so we have tried every option available and the best one is to have the parents have two options:

- 1) Travel with Team -Or-
- 2) go on your own – which is what it means – **please do not ask me to arrange any details for you**

CANCELLATION INSURANCE will be offered just before the final printing of tickets. This is your choice if you want to purchase it. But please note: it does not cover you if you decide not to travel.

EUROPEAN PLUGS: A European plug converter is necessary if you are to plug anything in. These can be purchased at CAA, Wall-Mart, Hardware stores etc.

European Plug:



Plugs and Fire: - One of the team members from South Africa had a faulty plug one year. They left the room briefly and when they came back their room was on fire. Please only plug flat irons etc in your bathroom which is usually all marble or ceramic.

Extended Stay: People who have opted for the extended stay can leave after they are finished at the competition; however, your hotel has been pre-paid so there will be no refund if you choose to start your vacation early.

If you plan to go to any other countries, please check with the Government of Canada Travel Advisory

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

Sightseeing: *Will there be time for sightseeing?* This all depends on if you keep advancing to the next round. Since our purpose of this trip is to attend the World Championships- - our goal IS TO keep advancing until the finals. Our hotel is situated for easy public transportation to the City Centre

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Do not bring Travellers Cheques

Most Bank Cards and Credit Cards work in area, however check with your bank to make sure yours works in Europe and that your cards do not have any restrictions.

YOU MUST INFORM YOUR CREDIT CARD AND BANK WHEN YOU WILL BE AWAY SO THAT THEIR FRAUD DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FREEZE YOUR CARDS. Students cards are not set up for Europe

CURRENCY: Anything that is association with the **IDO World Championships** is payable in **Euros.**

Since I have to convert many expenses for the team to Euros I have found that the best place to purchase Euros is not through a bank but through a Currency exchange.

Parade of Nations

This is when all the teams are asked to come on to the stage . This is usually before finals, and includes all dancers from all countries. (Team Canada jackets/black pants) All dancers all ages are to participate in this, wearing team Canada jacket and black pants, bring flags and also Canada souvenirs to trade with other countries.

EXPECTATIONS OF TEAM CANADA:

- Polite and Courteous s to all dancers from around the World
- Support for your own teams from across Canada
- Manners
- Pleasant disposition
- No Excuses –
- No contact with Organizer unless it is to say Thank you!
- Dancers respectful of their choreographers and PARENTS!!!!
- Everyone respectful of hotel - no feet on furniture etc
- No one is to talk to Judges
- Different Countries different cultures – watch your facial expressions

FACE AND BODY 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 if it looks like we are making fun or thinking we are better than others

Safety precautions: Security is quite tight at this competition – but please, as always when in crowds always use caution and be alert

****We are travelling early enough in the year that weather should not be a factor.**



Weather or cancellation of Flights: For a couple of years we have experienced some strange weather both here at home and in Europe. There have been times when we have only had T-Shirts and jackets on and other years when they have had a blizzard. We have also had a flight cancelled due to problems with the plane. It is always better to be safe. Please remember when flights are cancelled due to weather or safety it is for your safety – no one can be blamed so please try your best to be pleasant if we run into any travel problems with airline or weather.

TEAM CANADA PICTURES: We usually try to book this immediately after the competition on Friday and before the Friday night Finals. Please be there as the photographer will not wait if someone is missing

Every year we do a Team Picture – Friday evening
immediately following the end of the competition –
before the finals

