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VENUE SACHSENarena - Riesa, Germany

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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. 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

TEAM PARENT/LIASON: An appointed person who will assist with roll call, remind team members of rehearsals, and help wherever else is needed by the Team Canada office and/or choreographer(s) at the World Championships.

EXTRA ROUTINES: You have been invited to the Canadian National Team. Each country is allowed 3 entries. 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 our choreographers on all teams and discuss how we will split the 'extra' routines between the provinces. Please also remember that Team Canada isn't just your province - we are working with choreographers across our Canada to select.

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 of rehearsals such as parties, etc., are not acceptable and the choreographer may remove you from a 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 which conflicts with Team Canada's schedule is acceptable - please let us know in advance.

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

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/Liason/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 on TeamSnap. 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 our <u>www.TeamCanadaDance.ca</u> to the TEAM WEAR tab. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact them directly. Please reemember 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 \$300 CDN converted to local currency is usually enough for food. Our hotel includes a wonderful breakfast.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

<u>AIR TRAVEL</u>: **airline information coming after all travelling team members/family are confirmed.* ******Be at the airport **3 hrs prior** to departure!

It's important that you check-in as soon as you arrive. Please go through security and find your gate. Afterwards, you can go to restaurants, meet each other, etc. - but remember that 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's easier to get one ticket the next day rather than several!

E-TICKETS: We use E-tickets which will be emailed to you once they have been 'printed'. E-tickets look like a piece of paper and will have your name and booking code on it. We are booking as a group, so you may not be able too check-in early online. If upgrading is available, you will receive thee price list for that before departure. You will have to pay directly to the agency for upgrades, not us. **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.

TEAM TRAVEL: Dancers are to wear their Team Canada jacket and black pants while travelling to Europe. There will be extra Team Wear available for sale if anyone is interested - the extra team wear is optional. Your Team Canada jacket or substitute is included in your fees.

EXTENDED STAY: People who have opted for the **Extended Stay** option can leave after they are finished at the competition if they wish, however, your hotel has been pre-paid so there will be no refund if you choose too start your vacation early. PLEASE NOTE: your return ticket will be out of Frankfurt so you will have to make your way back to that airport upon return. If you plan on travelling outside of the Germany area, please check with the Government of Canada Travel Advisory. <u>https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories</u>

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 travelling alone, with only one parent, or with a or with 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 <u>https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children</u>

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 will be so we can arrange seating on the airplane and 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 granting you permission 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.

<u>COSTUMES</u>: 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 on to the plane, **PLEASE DON'T** as it will not fit into the bus that picks up the team at the airport.

SEATING ON THE PLANE: Every effort is made to keep all the families together and chaperones with the dancers. However, airlines are somewhat unpredictable. There are enough of us travelling so even if the airline doesn't honour our requests for seating *(even though we have colour coded everyone that must stay together)*, we're sure that we can have a suitable exchange of seats between thee team members if necessary.

WHILE ON THE PLANE: It is a long flight and we are changing time zones. Germany is 6 hours ahead of Canadian time. IT IS IMPORTANT that the dancers get some sleep on the plane as we need them well rested when they arrive. If they try to stay awake during the flight then chances are that they will be sick by the end of the week. It's important that everyone gets enough sleep.

SECURITY: Please note that security in Europe is very strict - be prepared to be frisked from head to toe. Line ups can sometimes be very long as they are very thorough - and may be longer this year due to varying circumstances. The competition security is also very tight. Please, always exercise caution and be alert wherever you are.

ONCE YOU ARRIVE: Please gather your luggage and go out the doors. Wait for the driver holding the IDO and/or Canada sign. Please remember to go to the washroom before boarding the bus.

LEAVING CANADA: All travellers must be fully vaccinated to board the flight. You must bring proof of vaccination and show it when boarding and proof must comply with Canada's requirements. If you normally use a digital copy, it is a good idea to carry a paper copy with your passport as well.

All passengers must wear face masks at the Canadian & German airports. While in Germany, masks must be worn in all public spaces. Please keep in mind that as officials may issue fines and/or arrest and detain individuals found to be in violation.

THE UNEXPECTED

CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS: The world can be unpredictable! If our flights are cancelled 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 as we work out an alternative plan.

WEATHER: You may have noticed that our weather over the last few years has been unpredictable all over the world. There have been times in Poland where we could wear our T-shirts or light jacket in December, while other years we have been caught in a blizzard and our flights cancelled. Keep your fingers crossed that the wether is good for us this year! Please remember that if flights are cancelled due to weather, it is for your safety - no one is to blame so please try your best to remain calm and pleasant as we work out an alternative plan. According to AccuWeather, the prediction for Germany this year is around but out of the adventer of the prediction for anything!

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

Our hotel will not be confirmed until we submit our **final** rooming list to the organizer. IDO organizers coordinate all the hotels for IDO World Championships. They have reserved blocks in the hotels within a large radius of the venue. Riesa only has one small hotel where IDO officials stay so we will be bussing it to the venue each day. Since we will be travelling for Championships, our hotel will be arrranged for us. There are several hotels in the area that are booked for this event and the sooner we submit our rooming lists, the sooner we will know which hotel and the better.

Required at check in:

- Credit card or cash deposit required if you want to charge anything to your room and/or turn 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 competitiion can guide you to the embassy. Dancers who are travellliing without a parent have no choice - put them in the safe!

ROOMS: We do not let other people into our rooms. Any social visiting must be done in the lobby. No room or hall parties! This is applicable to both dancers and parents! We are representiing our country and do not want to risk our reputation at the competition or hotel(s). Any property damage is at your expense and may risk fines and/or deportation.

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 that are traditional German cuisine, European, and American-style to suit most travellers.

VACCINATIONS FOR GERMANY: Routine vaccines should be up-to-date, such as MMR, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, varicella (chickenpox), influenza and others. Additional recommended vaccines for travellers can include Hepatitis A,B (or TwinRix).

Due to the evolving nature of Covid, all participants travelling with Team Canada are required to be vaccinated against Covid. We do not want to run into any problems with quarantining or not being able to fly because you are not vaccinated and/or need a test. This is also important for the health and safety of the team. You may be refused entry to SACHSENarena or problems at the airport. We will not take the chance or accommodate you and no refunds will be issued.

IMPORTANT VENUE INFORMATION

- The dimensions of the stage depth x width is approximately 14m X 14m (45ft X 45ft). Entry is from the sides of the stage, no wings. Floor is blue.
- Spectator capacity 8,000 10,000
- 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 Riesa and the SACHSENarena. 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 GERMANY HEALTH SYSTEM: Please be aware that the Germany health system does not allow doctors or hospitals to treat anyone without insurance or payment by cash.
- The institutions and their dancers own the right to withdraw from further competition on each stage of the event. Withdrawal from the competition shall not result in reimbursement of the enrollement 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 a written consent of the organizers.
- During the IDO Championship, the participants are obliged to absolutely comply with fire and occupational health and safety requirements and procedures valid in SACHSEN Arena.
- Participation to 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! Please bring a photocopy of your passport to the venue. Because of past problems, the IDO Check-In Counter will check-in all participant passports. If the number and names of dancers in the competition will be according to the internet enrolment (by DIES) or if they are different, less or more dancers on stage.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

COMPETITION CHECK-IN: Team Canada Dance/IDO Canada will have already checked in the dancers and wired the money.

COMPETITION ENTRY FEES: World Tap Championship entry fees were included in your travel fees.

SPECIAL RULE FOR COSTUMES: *will discuss at meeting.

General costume rules for all age divisions include costuming that covers all intimate parts of the dancers body during the entire performance and 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 be dance in an age appropriate manner.

Costuming should never be offensive to the public or other competitors. If religious or political symbols are used ass 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. Please make sure you do not leave the area. Each additional round, the list is flipped so whover danced first now dances last in the next round.

TIME LIMITS:	Solo, Duo - 1:45 - 2:15 minutes
Strictly enforced.	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.

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 the running of the event. **Please do not leave the hall until this announcement** as there might be an extra unforeeseen round (re-dance) which you might **miss by leaving too early**.

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

2022/2023 Exception: due to world events as well as the world pandemic, to encourage more dancers to start traveling for competitions, the IDO has allowed more EPNs for participating dancers in Acro and other select disciplines and/or categories. Team Canada will split entries accordingly.

WILD CARDS: During regular World Championships, the organizing country has the right for 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, it may happen that the time schedule has to be adjusted during the days. We ask all coaches for the dancers 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 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: These are normally the National Director, Administrator, and/or choreographer from each province. IDO Canada will choose the appropriate captain for the event. Certificates will be picked up by this assigned person <u>only</u>.

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!

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 in the SACHSENarena. VideoKruse will film the whole event and produce DVDs for sale. Pictures taken at the event is permitted only by journalists/reporters with accreditation, 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.

OFF DAYS: The World Championship can last several days and dancers may not dance everyday. 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.

Every year we do a team picture – GO CANADA! *We usually try to arrange this for the Friday evening before Finals*



ADMISSION TO CHAMPIONSHIPS, GALA, and ACCREDITATIONS

DANCERS ENTRANCE BANDS:

Dancers will each receive a wrist band to enter each day. If lost, a new one must be purchased. Dancers must wear these with their costumes **LOST WRISTBANDS**: 5 EURO each

2022 ADMISSION TICKETS:

We will be getting the admission tickets for all our team travellers this year to make it easier. If you lose your admission band, you must purchase a new one at the ticket counter

Admission is approx 15-20 Euros/day or approx 35-40 Euros/week based on previous years but this years admission has not been released yet. This will be included in your Team Travel cost.

MASTER CLASSES:

During the event, there may be a Master Class offered which is usually about 15 euros/person/class Announcements on Master Classes is usually made in the fall

VIP PASS:

Includes admittance and use of the VIP Terrace on Saturday including buffet with drinks and the Champions Party 75 Euros each

MEALS/BUFFET:

Meals for all dancers at the venue are approx. 8.50 -10 Euros each includes buffet style: pasta, pizza, or similar salad and beverage options

There are several restaurants around SACHSENarena within walking distance, such as the "Olympia" just across the street, "McDonalds" is within walking distance, or several other options around the town of Riesa to satisfy any diet.

There will be vendor stands in the SACHSENarena on all evenings with a final round

PHOTOS / VIDEOS:

Photo and/or video packages will be available through VideoKruse. Prices will be announced. Team Canada will be purchasing a package.

A FEW MORE THINGS

EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY: When travelling 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.

GERMANY: uses standard European type F. Standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. For reference, standard voltage in Canada is 100 - 127 V. You will fry your electric devices without a voltage converter!



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 aways 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, diifferent 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.

ENGLISH: All IDO World Championships are held in English as the common language but organizers may also use their native tongue in addition.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

- Any dancer, choreographer, or parent not showing 100% sportsmanship will be removed from the team. Your beheaviour also risks the rest of the team being expelled from the competition. If this happeens, 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 annd 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 everytime 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!

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!

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

1. CHECK AIR LINE LIST

- proper dates
- proper spelling of names as they appear on the passport
- expiry of passport is NOT within 6 months of return date
- DOB is correct

2. CHECK ROOMING LIST

• we will have copies for team members that you can write Room Numbers on at the hotel

3. ANY WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED

4. TEAM JACKETS

- all team members will have received a team jacket or something comparable.
- these will be distributed at rehearsals. Let us know if you did not receive anything.

5. CHECK THE WEBPAGE AND/OR TEAMSNAP

- 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!!