

CDDSC: AMATEUR DANCESPORT HAS CHANGED

To support and encourage a new open market dancesport policy, the World Dance Council (WDC) has formed an Amateur League and fully supports its member countries (Canada), in registering amateur and professional competitors that comprise the entire spectrum of ballroom dance competitions, from the beginner social dancer to high-ranking amateurs and continuing to the top of the pyramid – the World Professional Champion. As part of the WDC Amateur League, competitors are eligible to dance in competitions held all over the world including the WDC World Amateur Championship as well as World Medallist Championships.

In Canada, the CDDSC is the only dancesport organization that includes both professionals and amateurs and where the professional is a partner in helping all competitors and dancers in reaching their goals. For those wishing to take their dancing to the next level, the CDDSC offers its amateur dancers an opportunity to take their professional qualifications with the CDTA – the most prestigious dance organization in Canada that is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2009. Progressing from amateur competitor to professional competitor is not an abnormality, as IDSF would like us to believe. Ask all the top world professionals, who without exception, have taken that path.

The CDDSC amateur competitor's program reflects the determination of its Canadian professional ballroom members to help their students reach their goals. Membership dues are a fraction of those of other amateur Associations. But more importantly, the CDDSC uses its membership fees to establish bursaries for students in all levels to help them in their training.

The CDDSC is pleased to announce that the organizer of the Spring Star Ball, featuring the Ontario Open Provincial Championships, is providing a free one-year membership in the CDDSC for all amateur competitors who are registering with the CDDSC for the first time. Organizers in Ontario will be holding two or three CDDSC Championships this year with a greater number in 2009. Competitors who also belong to CADA are welcome to join. We are promoting freedom of choice for competitors.

In Quebec, the CDDSC holds a large number of amateur and professional competitions. In addition, in each of the next few years Montreal is slated to run the most prestigious of the Canadian and World Amateur and Professional Championships. Dancesport is thriving in Quebec under CDDSC leadership.

The CDDSC has no objection to its competitors joining CADA or any other dancesport organization, if they wish. In our view it can only benefit a competitor if he has more opportunities to compete. The only one it does not benefit is an association that wants to control all aspects of dancesport with little regard for its competitors.

More and more dancers are refusing to accept an association dictating to them what organizations they can belong to. Recently, in Denmark, the dancers refused to accept the orders they received from their IDSF National Organization and their national championships were a disaster with competitors refusing to wear a number!

If you believe a competitor should have the right to decide where he can compete, then you may wish to dance in a CDDSC competition.

Do not be intimidated by threats. We believe that suspending CADA registered amateurs for dancing in CDDSC sanctioned events and preventing CDDSC amateur competitors from belonging to CADA, are not what we expect in Canada. These kinds of actions are against fundamental freedoms and legislation contained in the laws of most countries. However now there is an alternative and changes have started. Competitors in countries all over the world are no longer willing to accept these restrictive practices. The WDC Amateur League is growing by leaps and bounds. This is the future. Join the Change. Support the CDDSC and WDC. Be part of the New Wave – Amateurs and Professionals working together. "Zero politics – All the finest events".