



Official Statement from USA Dance, Inc.

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To all Members of the Dance Community:

Many of you are undoubtedly concerned about the action which the NDCA took on Saturday, July 9th to suspend the membership of USA Dance. In doing so, the NDCA has acted in haste, which has caused turmoil and confusion among the members of both organizations.

The NDCA leadership has current on-going conflicts with the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF, formerly IDSF). Regrettably, these conflicts, unrelated to USA Dance and most of the dancers in the USA, have prompted this decision by the NDCA to demand that USA Dance cancel the WDSF Adjudicators Congress it was hosting for U.S. judges electing to renew their judging certificates for WDSF judging opportunities both in the U.S. and abroad.

USA Dance is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the U.S. and is a participating member of the NDCA for purposes of fostering constructive, positive relationships within American DanceSport.

However, USA Dance maintains an autonomous position with regard to the governance of its organization as required by the USOC. We strive to maintain a mutually supportive relationship with all dancers and all dance organizations as a top priority.

We regret that the NDCA has chosen to take this action without careful forethought to preventing the confusion and conflicts that are now occurring.

USA Dance, as an all-volunteer non-profit organization, with 180 chapters throughout the country, has untiringly supported America's love of dance for more than 40 years and has provided meaningful opportunities for everyone, young and old, to enjoy their activity, their sport and their passion for dance.

USA Dance will be convening a meeting of its Governing Council this evening to discuss the actions of the NDCA, and will be issuing a press release to announce any decisions it has reached with regard to this issue.

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