



**USA Dance and UDEF Collaborate to Develop Competitive Youth Breaking in the United States**



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[USA Dance](#) and [UDEF](#) are pleased to announce a cooperation arrangement under which the two charitable organizations will work together to further develop competitive breaking within the United States, with an initial focus on youth competitors in anticipation of the [2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina](#), during which [breaking](#) will be featured as a DanceSport.

USA Dance is the national governing body for DanceSport in the United States, recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. USA Dance is also the National Member Organization of the [World DanceSport Federation](#), the international governing body for DanceSport, which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

UDEF has a membership of 10,000 breakers and serves as the membership organization and sanctioning body for the [Pro Breaking Tour](#), which features breaking competitions throughout the United States and Canada, as well as parts of Europe. UDEF hosted the [Silverback Open](#) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from October 6-8, 2017, which served as a [Continental Qualifier](#) for the [2018 WDSF World Junior Breaking Championships](#) in Japan. Initially, Chris “Cros1” Wright and Ricky “Speedy Legs” Fernandez will serve as UDEF designates on USA Dance’s Breaking Committee.

**ABOUT USA DANCE:** USA DANCE Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization responsible for the promotion of recreational ballroom dancing and competitive DanceSport in the United States. As the National Governing Body for DanceSport, as recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and as member of the International DanceSport Federation, USA DANCE has the additional mission to gain the International Olympic Committee's final approval of DanceSport as an Olympic medal sport.

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**ABOUT UDEF:** The Urban Dance & Educational Foundation (“UDEF”) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation organized for charitable and educational purposes, which serves as the membership organization and sanctioning body for the Pro Breaking Tour, a professional breaking tour with dozens of events each year throughout the U.S., Canada and parts of Europe. UDEF also supports charitable events and workshops in community centers, schools, colleges, and similar venues annually, with breakers from the Pro Breaking Tour performing, teaching and working with young people, reaching thousands of youth. Since its inception, UDEF has provided dancers, teachers and funding to support charitable events and programs throughout the United States, as well as in Europe and Africa.

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