



NATIONAL MEMBER BODY OF THE WORLD DANCESPORT FEDERATION · RECOGNIZED SPORT ORGANIZATION OF THE US OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE
DEDICATED TO GROWING THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF DANCE IN THE USA

USA Dance CleanSport Policy

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

Doping undermines the fundamental values of sport, such as health, fairness, commitment, integrity, and equal opportunities. Doping is deceptive and harmful to athletes, in addition to misleading spectators, organizers and sponsors in their belief that they are watching a fair sporting competition. USA Dance, through this CleanSport Policy, is committed to ensuring that all disciplines of DanceSport under our umbrella are managed in a clean and ethical manner so that everyone is able to enjoy a clean and fair sport.

All Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel (including, but not limited to Officials, Managers, Trainers, Coaches, etc.), and Other Persons (as those terms are defined in the World-Anti Doping Code) shall comply with all anti-doping rules of the WDSF and of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by the WDSF, USADA and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC).

ARTICLE II – CLEANSPORT COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors shall ratify, on an bi-annual basis, a CleanSport Committee to implement this policy. The Committee shall be made up of

- a Director of CleanSport, who shall have a medical background and chair the committee as selected by nomination of the President and ratified by the Board of Directors
- the Senior Vice President of USA Dance
- a retired DanceSport Ballroom Division Athlete as selected by the Ballroom Athletes Advisory Council
- a retired DanceSport Breaking Division Athlete as selected by the Breaking Athletes Advisory Council
- a member of the Ethics & Judicial Committee as selected by the Chair of the Ethics & Judicial Committee

The committee shall schedule and oversee the testing of athletes and officials at the annual National Championship events and other times as required by the WADA, WDSF, USA Dance, the USOPC, and USADA.

ARTICLE III – PROCEDURES

It is the duty of individual members of USA Dance to comply with all anti-doping rules of WADA, WDSF, the USOPC including the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and of USADA, including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (the “USADA Protocol”) and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, WDSF, the USOPC and USADA. Athlete members agree to submit to drug testing by WDSF, USA Dance, and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that an individual member may have committed a doping violation, the member agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of the WDSF, USA Dance, and/or USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol.

It is the duty of all Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons (as those terms are defined in the World-Anti Doping Code), by virtue of their participation in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American or Youth Olympic Games, participation in an Event or Competition organized or sanctioned by USA Dance, participation on a national or world team, utilization of a USOPC Training Center, receipt of benefits from the USOPC or USA Dance inclusion in the Registered Testing Pool, or otherwise subject to the World Anti-Doping Code to comply with all anti-doping rules of WADA, WDSF, the USOPC, and USADA, including the USADA Protocol and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, WDSF and USADA. If it is determined that an Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, or other Person may have committed a doping violation, the individual agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of WDSF, if applicable or referred by USADA. In addition, Athletes agree to submit to drug testing by the WDSF and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension.

Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons:

1. Before they participate in a USA Dance sanctioned DanceSport Event, shall agree to comply with this policy by completing and signing the Form of Consent, which is part of the policy. The organizer of the competition must refuse entrance of any athlete or adjudicator that has not completed and signed the Form of Consent.
2. Athletes are subject to in-competition and out-of-competition Anti-Doping controls as prescribed by anti-doping rules of WADA, WDSF, the USOPC, and USADA, including the USADA Protocol and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, WDSF and USADA.
3. Athlete Support Personnel are subject to in-competition Anti-Doping controls as prescribed by anti-doping rules of WADA, WDSF, the USOPC, and USADA, including the USADA Protocol and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, WDSF and USADA.

4. Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel may not refuse to submit to a doping test administered by the WADA, WDSF, USA Dance, the USOPC, and USADA.
5. Refusal to comply with the administration of doping controls will result in the immediate suspension of the Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel or a period of 2 years.
 - a. If the refusal to comply occurs at a competition the Athlete will be disqualified from all events, lose claim to all awards and titles, and must return all awards to the organizer.
 - b. If the refusal to comply occurs at a competition the Athlete Support Personnel shall forfeit all payment for services including, but not limited to, expenses, travel costs, etc. and shall reimburse all expenses paid by the organizer prior to testing refusal.

ARTICLE III – THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

Use of substances on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Prohibited List for medical reasons requires an approved Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) or a Declaration of Use. To gain approval, an athlete must submit the appropriate application form along with substantial medical justification for the use of the prohibited substance at least 30 days in advance of the event. This TUE shall be forwarded to the Director of CleanSport as soon as it is received.

To determine if a TUE is needed, or when to apply for a TUE and how to submit a TUE, go to the National Anti-Doping Agency's website at [www.USADA.org/For Athletes](http://www.USADA.org/For_Athletes).

ARTICLE IV – TESTING RESULTS

The CleanSport Committee is committed to the fair oversight and treatment of all USA Dance members who take part in the testing protocols. In the case of a negative result, the CleanSport Committee shall promptly pass on the results via first class US Mail at the address provided on the Doping Control Form.

In the case of Adverse Analytical finding or Atypical Findings, the Director of CleanSport will inform the USA Dance member via Registered mail at the address provided on the Doping Control Form. The member must accept the registered letter notifying them of the results of doping tests. A failure of the member to accept delivery of this notice will result in disciplinary action. If a letter is returned as undeliverable, the Committee shall contact the member via email or any other means available to attempt to secure the correct mailing address.

For a doping violation, the Athlete:

- Shall lose claim to all awards and titles within the last 12 months and must return all awards, monetary payments, etc. to
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- If the violation is in connection with an In-Competition test, it shall result in the disqualification of the individual's (and partner's) result obtained in that competition with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes, irrespective of any other sanction that may be applied, subject to the provisions of this article. In the event of an athlete from a team being disqualified, this disqualification extends to the entire team.

For a doping violation, the Athlete Support Personnel:

- shall forfeit all payment for services including, but not limited to, expenses, travel costs, etc. and shall reimburse all expenses paid by the organizer prior to testing refusal.
- The period of suspension imposed for a violation shall be:
 - For a first violation: six (6) months ineligibility from the date of the violation.
 - For a second violation: two (2) calendar years ineligibility from the date of the violation.
 - For a third violation: lifetime ineligibility.
- When a prohibited substance or its markers or metabolites is detected in a member's specimen, the member must also establish how the prohibited substance entered their system in order to have the period of ineligibility reduced.
- Where a member can establish that the use of such a specified substance was not intended to enhance sport performance, the committee may replace the period of ineligibility with the following:
 - For a first violation: at a minimum, a warning and a reprimand and no period of ineligibility from future events, to a maximum of three (3) months ineligibility from the date of the violation.
 - For a second violation: one (1) calendar year ineligibility from the date of the violation.
 - For a third violation: two (2) calendar years ineligibility from the date of the violation.
 - For a fourth violation: lifetime ineligibility.
- Where a member establishes in such a case that they bear no significant fault or negligence, the committee may reduce the period of ineligibility, but the reduced period of ineligibility may not be less than one-half of the minimum periods of ineligibility otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility is a lifetime, the reduced period under this section may be no less than 8 years.

USA Dance will enforce any and all anti-doping sanctions imposed on any member of USA Dance by WADA, USA Dance, or USADA. All members held in violation of the policy will be made available to the members through publishing on usadance.org [add period]

ARTICLE V – DUE PROCESS

An evaluation of the evidence on its own merit will be made to determine whether it is sufficient to cause an investigation to commence. If the evidence is considered *prima facie*, the accused will be notified of the violation and penalty with the following consequences:

- The penalty will commence thirty (30) days from the date of notification, however, if the violation is a breach of Athlete Status or a positive doping test result the Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel will be immediately suspended from competing or participating in any USA Dance sanctioned competitions.
- Any appeal of the determination will be made in writing to the CleanSport Committee to

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within thirty days following the notification. The appeal may be emailed to the Director of CleanSport (cleansport-dir@usadance.org).

- If the appeal is determined to have merit, the penalty may be temporarily suspended pending the outcome of an investigation.
- If it is determined to commence an investigation, the CleanSport Committee will carry out the following actions:
 - An investigative review committee made up of members of the CleanSport Committee and/or USA Dance officers will be convened to investigate the facts in the case within 14 days of receiving all relevant materials.
 - The accused will be notified of the alleged violation. A copy of the complaint and the nature of the evidence will be provided to the accused upon which the athlete will have thirty (30) days to respond.
 - Within 60 days of the commencement, the committee will forward a report on their findings to the CleanSport Committee.
 - Within 30 days of the receipt of the committee's report, the CleanSport Committee will issue its ruling and penalty as appropriate. Copies of the ruling will be sent to the accused, the complainant if any, committee members and included in the CleanSport Committee report to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – APPEAL PROCESS

Members may appeal the rulings of the CleanSport Committee to the USA Dance Executive Committee by submission of a formal written/email appeal to the National Secretary. During the appeal process, any ruling made will stand unless and until overturned or suspended by a higher ruling body. Unresolved disputes between any member and the USA Dance Executive Committee involving the Athlete's opportunity to participate in competition will be submitted to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Expenses will be shared equally among the parties.

Approved By: Board of Directors

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Next Review Date: January 1, 2025

Contact Person: USA Dance Director of CleanSport

USA DANCE

CleanSport Consent Form

I _____ (*print name*), the undersigned, as a registered athlete, athlete supporter, or other personnel with USA Dance, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows.

1. I agree to the terms of the WDSF ANTI-DOPING CODE and the USA DANCE CLEANSPORT POLICY and agree to submit to the terms of these codes, rules and regulations. I am aware that if I violate any of these codes and rules, I may be subject to severe disciplinary sanctions as set out in the respective code. Copies of the WDSF ANTI-DOPING CODE and USA DANCE CLEANSPORT POLICY have been made available to me online at www.usadance.org.
2. I accept the STATUTES of the WDSF ANTI-DOPING CODE, in particular that USA Dance, Inc. has jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the WDSF ANTI-DOPING CODE and the USA DANCE CLEANSPORT POLICY.
3. I understand that by signing this form I am granting my consent to a urine and/or blood sample being taken from me. I understand that the urine and/or blood sample is to be taken so that it may be analyzed to determine whether it discloses the presence of any substances prohibited under the WDSF ANTI-DOPING CODE, and that if the analysis of the sample reveals the presence of any such substance, or deviations from the normal range in the case of endogenous substances, I may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under the rules of the WDSF ANTI-DOPING CODE and the USA DANCE CLEANSPORT POLICY.
4. I also understand that the analysis of my sample might reveal evidence of disease. In such an instance I have the right to be informed, however only on my own request, after a confidential notice by the laboratory. Such information will remain confidential to the laboratory and me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18 years old):

_____ Date: _____

Country: USA Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Address (print only): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____