



National Governing Body of DanceSport, Member
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World DanceSport Federation



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The USA Dance 2020 National DanceSport Championships is POSTPONED

The emergence of the COVID 19 coronavirus has raised significant safety concerns within the Olympic community and our Governing Council with respect to the health of our dance community. After much deliberation and with heavy hearts, the USA Dance Governing Council has decided to postpone the 2020 National DanceSport Championships scheduled to begin Friday, April 16 in Orem, Utah. We will be working with our NQE organizers to host national championship title events as soon as the dangers of the COVID 19 coronavirus subside. Announcements regarding the date and locations of these title events will be made when information becomes available.

A State of Emergency has not only been declared in Utah where Nationals was scheduled but also in many of the states where a large number of our athletes reside including California, Florida, New York, and Washington. With the continued uncertainty surrounding this epidemic, we feel there is no choice but to postpone our National Championships for the safety of our athletes, officials, volunteers and attendees.

We realize many people will be disappointed – among them the 2020 Nationals Organizing Committee, led by Giacomo Steccaglia, and the many athletes who have been working and training for the past year. But under the circumstances this is the right decision.

We hope you will be patient as we process the athlete registration refunds. In the meantime, please take steps to change any airline tickets (many airlines have waived change fees in light of the coronavirus) and cancel any hotel reservations (many hotels allow full cancellation if made within 48-72 hours).

Athletes participating in NQEs between now and October will qualify for both the relevant 2020 Nationals in October and the 2021 Nationals.

Questions regarding the National Championships should be sent to Nationals-Organizer@usadance.com.

Questions regarding representation at WDSF World Championships should be sent to Giacomo Steccaglia, Vice President of DanceSport at dancesport-vp@usadance.org with a copy to Michael Murphy, DanceSport Delegate at ds-delegate4@usadance.org.

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