

# THE CANADIAN DANCESPORT



## FEDERATION inc.

(A Not For Profit Organization)

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We would like to inform the CADA membership of the forming of an organization to represent dancesport professionals in Canada. The Canadian Dancesport Federation (CDF) includes adjudicators, organizers, scrutineers, coaches and trainers. The CDF recognizes CADA and its Regional bodies as the governing body for amateur dancers in this Country.

### **WHEN DID THE CANADIAN DANCESPORT FEDERATION ARRIVE?**

**THE OBVIOUS DESREGARD, DISRESPECT AND LACK OF SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS in Canada by the Canadian Dance and Dancesport Council, as well as our belief that the intention of the CDDSC is to eliminate the amateur body in our Country, led four of Canada's professionals to form an organization that truly represents dancesport individuals in Canada. The CDDSC represents teachers' organizations only, leaving Canada without a professional dancesport organization. The answer to this lack of representation was to form an organization comprised of all dancesport related persons. Ann Harding, Meryem Pearson, Jane Edgett and Barbara Child took on this job and in late April the Canadian Dancesport Federation was created.**

**In March, 2006, the CDDSC proposed and passed a motion as follows.**

**“All Canadian Competitions both amateur and professional, that require Canadian Professionals participation in any way must be run completely under CDDSC rules. Canadian Professionals include pro-am competitors, adjudicators, judges, scrutineers and invigilators.”**

**After the passing of the above motion, the following policy was circulated by CDDSC.**

**“CDDSC Rules and Regulations state:**

**Adjudicators, Scrutineers and Professional Competitors who choose to register with the CDDSC Professional Register are not permitted to officiate or compete at any Championship or Competition that is not sanctioned or recognized by CDDSC.”**

**“Effective September 1, 2006 the above rule will be strictly enforced.”**

The original rules and regulations were written for Professional competitions only. The above motion changes this policy to include all competitions, amateur or professional.

**This new directive involved the following restrictions for Canada's Amateur Body**

**A. to make it mandatory for amateurs to be registered with CDDSC in order to dance, regardless if the promoter is a professional or an amateur.**

**B** to forbid CDDSC registered adjudicators to judge at any event organized by a Provincial CADA body unless it has been sanctioned by CDDSC. Due to the disrespect and lack of consideration for the November meeting between CADA and CDDSC, CADA will not ask for sanctioning by the CDDSC. Historically, the amateur body in Canada recognized its own events and also recognized the amateur portion of any professionally run event. Under this new CDDSC policy, CDDSC judges **will not be permitted** to judge at CADA organized events.

To not inform CADA of this ruling prior to its circulation despite agreeing at the November meeting, is to go against an agreement made in good faith between CADA and the CDDSC.

It is important that CADA and its Regional Bodies and the Professional dancesport community have a working relationship. This is all for the good of dancesport in this Country. The CDF wishes to let you know that we believe in an all inclusive association for dancesport. The CDDSC only represents dance teachers. The CDF represents your coaches, trainers, scrutineers, organizers and Canada's top adjudicators.

It is important that you clearly understand the difference between the management of the CDDSC and the CDF. We recognize the relationship between you, the amateur dancer and the professionals is very important to both of us. It is our intent to foster our relationship with CADA to the good of dancesport in our vast Country. Opportunity for all will come from working together. We will not make promises to send you across the World to represent Canada. What we will promise is to help you become the best you can be. From this you make your own opportunities.

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact any one of us or refer your questions to your National President. We are constantly in touch with Mrs. Brittain and your National Board is well aware of our aims and objectives

Yours in Dancing



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