



Canada DanceSport

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CDS PRESIDENT'S 2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Board members

The past year has shown a gradual return to normal competitions with our seniors, as usual, being our most supportive athletes.

Our Breaking Division had a successful year with Canada's Phil Wizard (BC) winning the gold medal and earning a place in the 2024 Olympics!

CDS President's jobs

I know I write this every year but this year I have been kept extremely busy doing the following tasks for CDS:

- Updating the Canada DanceSport Bylaws, Rules, and policies as a result of motions passed at the 2023 CDS AGM.
- Helping Sy, CDS secretary, with the minutes from the 2023 CDS AGM
- This past year I have again been working closely with the CDS Breaking Committee, Breaking Canada, and the Breaking Officials.
- Completing lengthy WDSF applications & registering Breaking officials online for many different WDSF Breaking Adjudicators Congresses in preparation for this summer's Olympic games.
- Informing CDS PD about upcoming WDSF Adjudicators Congress especially since some need it for their WDSF license renewal.
- Completing a WDSF BfG (Breaking For Gold) application to host a BfG International Series in Montreal held on June 3rd & 4th 2023.
- Answering numerous emails, and attending Microsoft Teams or zoom meetings with different people from the **Canadian Olympic Committee** regarding preparations for Santiago 2023 (Pan Am Games) & Paris 2024 Olympics and Breaking.
- Answering numerous emails, submitting applications, and attending Microsoft Teams or zoom meetings with different people from **Sport Canada** regarding funding framework, and CDS's obligations in order to receive funding from Heritage Canada for Breaking for Santiago 2023 & Paris 2024 Olympics.
- CDS has been working closely with COC on Safety in Sport and funding for Breaking with the COC Own the Podium program.
- Emails and zoom meetings with SDRCC (Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada) regarding OSIC (Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner) and renewing our mandatory Signatory if you want to still receive government funding.
- Attending zoom meetings with 3 lawyers and the COC on the OSIC Renewal Registration, transitioning consent forms to an online form & obligations of NSOs.
- Attending zoom meetings and completing a survey on the new Canadian Governance Code as it pertains to Canada DanceSport. This will be a major discussion at our AGM.

- Compiling and keeping up to date the CDS Amateur Teacher Records. This list is constantly changing since some amateur teachers retire from teaching while other elite athletes decide to complete the application, pay the fee, and start teaching. It is something that our current newly qualified athletes are not doing but I feel some top athletes are teaching without a license. This topic needs more discussion at the AGM.
- Maintaining the CDS Face Book Account. Regions are encouraged to send me photos, competition flyers, and any upcoming events that they want advertised on the CDS Face Book page. Please send in any additional wording in English & French
- Although most WDSF World Championships & World Cups were held in 2023 only a few CDS athletes decided to compete in the WDSF World Championships. A complete list of 2023 list of World results are found later in this report.
- Answering emails and telephone calls from CDS Registered Athletes and coaches.
- Keeping the CDS website up to date by constantly having the webmaster change different items and having major sections translated into both official languages.
- Working with the translator to update CDS Rule Book and parts of CDS Website.
- Sending out the Notice of CDS AGM by February 15 to all Board members which included Delegate's form, past AGM minutes, Draft Agenda, updated CDS Rule Book and all Motions that were submitted by January 31, 2024.
- Writing and circulating the final Agenda with time allowances for the 2024 CDS AGM.
- Having telephone calls, numerous emails, & texts with CDS Breaking Sport Director, Geoff Reyes.
- Having telephone calls, emails, & texts with CDS VP & DSBC President, Pinky Wong, on many different topics relating to CDS
- Having meetings either by email, text, or on the telephone with CDS PD Executive Director, Patricia Goh, to discuss PD matters.
- Completing any government forms that are required for CDS.
- Receiving and answering emails from **WDSF** member countries on topics affecting many countries.
- Answering emails from WDSF and forwarding any important Press Releases, competition news, WDSF meeting minutes, and WDSF AGM information to all CDS Board members.
- Working on the **WDSF Sports For All Commission**.
- Corresponding with the CDS Board on many matters throughout the year on situations arising, forms, and letters sent out.
- Plus numerous other tasks!

I have found my work load has increased due to Breaking's addition to Pan Am Games 2023 & Paris 2024 Olympic and will only increase more now as the Summer Olympics get closer. This past year again I kept to my personal policy of working regular office hours and therefore only doing CDS work on weekdays and within certain hours. But unfortunately this year I found myself frequently working even on weekends.

Please remind your athletes that only the CDS Executive can correspond with the WDSF office. There is a WDSF policy that they do not respond to individual athletes but only to their National Body. Any questions

they receive, the WDSF office forwards it to me to answer. Some CDS athletes, without asking their Regional Association or CDS, write emails to the WDSF office with questions that the Regional or CDS Board could easily answer. Of course, unbeknown to the athletes, the WDSF office just forwards their emails to me. If CDS does not know the answer then CDS will write to the WDSF to get the correct answer.

CDS Business

Over the last year and a half I have been attending zoom meetings and emails from SDRCC, (Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada) OSIC (Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner) COC legal advice meetings, and Minister of Sport regarding the governments new Safe Sport initiative to address Abuse in Sport. There were many news stories regarding hockey, sledding, gymnastics, etc that brought it to MPs attention. This has been a very lengthy & sometimes stressful process changing or adopting new CDS policies, collecting OSIC consent forms, compiling a master list of forms received, informing all to now sign the online form even though they originally signed a hard copy which CDS has, and attending all these meetings. There are quarterly meetings from OSIC & reports published. CDS must continue to educate our coaches, teachers, & athletes about Safe Sport.

CDS Recognized competitions.

There have been 10 CDS Recognized competitions in Canada since the 2023 CCC for International Style Standard & Latin and 6 Breaking events but so far we have not received the dates of Breaking events scheduled for 2024 due to no WDSF Breaking Worlds scheduled so far this year due to Olympics & Olympic qualifiers for Breaking.

2023

June - 29th Island Fantasy Ball, BC
September- Stars DanceSport Festival, ON
November- 32th Annual Snowball Classic, BC
November- La Relance, QUE

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February 24th - Ontario Championships, ON
March 8/9th - 59th UBC Gala, BC
March 16th - Alberta Winter Classic, ALB
April 6th -April Dance Fest, BC
April 6th - La Super-Am, QUE
April-66th CCC, ON
June 1/2, 30th Annual Island Fantasy Ball

Each Region will report more on the competitions held in their Region.

This past year we have unfortunately seen less CDS Recognized competitions due to one promoter changing to CDF and a definite action by CDF/NDCC in Ontario to run more events using not only our titles but also annual dates & venues where we run some of our events. The new CDF Rule has made it more expensive for our CDS promoters to run competitions due to hiring out of province scrutineers & judges.

I feel that more frequent smaller competitions might be the way to justify to athletes why they need Regional membership.

CDS Amateur Teachers

In 2023/24, only 6 Amateur Teachers have paid their Annual fee but I personally know that others are teaching. Others have retired from competing or have stopped teaching.

Breaking

In one short year Breaking has accomplished a lot this past year. Geoff Reyes, the CDS Breaking Sport Director will address everything in his report

Geoff Reyes is taking the lead on working with **Canada DanceSport, Canadian Olympic Committee, and Sport Canada.**

Unfortunately Geoff is unable to take off work to attend the AGM since he is taking time off the following week to attend a COC Leadership Conference for all Team leaders attending the Paris Olympics.

Eric Zig Martel, event organizer for WDSF BfG Montreal 2 day event, is a well-respected Bboy from Fresh Format Crew out of Montreal. He is a National Director for BREAKING CANADA. He goes as team leader to some big WDSF competitions with Team Canada Breaking Athletes, Veronique Labrosse is looking after membership for Breaking athletes and looking after receiving all OSIC consent forms from Breaking athletes and officials.

Pinky & I are the CDS Board members on the committee and our role is to guide the committee as to Canadian Olympic Committee, WDSF, & Canada DanceSport Rules.

Phil Wizard has been carded by the COC so receives a monthly stipend & both Phil Wizard from BC & Tiffany Leung from Ontario have been selected by the WDSF to their anti doping program and both are frequently contacted for media interviews due to their likelihood of participating in Paris 2024. As mentioned earlier Phil Kim (Phil Wizard) of BC has already qualified for the 2024 Summer Olympics and Tiffany Leung of ON & Emma Misak of BC have both qualified for the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) after having successfully competing in the initial phase, consisting of World and Continental Championships as well as numerous BfG events, There will be two events of OQS, taking place in May in Shanghai and in June in Budapest, which are the final steps to qualify to Paris 2024. There are 10 Olympic spots left for B Boys & 10 B Girls out of the 40 in each category in the OQS since 6 have already earned spots by winning certain events (Phil won Pan America Games). Canada has also one B Boy Mass, Samuel Cyr of Quebec who is on the replacement list in case one of the 40 Bboys has to drop out.

Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)

Since Canada DanceSport was made a Session Class A member in the beginning of 2022 we receive an invitation to their AGM and get to vote. The 2023 COC AGM was held Toronto on April 21-23 with meetings on Athlete Centric Sport Workshop and Safe Sport – Facilitated Workshop Panel plus the AGM. Unfortunately the 2024 COC AGM in Montreal is the same weekend as our own AGM & CCC.

Sport Canada

CDS set up a direct deposit to CDS bank account for different grants for Breaking. In 2023 Breaking received \$110250.00 from Canadian Heritage from their Sport Support Program of which CDS kept \$6000 for Safe Sport fee and translations of 5 Safe Sport Policies. We were notified that Sport Canada would cover the \$5000 fee so applied it to our 2004 OSIC fee plus the remaining \$836 came out of funds that Breaking received.

In 2024, so far CDS Breaking Division will be receiving from \$55000 from Own the Podium and new application has been submitted to Sport Canada for funding from Heritage Canada Sport Support.

WDSF E Cards

Most CDS WDSF athletes have not renewed their WDSF E-cards since many have not competed in WDSF competitions since COVID in early 2020.

Athletes now must renew online but if once WDSF sends the email warning there is only 3 months to renew, the athlete will then receive a final warning after which the WDSF will expire the athlete. Once an athlete's card is marked expired the athlete can only renew by contacting the CDS WDSF Administrator, Gord, first, and he will then send them a link with a renewal notice from WDSF. Before sending the athlete the link he checks with the Regional Association that they are a current paid member. A problem that athletes have encountered is that their renewal notices often go to their junk mail box or they change their email address but don't update on their WDSF profile so they never receive the renewal notice. Inform any athletes when they do renew to check that none of their information has changed- email address, partner, etc.

If a Canadian Athlete is looking for a new partner outside of Canada remember that there are WDSF Rules governing when they can represent another country. If eligible then they must be transferred in the WDSF Registration System by their country's Administrator to Canada WDSF Administrator (Gord). Gord will not accept any transfers from another country until he has been assured that they have a CDS Regional membership. It can take up to 30 days for another country to approve a transfer so inform him well in advance of the athletes wanting to compete for CDS.

2023 WDSF CHAMPIONSHIPS/CUPS Results

Only a handful of CDS athletes competed in WDSF World events in 2023. Here are their results. Although official invitations were sent to the CDS Board & qualified athletes many elected not to participate in WDSF World events. For the first time Canada sent no athletes to Adult World Championships or World Cups due to the actions of athletes & officials associated with Team Diablo & Dancesport Heritage.

Junior

WDSF World Junior 10 Dance Championship in Bremen - Germany on 03 June 2023

23/30 Danil Akimov - Anna Osminin- ON

WDSF World Championship taken place in Vagos - Portugal on 28 October 2023

45/63 Patrick Busoi - Sofiya Oliynyk, ALB

51/63 Daniel Reunov - Marielle Shvaitser, ON

Youth

WDSF World Youth Standard Championship in Szombathely - Hungary 23 September 2023

37/61 Nathaniel Petrov - Katusha Petrova- ON

Senior I

WDSF World Senior I Ten Dance Championship in Dresden - Germany on 07 October 2023

23/28 Marcin Kwietniewski - Monika Kwietniewska, ON

Senior III

WDSF World Senior III Standard Championship in Platja d'Aro - Spain on 27 October 2023

91/149 Denis Lapierre - Elise Lavery, QUE

98/149 Victor Tsemko - Sylvie Bourguignon, QUE

Senior IV

WDSF World Senior IV Standard Championship in Rotterdam - Netherlands on 13 October 2023

48/120 Daniel Benjamin - Marjolaine Lagace, QUE

52/120 David Wong - Maybo Yee, ON

86/120 Kevin Yee Loong - Angela Yee Loong, ON

92/120 Glen Shenton - Isabelle Shenton, ON

114/120 Michel Rioux - Sylvie Letendre, QUE

Breaking Adult

WDSF Pan American Championship taken place in Santiago de Chile - Chile on 27 - 28 May 2023

1/91 B-Boy Phil Wizard - Philip Kim, BC

18/91 B-Boy Illz - Anthony Gilbert Chi-Kit Put, ON

19/91 B-Boy Onton - Onton See, ON

36/91 B-Boy Vicious - Victor Gustavo Sono-Ochoa, QUE

4/52 B-Girl Tiff - Tiffany Nora Leung, ON

7/52 B-Girl Emma - Emma Patricia Misak, BC

23/52 B-Girl SashaFox - Alexandra Mozil, ALB

WDSF World Breaking Championship taken place in Leuven - Belgium on 23 - 24 September 2023

2/97 B-Boy Phil Wizard - Philip Kim, BC

27/97 B-Boy Mass - Samuel Cyr, QUE

20/80 B-Girl Tiff - Tiffany Nora Leung, ON

22/80 B-Girl Emma - Emma Patricia Misak, BC

WDSF/CDS Officials

Currently in 2024 we have:

3 WDSF General "A" Adjudicators, 1 WDSF General "B" Adjudicators, 2 WDSF PD Adjudicators, 3 WDSF Chairmen

No WDSF Scrutineers, & 1 WDSF DJ
9 WDSF Breaking Judge "A", & 2 Breaking Head Judges/Chairman

Some CDS officials chose not to renew since:

- (a) No WDSF competition in Canada this past year and they were not asked to judge in another country
- (b) WDSF Adjudicators are required to attend a WDSF Congress once every 2 years and a couple of adjudicators have not attended a Congress since 2019 and missed the virtual ones held in 2021 & 2022. CDS can not afford to hold an in person Congress for only a couple of people.
- (c) Most Canadian officials & athletes of Team Diablo cancelled their WDSF Licenses and joined DanceSport Heritage & CDF

WDSF AGM

The 2023 WDSF AGM was held in person this year (first time since 2019) with the Forum and PD AGM on June 10 & the General AGM on June 11, 2023 in Madrid, Spain. It was well attended with Pinky & myself as delegates for CDS.

Due to the 2024 Olympics the WDSF has decided to postpone their AGM until the end of October and so far that is all the details I have received about it.

CDS Professional Division

I will allow CDS PD President, Patricia Goh, to inform you about the accomplishments CDS PD has done this year, the current number of members, adjudicators' list, and the future plans for CDS PD.

Wheel Dance of Canada

Dr Iris Kulbatski has been very successful as an Associate Member of CDS and dancing has finally resumed for wheel dance athletes. Some Wheel Dance athletes will be putting on a demo both Saturday afternoon & Saturday evening.

Future Plans

We need to:

- a) How to comply with new Canadian Governance Code as much as possible.
- b) Develop a plan to encourage promoters to run CDS Recognized competitions across Canada & entice DanceSport athletes to attend CDS Recognized competitions.
- c) Discuss how we can make competitions more economically feasible.
- d) Brainstorm in our CDS AGM how to attract board members & athletes to join our Regional Associations
- e) Develop a CCC schedule for next few years

A special thank you to Geoff Reyes, the CDS Breaking Sport Director, who has taken over a huge share of the work with the Breaking project, working with COC, Sport Canada, and the SDRCC. Thank you Geoff, I really appreciate all the assistance you have given again me this past year!

Another thank you goes out to my VP, Pinky Wong who also assisted me whenever she could with WDSF, Breaking, Sport Canada, Safe Sport OSIC forms & policies, Canadian Governance Code, and CDS discussions to name just a few. Thank you, Pinky.

I would like to thank all the CDS Board members and their CDS Regional Associations Board members for their support and volunteer work that they do on behalf of DanceSport in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,



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