



Ontario DanceSport

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2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT of ODS PRESIDENT

The following is the current ODS board of directors:

Gordon Brittain	President	Iliia Matveev	Director/Membership
Marcin Kwietniewski	Vice president	Candy Leung/Nixon Wu	Volunteer only webmasters
Dave Winn	Treasurer	Fran Scott	Director
Debbie McKelvey	Secretary/Treasurer		

Membership

As of December 31, 2024, which is ODS' year end, we had 144 ODS members. Of this 17, (all AD), are from the Breaking group.

The current age category is: JV I = (31), JV II (8), JR I = (13), JR II (9), YO = (8), AD = (17 + 5 = 22), SR I = (4), SR II = (4), SR III = (22), SR IV = (23) for a total of 144 members. Already for 2025, we only have 66 members renewed.

RESULTS OF ODS ATHLETES

2024 WDSF World CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sept. 14th, 2024 – World Junior II Standard Championships – Romania

Daniel Reunov & Marielle Shvaitser

Sept. 28th, 2024 – World Junior II 10 Dance Championships - Slovakia

Daniel Reunov & Marielle Shvaitser

Nov. 30th, 2024 – World Youth Championships – Bosnia & Herzegovina,

Anna Osminin & Nikita Zhuravlov

Oct. 27th, 2024 – World Senior II 10 Dance Championships – Portugal

Alex Achinfiev & Csilla Kosztak,

July 26th, 2024 – World Senior IV Standard Championships – Austria

William Lee & Fiona Tam

Augustine & Catherine Wong

Harry & Teresa Knox

Glen & Isabelle Shenton

Breaking

Tiffany Leung attended the qualifiers for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games,



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2024 Canadian Closed Championships – Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, 2024.

On Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, 2024, ODS ran the 66th Canadian Closed Championships for the first time at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. The venue at the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre was extremely well laid out, as it had the main ballroom, which had a great size wooden floor, which accommodated first, second and third row chairs setup around the floor, as well bleachers for the spectators, and competitors, and a stage with an overhead projected screen. Outside the main ballroom was a very large wooden dance floor for our competitors, from all levels, to practice before and during their events, as well an area for our volunteers to sell and take tickets for the event. Both the ladies and men's change rooms were very large and close to the main ballroom.

During the Friday daytime, just prior to the afternoon lower category events and before the Friday evening Championship events, athletes and coaches had the opportunity to attend 3 workshops/lectures given by very knowledgeable coaches and other professionals in various areas of their expertise.

The CCC event was attended very well by our competitors from the various Canadian Provinces in all age categories, especially Senior 2, 3 and 4.

Lunches, dinners and a Saturday evening reception, for all of our officials, championship level competitors, special guests and volunteers, throughout the event, was supplied by Toulia Nikolopoulos, East York Deli. She was easy to work with & food was excellent and was a reasonable price.

We were very lucky to have received some sponsorship money from the Ontario Government, as well as from some of individuals/organization, as well as donations of flowers, drive instead of fly, cheaper flights, and discounts on services which helped with the overall expenses.

Because the venue is the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, there were many cherry blossoms out on the number of trees surrounding centre which many of our dancers had their pictures in front of. This venue had different artifacts & sports pertaining to the Japanese culture which all added to the atmosphere of the 2024 CCC.

Unfortunately, we didn't have the number of spectators that we have had in the past and I feel this is due to the fact the other outside dance organizations are running many dance events, throughout the year (including the weekends before & after our CCC). Even though some of our ODS athletes attend the other organization events most of the supporters of other group were not willing to support ours.

Overall the event was a great success and the venue was outstanding.

March 22, 2025, ODS hosted the **2025 Ontario Championships**, at the Thornhill Community Centre. This was the 2025 qualifier for ODS competitors to qualify them to dance at the 67th 2025 Canadian Closed Championships being held this year on April 26 & 27 at the Beban Park Social Centre, Nanaimo, BC, as well WDSF Worlds Qualifier. We held this event as an Open, rather than a Closed Championship event with the hopes that we may get entries from out of province competitors. Unfortunately this event was not well attended, with very few competitors, as well as spectators. Couples were mainly from one studio (which we were pleased to see), as well as one couple from Quebec and one couple from the USA. Very few senior dancers at the Championship level. ODS had the worst loss than we ever had, but at the time of writing this report I am not able to tell you the exact amount.



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Other Dance organizations in Ontario and Canada

As I reported last year, again this past year we have again experienced the NDCC/CDF running numerous competitions, galas, & showcases in Ontario but especially in the Toronto area. They are run in fancy, expensive hotels and often offer a gala dinner & top couple as a show. They continue to take the dates & titles we use for our ODS competitions. For our March 22, Ontario Championships, they ran an event on the same weekend, as well one a week before.

They run at least 2 events per month.

Financial

ODS still has the following regular expenditures- insurance, web hosting, office expenses, and moneris (credit card) fees.

Relationship with the Ontario Professionals

ODS continues to have a good working relationship with our amateur friendly professionals in Ontario & other Provinces.

Summary

If ODS wants to continue to remain in existence or run competitions, then it is imperative that the ODS members/friends get more involved by being on the board, since some are seniors who have already or are planning to retire from the board but are still willing to help in some compacity. We need more ODS past athletes to become judges and teach lower level classes for competitors that will support ODS competitions. Finally, as mentioned in last years report, we need more ODS promoters running competitions, even if they are smaller competitions held in studios or smaller venues.

Respectively submitted by
Gord Brittain, ODS President