





# USA Dance 2019 National DanceSport Championships

<u>Utah Valley University UCCU Center in Orem, Utah – April 11-13, 2019</u>

#### Q. Why Participate in the USA Dance National DanceSport Championships?

A. USA Dance is excited to hold its National Championships in Utah again after 20 years! The USA Dance National DanceSport Championships is one of the longest running and the premier national dancesport championships in the United States. USA Dance is a United States Olympic Committee Recognized Sports Organization, sending championship athletes (professional and amateur) annually to World DanceSport Federation World Championships and World Cups, and quadrennially to the World Games. These championships are frequently shown on international television. *In 2017 USA Dance sent Utah couple Earle Williamson and Vashti Reed to the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland to represent the United States in Standard.* The next World Games will be held in the U.S. in Birmingham, Alabama in 2021. USA Dance will send athletes to those World Games to represent the U.S. in Standard, Latin, and intends to work with the WDSF to add Smooth to the World Games schedule.

## **Upcoming 2019 WDSF World Championships and World Cups:**

Category	Date	Location	Category	Date	Location
Junior 2 Latin	Oct. 26	Ankara	World Cup Latin	Sep. 9	Chengdu
Junior 2 Standard	Dec. 14	Riga	World Cup Standard	Sep. 8	Chengdu
Junior 2 10-Dance	Nov. 2	Sibiu	Pro Latin	Sep. 1	Bangkok
Youth Latin	Nov. 16	Vienna	Pro Standard	Oct. 19	Leipzig
Youth Standard	Nov. 23	Timisoara	Pro 10-Dance	Nov. 9	Vila Nova de Famalicao
Youth 10-Dance	Oct. 19	Kiev	Pro Showdance Latin	TBD	TBD
Under 21 Latin	Sep. 22	Chengdu	Pro Showdance Standard	Nov. 2	Dresden
Under 21 Standard	Oct. 12	Bilbao	Senior 1 Latin	Oct. 5	Ostrava
Under 21 10-Dance	May 18	Yerevan	Senior 1 Standard	TBD	TBD
Amateur Latin	Sep. 7	Moscow	Senior 1 10-Dance	Jun. 1	Szombathely
Amateur Standard	Nov. 30	Vilnius	Senior 2 Latin	Jun. 8	Kosice
Amateur 10-Dance	Sep. 14	Ashdod	Senior 2 Standard	Oct. 5	Toronto
Showdance Latin	Dec. 14	Moscow	Senior 2 10-Dance	TBD	TBD
Showdance Standard	Dec. 14	Moscow	Senior 3 Latin	TBD	TBD
Formation Latin	Dec. 7	Bremen	Senior 3 Standard	Oct. 11	Bilbao
Formation Standard	TBD	TBD	Senior 4 Standard	Feb. 9	Antwerp

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## Q. Do I need to qualify before I register?

A. Maybe. Most events require qualification by attending a National Qualifying Event – such as the Utah Classic in Hyrum, Utah on February 23, 2019. However, you can compete in several events without attending an NQE, these include: Under-21 Standard, Latin and 10-Dance Championships (selects WDSF World Championship Representatives), cabaret, showdance, theatrical ballroom, and formation divisions. Details can be reviewed in the USA Dance Rulebook, Rule 3.3.

NQE's (National Qualifying Events) before Nationals:

Royal Palm DanceSport Championship Fort Lauderdale, FL February 9, 2019
Utah Classic Hyrum, UT Feb 23, 2019
Mid-Atlantic Championships Bethesda, MD Feb 22 – 24, 2019

- Q. Do I need to be a member of USA Dance to compete in the USA Dance National DanceSport Championships and National Qualifying Events?
- A. Yes. The annual Membership can be processed online at: <a href="https://membership.usadance.org/default.aspx">https://membership.usadance.org/default.aspx</a>
  - \$75 for professionals
  - \$70 for amateurs
  - \$25 for full-time students ages 19-34
  - \$20 for youth, junior and preteen athletes ages 18 and under

Membership provides not only access to USA Dance competitions, but also discounted registration for USA Dance's National Collegiate DanceSport Championships (March 30-31 in Chicago), discounted entry to many USA Dance chapter events across the United States, and discounts on services and products from USA Dance partners including: Aetna, Office Depot, Financial Answers, and more. Search member benefits at: <a href="https://membership.usadance.org/general/custom.asp?page=MembershipValue2018Tmp">https://membership.usadance.org/general/custom.asp?page=MembershipValue2018Tmp</a>

- Q. How do I register for the USA Dance National DanceSport Championships?
- A. Registration is online at: <a href="http://register.o2cm.com/?event=usa">http://register.o2cm.com/?event=usa</a>
- Q. If I participate in USA Dance competitions, can I compete in other organizations?
- **A.** Absolutely! Consistent with USOC regulations USA Dance does not restrict or discourage its members (athletes, officials, social dancers) from participating in DanceSport events hosted, sanctioned, or organized by other organizations. USA Dance members compete in WDSF, NDCA, and WDC competitions.

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## Q. How have Utah dancers placed at USA Dance's National DanceSport Championships?

A. Many athletes from Utah have placed very well at USABDA/USA Dance's National DanceSport Championships! As mentioned previously Utah couple Earle Williamson and Vashti Reed were USA Dance's 2017 Standard and 10-Dance Vice-Champions and represented the U.S. at the 2017 World Games in Standard. Other athletes from the Utah area that were U.S. champions, Vice-Champions, and/or represented the U.S. at the World Championships are:

- German Mustuc and Andrea Tatton (Hales), U.S. Champions and representatives in Standard, Latin and 10-Dance;
- Richard Roberts and Julie Peterson, U.S. representatives in Standard;
- Tom and Lori Hicks, U.S. Latin Champions;
- Ric Robinson and Melissa Hales, U.S. Latin Champions;
- Ray and Sabrina Backlund, U.S. representatives in Latin;
- John Wuehler & Marci Edgington, U.S. Latin Champions;
- David and Anita Vance (Langley), U.S. Latin Champions;
- Stephen Rallison and Joy Price, U.S. 9-Dance Vice Champions.

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