News from USA Dance National

USA Dance National Championships – April 1-3, 2022

Qualification Waived for 2022 USA Dance National Ballroom DanceSport Championships – ALL DanceSport Members Welcome to Participate!

The USA Dance National Board of Directors voted to waive the normal qualification requirements for the 2022 USA Dance National Ballroom DanceSport Championships (Nationals). The Board invites ALL DanceSport members to take part in this exciting event.

Normally, DanceSport couples must qualify to participate in an event at Nationals, by placing in the top 75% of competitors in the same event in at least one National Qualifying Event (NQE) competition, or by participating in the same event in at least two NQE competitions, held during the current competition year (between the dates of the previous and the upcoming Nationals). The Board waived this requirement for the 2022 Nationals, because COVID restricted the number of NQE competitions that could be held in 2021 and 2022 and otherwise complicated the qualification process.

The 2022 United States DanceSport Ballroom Championships will take place April 1st through 3rd as one unified event, at the Wyndham Grand in Downtown Pittsburgh, PA. It is being organized by the National Organizing Committee Chaired by Ann Durocher, under the leadership of President Ken Richards.

This year's Nationals events will include Amateur, Professional, Collegiate, Pro/Am, Teacher-Student, and Solo Proficiency National Titles, as well as a Social Dance, Collegiate Team Matches, Workshops, and a Professional Show.

The Venue, Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, is near Heinz Field, within a thriving epicenter for sports, arts, culture, fine dining, and outdoor activities. Check out this beautiful property and surrounding area at **www.wyndhamgrandpittsburgh.com/**.

All information on registration, pricing, hotel, tentative schedule, and more is found on the website for the 2022 National Ballroom DanceSport Championships: https://usadancenationals.org.

More Information from Ann Durocher, Organizer of 2022 USA Dance National DanceSport Championships:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

"We are excited to be awarding the following at Nationals:

Over $60,000 in World Team Travel Stipends + Cash Scholarships for Amateur Competitors
Over $20,000 in World Team Travel Stipends + another $26,000 in Cash Scholarships for Professional Competitors
Cash scholarships for all Pro/Am multi-dance students + a generous per dance Pot of Gold for Professionals dancing with their students"

SUPPORT THE ATHLETES:

"If you're feeling charitable enough to donate $50 (or more!) to the cause, just email Ann Durocher at **nationalballroomchamp-chair@usadance.org** and consider donating it towards scholarships at this year's tremendous event. Any dollar amount helps, and we have lots of competitors who are deserving of your support!"

"You can head on over to **https://usadancenationals.org/registration/** if you'd like to register, or head to the **main page** if you want all the amazing details about this fantastic event."

Registration is open until March 17, 2022! *Remember: the USA Dance National Board of Directors has waived the qualification requirement to compete at the 2022 Nationals!*

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