



Ontario Amateur DanceSport Association, Inc. **O.A.D.A.**

Dear OADA Members,

There are a number of items that the OADA Board wishes to bring to your attention:

1. Boycotting of competitions by competitors on the advice of a coach displays very poor sportsmanship and could result in an OADA bursary not being awarded or sanctions applied to couples involved in this practise if this continues to be a problem. CDF has already warned their teachers about this practise.
2. We advise you to not give in to threats from a coach who tells you that if you take from another coach he/she will not teach you. In Canada you have the freedom to take from whomever you wish. Please notify OADA if you have received such threats and we will report the coach to CDF.
3. Register for competitions by the deadline posted. Late entries makes it very difficult for promoters to schedule if you register late or pull out without informing the promoter ahead of time. It is your responsibility, not your coach, to register you for competitions.
4. Attendance at past AGMs has been very poor. It is your duty as a member to attend, if possible, to the AGM. If not you shouldn't complain about how things are done in Ontario.
5. Please comply with the CADA dress code, failure to do so will result in you not being permitted to compete.
6. Scrutineers' sheets- it is not appropriate to approach "officials" (which includes judges) at a competition to complain about your marks you received that day. Members of CDF have reported that some competitors have harassed them recently at competitions.
7. Spray tanning- this continues to be a problem at many competitions. The following Rules are in affect for ALL OADA SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS no matter which venue is used:
 - a. NO SPRAY PRODUCTS of any type will be permitted at the venue- tanning, shoe polish or other coloured spray- only clear hairspray will be permitted
 - b. NO ADMITTANCE to RESTRICTED AREAS
 - c. Change rooms & rest rooms must be kept clean – use garbage pails provided
 - d. No oil or water on the floor or carpet permitted
 - e. No moving furniture in the Lobby
 - f. Young children must be supervised at all times, including children of spectatorsFailure to comply with these Rules will result in you being escorted from the premises and fined a clean up fee.
8. CDF has advised that prolonged "Entrances" & "Exits" for each dance in a heat is not necessary. Bows to the spectators should only be done (if at all) after the last dance in the heat and one bow is sufficient, not bows to all sides of the ballroom. Adjudicators & promoters have complained that this results in many extra minutes added to the schedule and does not improve a couple's results (actually the adjudicators are very annoyed by this practice).
9. Permission from OADA must be granted for all demonstrations or if competing outside of Canada.
10. Check the OADA web site: <http://www.ontariodancesport.com> for the latest list of Sanctioned competitions, OADA e-newsletter, or OADA Rules.

Sincerely
The OADA Board