



# Ontario DanceSport

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## **CANADIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In light of the announcement regarding COVID-19 made on March 13, 2020 by Christine Elliott, Ontario Governments Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Culture industries, as well as Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health direction to immediately suspend all large events and public gatherings of over 250 people, the Board of Directors of Ontario DanceSport (ODS) has made the difficult decision to cancel the 64<sup>th</sup> Canadian Closed Championships (CCC) which was to be held at the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre on April 10/11, 2020.

Our top priority is for the safety, health and well-being of our athletes from across Canada, officials attending from Canada, USA and Europe, our many volunteers, and spectators. ODS does not know when this pandemic will be over but the hotel informed us that they have no availability for the remaining of 2020 therefore we were left with no option but to cancel. Much time and money has already been invested into this year's event and we recognize the cancellation of the CCC will no doubt create disappointment for many but the health and welfare of everyone must come first. As a non-profit organization, we rely on ticket sales to support this exceptional event. This is an unprecedented situation for CCC and has had unique financial repercussions for ODS.

Refunds will be issued as soon as possible either by cheque or by Visa for those already processed. ODS made the decision not to process any cheques or visas for the last couple of weeks in the event of cancelling therefore those cheques will be destroyed. Any hotel rooms booked through the CCC link we provided will automatically be cancelled by the hotel.

We are very sorry to make this decision, but the safety and health of our DanceSport community is very important to us. Next year's CCC will be in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Gord Brittain, President & ODS Board