



## Promoting the Quality and Quantity of Ballroom Dance in Massachusetts

### Massachusetts Ballroom Dancers Association

**MASSabda was founded in 1991, and today we are one of the largest and most active chapters of USA Dance - The governing organization for ballroom dance in the United States.**

#### CHAPTERS

Members of USA Dance are grouped into chapters, the basic membership units of the organization. Chapters are, in turn, grouped into six geographic regions. MASSabda is part of Region III

Additional communication between chapters and their members is provided by American Dancer, USA Dance's bi-monthly magazine.

***MASSabda exists for the benefit and enjoyment of ballroom dancers of all ages and skill levels. You can become a member in one of several categories, including:***

#### ***Benefits of Membership***

***Have Fun!*** - MASSabda/USA Dance members share a love of dancing – our events offer great locations, great music, complimentary lessons, showcases, and the chance to meet wonderful people.

***Save Money*** - MASSabda sponsors numerous events per year, members receive a discount at the door. (For most members, attending even half of our events pays the annual membership fee.)

Members also receive discounts from numerous 'friends of MASSabda'.

***Your membership will pay for itself!***

#### ***Support Ballroom Dancing***

As a member, you help support ballroom dancing nationally and locally including the efforts to promote Dancesport as an Olympic event.

#### MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**REGISTRATION** to dance in local, regional, and international competitions, including team and formation contests.

**DISCOUNTED** admissions to fabulous chapter social dances and events, including dance lessons, mixers, dance demonstrations, workshops, dance camps, and lots of social dancing.

**DISCOUNTS** on purchases from "Friends of USA DANCE" vendors.

**OPEN** to singles as well as couples.

Subscriptions to bi-monthly copies of both Amateur Dancers Magazine and the MASSabda Newsletter

#### PART OF THE DANCE COMMUNITY

When you join MASSabda, a chapter of the USA Dance, you become a member of the extensive Ballroom Dance community in New England as well as throughout the U.S.

**ACCESS** to information about ballroom dancing locally and nationally. When you travel, you can include ballroom dancing in your plans.

**PARTICIPATION** in outreach programs in local and national outreach programs designed to bring the sheer fun, physical and mental health benefits of ballroom dancing to the public, especially the young, seniors, and the disabled.

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE Contributions:**  
USA DANCE is a 501 (c) 3 organization.

#### REGISTRATION OF COMPETITIVE STANDING

Membership in USA DANCE/MASSabda provides you with an opportunity to register as a competitor automatically. The USA DANCE membership number you are assigned is the number you need to participate in MASSabda or USA DANCE recognized competitions as well as many international competitions.

#### About USA Dance

USA DANCE was established in 1965 to promote the acceptance of ballroom dancing into the Olympics. In 1985 USA DANCE reorganized, and was granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. In 1986 new Bylaws were formulated providing for a national organization with a regional and chapter structure.

Since 1987 USA DANCE has functioned as the sole governing body for all forms of amateur ballroom dancing in the United States. USA DANCE organizes and fosters educational programs among the public about the healthful aspects of recreational ballroom dancing and DanceSport, the competitive form of ballroom dancing. These programs emphasize the physical, mental, and social benefits of dancing, and include the expansion of ballroom dancing skills among the aged, young people, and the handicapped.

USA DANCE is classified as a Section 501(c)3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and is recognized as a publicly supported organization described in Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code. In 1999 USA DANCE became an Affiliate Member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

Individuals, businesses and foundations may support the work of USA DANCE through tax-deductible gifts.

**For additional information on USA DANCE service, contact USA DANCE CENTRAL OFFICE**

**P. O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349**

**1-800-447-9047 – Fax 717-235-4183.**

**E-mail - [usabdacent@aol.com](mailto:usabdacent@aol.com)**

**Website - <http://www.usadance.org>**

You can join online at [www.usadancemembership.org](http://www.usadancemembership.org). Please choose **Chapter 3002**. Or simply fill out the application on the reverse side.

For more information contact:

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# USA Dance Membership Application

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This form may be used by two people at the same address.



Name		Date of Birth		
1.		Male [ ]	Female [ ]	
2.		Male [ ]	Female [ ]	
Street Address		Apt. #	City	State
				Zip Code

Seasonal Address: Do you have a seasonal address? If so, enter below. Dates applicable: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone		Email Address
1.				
2.				

Is this a renewal application?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No    If Yes, Member # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Chapter I wish to be assigned to:    \_\_\_ 3002 MASSabda \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of College or Youth Club I wish to be assigned to:    \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	FEE	TAX	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Recreational: Social Ballroom Dancer	\$ 35	\$	Dances for enjoyment and works to improve but does not compete. May include retired DS Athlete.
Recreational: Social Adult Dancer	\$ 25	\$	Enjoys and appreciates the physical, mental, and social benefits of social dancing.
Recreational: Social Youth Dancer	\$ 10	\$	A social dancer under the age of 19. Often a family member or friend of adult member.
Recreational: Social Dance Teacher	\$ 50	\$	An individual who is engaged in the teaching of social dance.
			Note: Social Youth members do not receive the American Dancer magazine.
DanceSport: Adult Athlete	\$ 60	\$	A competitive dancer who is age 19 or above.
DanceSport: Student Athlete	\$ 20	\$	A competitive dancer who is age of 19 or above but below age 35 and is enrolled in school full time.
DanceSport: Minor Athlete	\$ 15	\$	A competitive dancer who is below the age of 19.
DanceSport: Professional Athlete	\$ 65	\$	A competitive dancer who declares him or herself as a professional, or dances in a professional event or is registered as a Professional Member with a member organization of the WDC or IPDSC.
DanceSport Professional	\$ 70	\$	An individual who serves in an official capacity in the field of DanceSport and/or ballroom dance.
DanceSport: Special Olympics Athlete	\$10	\$	Qualifies for participating in Special Olympics competitions only.
DanceSport: Unified Sports ® Partner	\$25	\$	Dance Partner of Special Olympics Athlete -for participating in Special Olympics only.
Dance Industry: Retail Organization	\$100	\$	An organization who offers products and/or services to dancers. Retail organizations may be listed on USA Dance web site and in American Dancer magazine. Print the name of your company in the space below.
Other Misc. Fees	\$	\$	This space for upgrades, and other miscellaneous fees.
Total Membership Fees	\$	\$	TV Programs \$                      * Public Library \$                      **Amateur Travel \$ Youth Program \$                      College Program \$                      General Fund \$
Total Contributions & Donations	\$	\$	Hazelwood Fund \$                      Your Chapter \$                      Other \$ Youth Program \$                      College Program \$                      General Fund \$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$	Scholarships for National Championships \$ Other Memorial Funds: (write name) \$

You may enroll on-line at [www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org)  
 Or, you may mail your application and payment. Make check payable to USA Dance and send to:  
 USA Dance Membership Director - PO Box 126 - Southampton PA 18966-0126  
 Central Office 1-800-447-9047

\* Public Library: Donate American Dancers Magazine to your Public Library, only \$9 for one year. Library Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Library Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\* Amateur Travel: Travel of our representatives to participate in the World Championships.  
 We are a volunteer organization. Can we count on you? \_\_\_ [ ] Yes                      If yes, where? \_\_\_ [ ] Chapter \_\_\_ [ ] Regional \_\_\_ [ ] National  
 What is your area of expertise?                      How are you willing to help USA Dance?