



## 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 11 geographic districts. MASSabda is part of District 4.

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**

**800-760-0582.**

**E-mail - [membership-dir@usadance.org](mailto:membership-dir@usadance.org)**

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

You can join online at [www.membership.usadance.org/](http://www.membership.usadance.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

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



Name		Date of Birth (required for Athlete members)	
1.		Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
2.		Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Address		Apt. #	City
Home Phone		Work Phone	Cell Phone
1.			
2.			
State		Zip Code	
Email Address			

Is this a renewal application? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Member # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of USA Dance Chapter I wish to be affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_ MASSabda - 3002  
 Name of College or Youth Club your are affiliated with (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY			ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Recreational: Social Dance Advocate	\$45	\$	Dances for enjoyment and works to improve but <b>does not compete</b> . May include retired DS Athlete.	
Recreational: Social Adult Dancer	\$35	\$	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	\$60	\$	An individual who is engaged in the teaching of social dance.	
DanceSport: Adult Ballroom Athlete*	\$70	\$	A competitive dancer who is age 19 or above.	
DanceSport: Student Ballroom Athlete*	\$25	\$	A competitive dancer age of 19 or above but below age 35 and is enrolled in school full time.	
DanceSport: Minor Ballroom Athlete*	\$20	\$	A competitive dancer who is below the age of 19.	
DanceSport: Professional Ballroom Athlete*	\$75	\$	A competitive dancer who declares him or herself as a professional or dances as a professional in competition.	
DanceSport Ballroom Official*	\$80	\$	An individual who serves in an official capacity in the field of DanceSport and/or ballroom dance, i.e. judge, emcee, music director, invigilator, independent comp organizer, chairperson of judges, WDSF adjudicator etc	
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.	
DanceSport Ballroom Supporter*	\$40	\$	This category of membership is designed for those who are not active competing athletes but who want to show support for the DanceSport initiatives of USA Dance. This would include former athletes, parents or other family members of athletes, and general supporters who would like their voice counted on DanceSport matters.	
Other Misc. Fees	\$	\$	This space for upgrades, and other miscellaneous fees.	
Total Membership Fees	\$	\$		
Total Contributions & Donations	\$	\$	Donations are used to help fund our many efforts to increase the quality and quantity of ballroom in the US on a social and competitive level including youth outreach, raising public awareness of the physical, mental and social benefits of dance, development of chapters, increased social dance options, support for our athletes and dancesport events. Thank you for helping us achieve these goals. USA Dance is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Any donations in excess of value received are tax deductible.	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$		

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 Inc. 1750 Delta Waters Rd Ste 102 PMB 314, Medford, OR 97504**  
 Central Office : 800-760-0582

\* Memberships for Adult, Student, Minor and Professional Athletes, DanceSport Professionals and DanceSport Supporters are on a calendar year basis rather than on an anniversary year basis.

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?