



Why be a member of DanseSport Québec?

DSQ is a non-profit organization, where devoted volunteers work together towards defending and enforcing the rights of its members who practice the sport we all love: Dancesport. Our mission is the growth and development of our sport at all levels. DanseSport Québec (once called L'Association amateur de danse sportive du Québec) has been in existence since 1972 and the Canadian Association (Canada DanceSport) has existed even longer than that. **Help us to help you!**

Did you know that as a member of DanseSport Québec you have access to the following services?

- All members 18 years and over have the democratic right to vote on motions, can apply to be on the Board of Directors and elect the Directors of DSQ. As Amateur Members you have the right to speak.
- Political recognition of your sport: DSQ is the only **amateur** dance sport organization recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur as well as by **SPORTSQUÉBEC**;
- To documentation regarding rules and categories;
- Member services – affiliations of members and studios;
- Recognized by Canada DanseSport;
- Opportunity to participate in popular events organized by the Federation such as clinics, camps, instructors' training courses, championships, etc.
- Internet site with links to references for your protection and methods of communicating with us and our associates in the case of harassment, discrimination and of any safety issue.
- Regular information in the world of dance sport through our "Infolettre".

Did you know that we offer the following services to competitive members?

- Access to our partners' resources: CREM (<http://www.creem.ca/>) and Alliance Sport-Études (<https://alliancesportetudes.ca/en/>);
- Drafting of and obtaining permission or reference letters for colleges or universities to enable participation in programs affiliated with Alliance Sport-Études or all other programs;
- Requests from member athletes for a support service (drafting of CV, help preparing for interviews, ...) to obtain grants and sponsorship from private companies or government agencies.
- Your membership includes membership in Canada DanseSport (CDS), which allows you to participate in all competitions sanctioned by CDS in Canada. You are also eligible to participate in all competitions sanctioned by the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF), because CDS is a member of this global alliance. <https://www.worlddancesport.org/>
- Support and cooperation in the development of new professionals and the establishment of their potential market;
- Participate in the development of our dancers and be paid!!!
- Finally, we support your right to participate in any competition of your choice in Quebec or elsewhere. We are not in favour of boycotts. A boycott can only be detrimental to dance as a whole and thereby accelerate the disappearance of international amateur dance in Quebec.

Did you know that as competitive or recreational members you participate in?

- initiating youth through our development programs in the schools across Québec;
- developing new disciplines in dance sport;

- developing new school programs concentrating on sports;
- assisting our competitive athletes
- developing instructor courses for the « So...WE DANCE? » program;
- developing policies and procedures;
- organizing federation or sanctioned competitions;
- giving technical and administrative support to members and studios;
- communicating and informing the whole community;
- producing and distributing publications regarding the practice of dance sport.