



North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Association
Embracing and Welcoming All Dance Couples and Dancers

Breaking news

The holidays are here with Thanksgiving be the first one. This year, we are thankful that the COVID-19 pandemic has eased enough to make traveling and gathering safer than it is has been over the last few years. Even we are back on the dancefloor for practices and classes. We hope you all get the chance to spend time with those you love and enjoy some rest in the coming days.

Have a great Thanksgiving!



In need of broader visibility, better promotion in the DanceSport world and advocating for same-sex competitive dancing, NASSPDA is looking to engage Ambassadors.

As many North American DanceSport organizations have changed their definition of a dance couple, we are witnessing interest and participation of newly formed same-sex, reverse role, and gender-neutral couples at their events. Many of those couples haven't been introduced or exposed to NASSPDA as an organization; hence, they also do not know the benefits of being a member of NASSPDA.

[Please use this link to access description and details as well as the application form](#)

(please contact us if you encounter problems with accessing this form. A Gmail account login is required)*

Online Donations?

Recently, NASSPDA's membership and payment platforms have been under malware attack and as a preventive measure we have taken down the feature from the website temporarily, while we are working on it, that allows to donate, join or renew membership. Any help from our community with advise and knowledge how to permanently resolve this issue would be greatly appreciated.

Thank YOU!



Competition Calendar

- **NASSPDA Sanctioned Competitions in 2022**

April Follies, Floorplay LA, and New England Open have been cancelled again due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

- **NASSPDA Sanctioned Competitions in 2023**

Boston Open Dancesport - April 1st, Boston- Dedham, Massachusetts

- **IFSSDA Sanctioned Competitions in 2023**

The XI Gay Games

DanceSport events are November 5 - 8, 2023 Guadalajara, Mexico

Join us at the 2023 United States Same-Sex Ballroom Dance Championship!

Save the date Saturday, April 1, 2023 in Greater Boston.

This competition is the only all-inclusive ballroom dance contest in New England. It is welcoming everybody and supports the LGBTQ+ dance community, hosting the State and the National Championships.

Registration and schedule are up to come.

April Follies is back for 2023!

BUT, in lieu of a competition, we are hosting " A Grand Event" to be held:

-- April 29, 2023, 2pm-8pm

-- Just Dance Ballroom in Oakland, CA

This will include:

The opportunity to showcase all the dances you have been working on (and may be preparing for the Gay Games in Guadalajara, Mexico , November 2023).

--All the usual competitive partner dances are welcome:

International Ballroom

International Latin

American Smooth

American Rhythm

Argentine Tango

Country Western

--Just tell us what dances you want to perform, and we will have music to run "heats" for you, (you might share the floor with a few other couples, just like at regular competitions)

--Formation Teams and Showdances

You bring the music and we will give you time and space to show your routine!

Additionally:

--Lots of social dancing

--Several "Luck of the Draw" dances

--Line Dances...stay tuned for details

--Dance Lesson(s)

Dinner will be available for purchase

AND...a Fabulous evening show: Platforms 20-30

Produced by Photis Pishiaras and Ron Jenkins

Price will be \$40 in advance, and \$55 at the door.

For updated info, please go to www.AprilFollies.com

Membership Information

Membership Directory

Have you checked out the [NASSPDA Membership Directory](#)?

This is a resource to allow NASSPDA members to connect with others in the community. Please contact Webmaster and their email webmaster@nasspda.org if you'd like to be added to the directory (being added is a privilege available to NASSPDA members only).

Dance Partner Connections

We understand how hard it can be to find a dance partner. Therefore we'd like to help by offering this connection service where individuals in our community interested in searching for a partner can proactively post an ad and/or passively review ads.

If you'd like to post an ad, [please complete this form](#). It does not cost anything and you can share as much or little information as you want.

Here is the Dance Partner Connections webpage: nasspda.org/dance-partner-connections



Outreach and Media



New partnership with The National Academy of Health and Physical Literacy (NAHPL)

NAHPL is a diverse organization that seeks to advance health and physical literacy in our society, especially in K-12 schools, higher education, and in dance and sport venues. NAHPL seeks to grow and advance professional leaders who will interact and

network on regional, national and global levels to expand health and physical literacy opportunities for all children and adults.

As a member and mission centered organization, NAHPL encourages and facilitates active participation by all members, advocating for health and physical literacy. NAHPL leadership and members plan and implement professional learning opportunities and events at the regional and national levels, and advocate for health and physical literacy in Pre-K-higher education and across society.

<https://nahpl.org>

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