



It is that time of year again for all ASSDF member clubs to update their annual enrollment in the **USDA Dancers Insurance program**. This insurance program, especially designed for USDA dance groups, provides Accident Medical Insurance, which helps supplement a dancer's existing medical insurance; and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen accidents, which may develop into litigation against members and organizations.

To review the coverage in its entirety...including who and what is covered, limits of coverage, and period of coverage, among other items, go to <https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php>

An insurance information packet was mailed out to designated club contacts November 1. In the packet was a blank club roster form to designate the paying insurance members. Unfortunately like all other things this past year, the USDA had to raise the premium cost to **\$5.50 per person**. If there are dancers within your club who are members of multiple clubs, the \$5.50 fee should only be paid once. If you have not received the insurance mailout, contact ASSDF Treasurer and Insurance Coordinator, Sheila Gesing.

**IMPORTANT!!** If a club moves from its normal dance venue, it needs to be added, and updated on your policy to have coverage. Also, **class members are our lifeline**, and it's **important that class members also have insurance**. **USDA offers a free grace period for class members**. After classes begin, please make a list of new class members, and forward this to Sheila Gesing, to be forwarded to USDA so these **new class members are covered on your club insurance**.

Please mail **the current club insurance roster including the Club's dance venue location and the \$5.50 per insured dance member**, or clubs that use other insurance options send their **Caller Lab Certificate or other State Insurance Certificate** to the ASSDF Treasurer by Dec. 1, 2023 in order to ensure insurance coverage is effective Jan. 1, 2024.

In addition, the **\$20 ASSDF Club Membership** fee is due to the ASSDF Treasurer by January 1, 2024. Please send two separate checks payable to the **ASSDF** to the following address:

Sheila Gesing  
9760 Grant 7  
Sheridan, AR 72150

The **ASSDF** thanks you and your club in advance for your attention in these matters