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DSA is continually evaluating and updating rules of competition and event procedures in order to provide the best possible competitive environment for our members. Update yourself on the latest changes by visiting www.dancesport.org.au... page 7.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To improve, expand, empower and succeed in the promotion and development of Dancesports for all.

DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA IS A MEMBER BODY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS

WORLD DANCESPORT FEDERATION - AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
- AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION - WDC AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DANCE COUNCIL

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUST RECENTLY I HAD ONE OF OUR HIGHEST RANKING COMPETITORS MAKE THE STATEMENT TO ME THAT HE WAS INCREASINGLY POSITIVE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DANCESPORT IN AUSTRALIA. HE MAY NOT KNOW IT BUT THIS CASUAL COMMENT MADE ALL THE HARD WORK OF THE LAST YEAR WORTHWHILE.

In December 2013 I advised you that 'my plan for DanceSport Australia was to double the membership and to develop a positive culture that we can all enjoy being a part of.' I would now like to report to you that in six months we have increased membership by one third (well on the way to our goal) and, if even one member feels more positive about the future, then we are also on the way to achieving the second goal.

These aims are not achievable alone and as I read through the reports here in this edition of 'Focus' I realise that the teams I work with both at National and State level share my vision. If you would like to join a DanceSport Australia team, I encourage you to get involved with your state branch - stand for election in October - nominate by contacting the Executive Officer in your state and / or offer your services as a volunteer.

I am proud to say that the current DSA National Council is strongly committed to transparent and accountable management and encourages member input. All DSA policies are available on the DSA website and a 'forum' is available on the DSA Facebook page. Contact details for all DSA directors are also on the website. Make contact – your feedback is important to us.

During 2014 I have participated in open meetings in six states to discuss new policies and to debate issues that are relevant to good management and future growth. In

launching the 'Recreational Division' the individual concerns relating to state operations were considered and changes made to improve the policy. That program is under review until the end of the year however by July 2014 **the increase in membership surpassed 900 - a very encouraging result and a tribute to the Registered Teaching Facilities (RTFs) who have embraced this project in their businesses and the competition organisers who have provided for it in their programming.**

The launch of the DanceSport Australia National Championship in the Gold Coast at Easter was a very special milestone for DSA - an all Australian event for Australian competitors assessed by Australian adjudicators. Some of our elite couples living overseas returned home to participate along with leading couples resident here in Australia. The event was magnificently presented by the Queensland Branch of DSA and I am extremely grateful to all involved – competitors, organisers, volunteers and supporters. The Victorian State Branch has taken up the baton for 2015 and the South Australian State Branch for 2016. This annual event is not to be missed.

DanceSport Australia's Commissions are currently developing projects and initiatives that will contribute to increased support for industry investors and the continued development of user friendly competitions.

The Next Step of 'Project 5000' includes

- *DSA Accreditation Policy revision*

for launch in 2015. It is aimed at recognising the entry level skills of coaches and adjudicators and facilitating further development and recognition.

- *DSA Team Australia* – this initiative being developed by the Australian Affairs Commission and the International Affairs Commission will provide additional assistance to Australian elite dancers preparing for international competition.
- Two very exciting *television series*. The concepts are confidential until all agreements have been signed but I can inform you that both will provide great *Marketing* opportunities for DanceSport.
- The Sport and Development Commission is developing *transparent adjudication systems, special development competitions for Recreational Division competitors and adjudicator training programs*.

I would like to personally thank the many hundreds of members who work tirelessly at state and national level to ensure that DanceSport Australia functions efficiently and provides so many services to our members. My appreciation also to the many sponsors who continue to contribute. The success of our sport is about people working together and I believe that this is something we do very well. Happy dancing everyone.

Adele Hyland
President, Dancesport Australia

PROJECT 5000

REPORT FROM THE SPORTS DIRECTOR

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RECREATIONAL DIVISION AND THE RESTRUCTURE OF THE AMATEUR DIVISION MARK THE BIGGEST CHANGES IN THE HISTORY OF DANCESPORT IN AUSTRALIA.

As the proposed introduction period for these changes draws to a close it is appropriate to look back at the last six months and see how this restructure has been received.

Although we are still in the early stages of the development of the Recreational Division, as our competition year does not truly start until March, it is encouraging to see the Recreational competitor numbers around 900 which is double early predictions. Even the ratio of boys to girls and men to ladies has been encouraging. I am pleased to report that the actual ratio is 34% boys/men and 66% girls/women.

Recreational competitors do not exist in isolation; they have to be registered into the system by their teachers through the Registered Teaching Facility (RTF) system. The fact that 70 plus RTFs have already registered is proof that teachers, coaches and principals want input into the Recreational registration process.

It has been great to see Studios (RTFs) actively using the Recreational framework to enhance their individual

business models. Many RTF principals have shown me how they have developed their class structures around the three Recreational Levels which provide a direct link from classes to competitions. Working with RTFs is a vital aspect in the development of new DanceSport competitors.

I congratulate the DSA State Branches that have already run workshops on how to develop the Recreational syllabus and encourage all state branches to engage with their RTFs to build a solid base of knowledge. Consistency is the key, competitors (and parents/supporters) want structure and rules that are consistent from one competition to the next. The Recreational Division is proving to be popular with these participants.

Competitions that include Recreational events have now commenced and 'Points' generated from those competitions have been added to the Recreational database. These points will be used to define elevations which will occur at the start of the calendar year and now with a few months of data available the 'Points Threshold'

for elevation can now be set. DSA will advise on the points required for elevating to the next Recreational Level in the near future.

Recreational competitors can also use their points to obtain 'Vouchers' -similar to other loyalty based systems around the country. The vouchers represent discounts on goods and services supplied by vendors who are registered with DSA.

Overall it has been a positive start to 2014, very busy but also very exciting to see participation numbers increase. The best part of this project has been the positive feedback and ideas that people in the industry have brought forward and I am looking ahead to the next six months.

Please Note: DSA's National Council recently approved a number of new policies and guidelines as part of "Project 5000". These are now formally available for all members to access on the DSA website, under the tabs "About DSA" and "Other Competition Rules".

Dallas Williams

**NATIONAL
REGISTRAR
ACCREDITED
MEMBERS
DANCESPORT
AUSTRALIA**

All accredited membership renewals and/or questions regarding entries in the national membership register from coaches, adjudicators and scrutineers should be directed to The Chief Executive Officer, DanceSport Australia, PO Box 7771, Baulkham Hills BC, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153, Tel 02 9836 3337, Mob 0402 159 398, Email: ceo@dancesport.org.au

New accreditation applications should be forwarded directly to the Accreditation Officer or the Executive Office of DanceSport in your State. Application forms are available from DSA's State Registrars and/or Executive Officers.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES... CONGRATULATIONS

To all those DanceSport Australia couples and adjudicators nominated to represent us at world championships in 2014 we salute you. It is an honour to represent your country and DSA National Council offers best wishes to you all. *(Information current and correct at time of going to press)*

AMATEUR DIVISION

WDSF 2014 World Junior II Standard Championship (closed)

December in Riga, Latvia
Daniel Jiang & Emily Zhang (Vic)

WDSF 2014 World Youth Latin Championship (closed)

October in Moscow, Russia
Netanel Abisedon & Alisha Panetta (NSW)
Henry Cornish & Charlotte Page (Tas)

WDSF 2014 Under 21 Standard Championship (open)

July in Rimini, Italy
Jonathan Kontrobarsky & Nina Djordjevich (Vic)

WDSF 2014 World Adult Standard Championship (closed)

November in Vienna, Austria
Mario Cicala & Bianca Tonizzo (WA)
Melinda Hayes - Adjudicator (NSW)

WDSF 2014 World Senior I Latin Championship (closed)

July in Rimini, Italy
Darol Garchev & Yvette Rouseau (Vic)
Paul Zaidman & Cheryl Smith (Vic)

WDSF 2014 World Senior II Standard Championship (open)

November in Vancouver, Canada
David Brooks & Irena Brooks (NSW)
Joe Guan and Dior Huang (Vic)

WDSF 2014 World Senior III Standard Championship (open)

June in Madrid, Spain
Frederick Gerloff & Bonnie Tsui (Vic)
Jacques Klop & Yvonne Klop (SA)
Anthony Gauci – Adjudicator (NSW)

WDSF 2014 Asian Pacific Latin Championship (closed)

August in Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Thabang Baloyi & Daria Walczak (NSW)
Brodie Barden & Lana Skrgic de Fonseka (WA)

WDSF 2014 World Youth Standard Championship (closed)

October in Chisinau, Moldova
Jordan Saisi & Stephanie Leyden (Vic)

WDSF 2014 World Youth Ten Dance Championship (closed)

October in Riga, Latvia
Netanel Abisedon & Alisha Panetta (NSW)

WDSF 2014 World Ten Dance Championship (closed)

October in Riga, Latvia
Brodie Barden & Lana Skrgic de Fonseka (WA)

WDSF 2014 World Adult Latin Championship (closed)

October in Ostrava, Czech Republic
Thabang Baloyi & Daria Walczak (NSW)
Brodie Barden & Lana Skrgic de Fonseka (WA)

WDSF 2014 World Senior I Standard Championship (closed)

July in Rimini, Italy
Daniel Maloney & Anna Edwards (Vic)
Darren Day & Joycelyn Tam (NSW)

WDSF 2014 World Senior II Latin Championship (open)

June in Madrid, Spain
Michael Maguire & Christine Timony (Qld)
Nigel Kukulka & Margaret Kukulka (Vic)
Anthony Gauci – Adjudicator (NSW)

WDSF 2014 Asian Pacific Standard Championship (closed)

August in Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Mario Cicala & Bianca Tonizzo (WA)
Brodie Barden & Lana Skrgic de Fonseka (WA)
Geoffrey Stubbs – Adjudicator (WA)

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

WDC 2014 Latin Showdance Championship (closed)

September in Tyumen, Russia
Lorraine Perkins – Adjudicator (Vic)

WDC 2014 Professional Latin Championship (closed)

December in Paris, France
Andrey Gorbunov & Karla Gerbes (Vic)
Craig Monley & Sriani Argæet (Vic)

WDC 2014 Ballroom Showdance Championship (closed)

September in Seigen, Germany
David Klar & Lauren Andlovec (Qld)

WDC 2014 Professional Ballroom Championship (closed)

November in Blackpool, England
David Klar & Lauren Andlovec (Qld)
Craig Denham & Grete Kasi (WA)

WDC 2014 Professional Ten Dance Championship (closed)

October in Innsbruck, Austria
Vaughan Liddicoat & Alison Liddicoat (ACT)

DSA NATIONAL MEETINGS

NATIONAL COUNCIL and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA LTD

The National Council will meet in Melbourne on October 4th. The 2014 Annual General Meeting for members is the subject of a separate notice included with this issue, for members entitled to vote in accordance with the DSA constitution. Please note that juvenile, juniors and provisional members (those with less than 12 months membership as at 1st August, 2014) are not entitled to vote at the AGM of DanceSport Australia Ltd.

2015 DSA INTERNATIONAL SELECTION EVENTS

June 2015

National Capital DanceSport Championships, Canberra
Adult Ten Dance

June 2015

DanceSport Australia National Championships, Melbourne
Junior, Youth, Adult, Masters, Professional Standard & Latin

December 2015

ADS Australian DanceSport Championships, Melbourne
Junior, Youth, Adult, Masters Standard & Latin

DSA INTERNATIONAL SELECTION POLICY

Current policy effective from 1st January, 2014 can be found at www.dancesport.org.au click on 'About Dancesport' then 'Other Competition Rules'. Competitors interested in representing Australia at international events should make sure they are familiar with the selection process and plan accordingly.



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NOTICE OF STATE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2014

TO ALL CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA LIMITED

Notice is hereby given of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of each State Branch of Dancesport Australia Limited

ACN 085 929 835

Business of the Meeting:

- Election of the State Branch Board for the ensuing two year period.
- Presentation of the Branch Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements.
- Receive Reports presented by the State Branch Board.
- Attend to any Motions on Notice.
- Items as defined by the State Branch Board.
- General Business.

Attendance and Voting Rights

Please note the following:-

- Only persons whose names are recorded in the National Register of Members (which is the Dancesport Australia Limited membership register for the purposes of the Corporations Act), are members of Dancesport Australia Limited.
- Only Members of Dancesport Australia are entitled to attend and vote at DSA meetings.
- Receipt of a competitor registration form or other joint registration/ membership form by the State Branch Registrar and/or recording of a competitor's registration status in a Branch competitor register does not constitute the recording of the name of a person in the National Register of

Members.

- Notice is hereby given that the recording of the names in the National Membership Register shall cease on August 1st and shall not recommence until November 10th.
- Branch General Meetings are not General Meetings of the Company within the meaning of that term in the Corporations Act.

STRUCTURE OF STATE BRANCH BOARDS

The State Branch Boards to be elected at the meeting shall comprise nine (9) representatives, viz:

- 2 Coach Representatives
- 2 Competitor Representatives
- 5 General Member representatives

The following conditions apply:-

All voting for Branch Directors as representatives of their registration/ licence category shall be in person or by proxy. Voting rights shall be determined by entry in the national membership register and shall be subject to the following further restrictions:

- a. Only members of the Branch are eligible to vote
- b. Only licensed coaches may nominate and/or vote for coach representatives
- c. Only registered competitors may nominate and/or vote for competitor representatives
- d. All financial ordinary members and life members may nominate and/or vote for general member representatives.
- e. A financial member who is a licensed coach may nominate and

vote in both the coach category and in the general member category.

- f. A member who is a competitor may nominate and vote in both the competitor category and the general member Category.
- g. A member who is a competitor and coach may nominate and vote in all three categories.
- h. The order of the election process will be 1st-Coaches; 2nd-Competitors; 3rd General Members.

Nomination for Election to State Branch Boards

Any person who is an Ordinary Member of DSA and who has voting rights as defined above may nominate for election to the State Branch Board. Nominations must be in writing (or by fax or email), can be submitted by the nominee and do not need to be seconded. Nominations are to be received by the Branch Executive Officer 28 days prior to the date of the meeting (or such shorter time as approved by the State Branch Board). Intending nominees should refer to the conditions (a) to (g) listed under "Branch Boards" (Constitution - Clause 16).

Notices of Motions

Any member wishing to submit a notice of motion for the attention of the Bi-Annual General Meeting must submit such notice to the Branch Executive Officer in writing and to be received 28 days prior to the meeting (or such shorter time as approved by the State Branch Board).

Steve Edwards
Chief Executive Officer

STATE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2014

STATE	MEETING VENUE AND TIME	ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS
New South Wales	Saturday, October 18th Parramatta RSL O'Connell Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Commencing at 7pm	Dancesport New South Wales Returning Officer Mrs Sue James PO Box 158 Seaforth NSW 2092
Victoria	Sunday, September 28th Downtown on Lyon 66 Lyon Street Carlton VIC 3053 Commencing at 10am	Dancesport Victoria Returning Officer Mr Max Baker 16 Omega Street Carrum Downs VIC 3201
Queensland	Sunday, October 12th PCYC Fortitude Valley 458 Wickham Street Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 Commencing at 9.30am	Dancesport Queensland Returning Officer Ms Jody Rollason 70 Regents Circuit Forrest Lake QLD 4078
South Australia	Sunday, November 9th Thebarton Community Cntr Cnr South Rd & Ashwin Pde Torrensville SA 5031 Commencing at 1:30pm	Dancesport South Australia Returning Officer Mrs Carolyn Benson 11 Caroline Street Flagstaff Hill SA 5159
West Australia	Sunday, November 9th Dept of Sport & Recreation 276 Vincent Street Leederville WA 6007 Commencing at 10am	Dancesport West Australia Returning Officer Ms Jan Hunt 410 Princess Road Mount Helena WA 6082
Tasmania	Sunday 5th October Man O'Ross Hotel 35 Church Street Ross TAS 7209 Commencing at 10am	Dancesport Tasmania Returning Officer Mr G Crawford 8 Batman Avenue West Launceston TAS 7250

DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA RULES OF DANCESPORT

VERSION 15.1 SUMMARY OF RECENT CHANGES

24.2 An event with the title 'Teacher/Student' will be assumed to be open to all categories listed in Rule 24.3.

24.3 Organisers may also offer 'Teacher and Student' events in the following categories

- a) Pro/Am - Professional Competitor & Amateur Division Competitor
- b) Pro/Rec - Professional Competitor & Recreational Division Competitor
- c) ProC/Am - Professional Coach & Amateur Division Competitor
- d) ProC/Rec - Professional Coach & Recreational Division Competitor
- e) AmC/Am - Amateur Coach & Amateur Division Competitor
- f) AmC/Rec - Amateur Coach & Recreational Division Competitor

31.2 The Chairman of Adjudicators (or if a Chairman of Adjudicators is not appointed, the Competition Organiser) is notified of a breach in DSA Rules when;

- a Chairman as appointed under Rule 22, has directly observed a breach of DSA rules,
- an Adjudicator observing a breach of DSA rules, marks "N" against the competitor(s) number on his/her judging card (or electronically) or informs the Chairman of Adjudicators directly
- an Invigilator, as appointed under Rule 22, has observed the breach and informed the Chairman.

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The DSA Sports Director is appointed by DSA National Council to liaise between DSA, its officials, members and event organisers to develop and supervise the implementation of DSA Rules and Policies as they apply to events and sport development.

MEMBERS! ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM IS YOUR RIGHT

Sure, they are not the most exciting event that you may note in your diary but your Branch Board put a lot of time and effort into organising these meetings and deserve your support. It's your chance to be informed and to get rid of those "why don't they" comments.

Better still – why not nominate as a candidate for election? Being a Branch Board member gives you the opportunity to be involved in how the sport is administered in your state, to be a part of planning for the future and addressing local issues. Nomination only requires a simple statement of intent, directed as advised above – no formal qualifications are necessary.

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ONLINE REGISTRATIONS



The DSA online registration system "myDSA" became operational in 2009 and continues as a service to members. An important aspect of the integrity of the system is that a receipt is automatically issued for all payments received; if you don't receive an emailed receipt, please check your spam or junk mail, or contact your state registration officer.

New members registering for the first time are required to submit a written application form, available from the state registration officer or downloadable from the DSA web site. Usernames and passwords will be provided prior to the commencement of the next registration period. It is in your interest to ensure that your contact details remain current either by updating your information via the "myDSA" portal or advising the relevant Registration Officer of any change.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS? PLEASE LET US KNOW

This issue of Focus will again be distributed via the email addresses entered on our data base. There remains one reason why mail does not reach its destination... the contact details are not correct.

Your MyDSA portal is a very effective way of keeping us informed of changes to your contact details. If you change your postal address, phone numbers or email address, you can alter it on your membership record.

If other details are incorrect then contact your State Registrar, if it relates to Date of Birth or your Grading record, or the National Registrar in the case of Accreditation details. If you are unsure of how to go about it, any DSA officers will be able to give advice.

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