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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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS
SINCERELY THANK ALL STATE
BRANCH MEMBERS, COMMISSION
MEMBERS AND DSA STAFF AND
SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTION TO OUR INDUSTRY
DURING 2014.

The service offered in the management and promotion of DanceSport is carried out, in most cases, voluntarily and always in the best interests of our members. It has been a busy year and we could not operate if it were not for our loyal volunteers... so thank you.

DanceSport Australia is moving through a period of rapid change in response to industry challenges and demands. I accept that change sometimes creates uncertainty and increased work load, however, members can be assured that no change is implemented without considerable research and testing.

Your National Councillors are charged with making decisions that affect the industry as a whole - decisions that encompass all states. We understand that conditions are sometimes different from state to state and this is always taken into consideration. We listen to feedback from our state branches, commissions and individual members and make adjustments accordingly. Where possible there is considerable consultation with all stakeholders however ultimately the decisions must be made by your elected officers.

I encourage you all to have faith in the future, to embrace change with a positive approach and to work with us in ensuring that policies being implemented will have the desired affect and move our organisation towards

- increased quality of service to members
- raised standards
- increased member numbers
- a positive culture for all to enjoy.

On behalf of DSA National Council I would like to extend best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Christmas. May your successes be many and the coming year bring satisfaction and fulfilment in business, leisure and family activities.

Adele Hyland
President, Dancesport Australia

ACCREDITATION

As part of a complete revision of the Dancesport Australia Accreditation Policy, Stage 1 will be implemented from January 1 2015 as follows:

COACHING CAREER PATHWAY:	
1st Tier	Assistant DanceSport Instructor. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is skilled to provide services as an assistant to a DanceSport Coach in an RTF environment. Technical Assessment is style specific and may be completed 'dance by dance'.
2nd Tier	DanceSport Instructor. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is skilled to provide instruction at Recreational Division level and in an RTF environment. Technical Assessment may be completed 'dance by dance'.
3rd Tier	DanceSport Coach. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is skilled to provide coaching services at Recreational and Amateur Division levels. Technical Assessment is over all dances. (style specific). This level of DSA Accreditation is not available to DSA Recreational or Amateur Division competitors.
4th Tier	DanceSport Elite Coach. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is able to provide highly skilled coaching at an elite level in both Professional and Amateur Divisions. Technical Assessment is over all dances (style specific). This level of DSA Accreditation is not available to DSA members registered in Recreational, Amateur or Professional Divisions.
ADJUDICATING CAREER PATHWAY	
1st Tier	DanceSport Competition Adjudicator. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is skilled to adjudicate at Recreational & Amateur Division Levels. Technical Assessment is 5 dances/style specific. (This level of DSA Accreditation is not available to DSA Recreational or Amateur Division competitors.)
2nd Tier	DanceSport Championship Adjudicator. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is skilled to adjudicate all DSA Divisions of competition. Technical Assessment is over 5 dances/style specific. (This level of DSA Accreditation is not available to DSA Recreational or Amateur Division competitors.)
3rd Tier	DanceSport National Championship Adjudicator. This level of DSA Accreditation recognises that a DSA member holding this qualification is skilled to adjudicate all DSA Divisions of competition. Technical Assessment is over 5 dances/style specific. (This level of DSA Accreditation is not available to DSA Recreational, Amateur or Professional Division competitors.)
	DanceSport International Adjudicator. This person is an Accredited DSA Championship Adjudicator who also holds an accreditation with an international organisation of which DSA is a member.
	DanceSport Professional Adjudicator. This level of DSA Accreditation is not available to DSA Accredited Coaches. Applicants are required to have held a DSA Championship Adjudicator Accreditation for at least ten years and be retired from regular coaching duties. Assessment by Peer Review.

PROJECT 5000

STAGE 1 REPORT

- Recreational Division is now well established, with over 1,000 competitors.
- DSA “Registered Teaching Facilities” (RTF’s) now number more than 70 with members benefitting from the RTF Incentive Scheme.
- Online database and web interface is in place together with a plastic ID card for Recreational competitors.
- Recreational competitors have the ability to exchange points for goods & services through a ‘fly-buy’ style Voucher System.

STAGE 2

The experience gained in the rollout of Stage 1 and the success of the Recreational Division structure have prompted DSA to now move forward with some bold changes to the Amateur Division of competition. The following will be in place and effective from January 1, 2015.

- **Points Based Elevations:** Following deliberations over many years, National Council has decided that the time is right to move to a Points

Based Elevation System. This is a merit and activity based system that encourages and rewards effort, excellence and participation in competition. Points will be allocated as follows:

- **Result Points** the number of Result Points awarded will be the inverse of the number of competitors placed in the event, including final, semi final and any rounds. For example: In a competition with eight couples participating, the Result Points will be awarded as in the table below

Placing	Points Awarded
1st	8
2nd	7
3rd	6
4th	5
5th	4
6th	3
7th	2
8th	1

Participation Points will be awarded according to the status of the competition. Allocation of points is style specific and points are allocated once per event.

Type of Event	Participation Points
Competition	5
Championship	10
National Championship	20

Elevation Threshold Points in order to elevate

Level	Points Required to Elevate
C Grade	250
B Grade	250
A Grade	N/A

The “carry forward” of existing elevation “boxes” in the current system will be 50 points per marked “box”.

PLASTIC ID CARDS

The DSA manual membership card system – presently also containing competitor gradings and “elevation” progress will be replaced as from 1st January, 2015 with a plastic ‘card for life’, linked to a DSA computer / electronic data base containing the previous manually recorded information, with individual accounts accessible by members.

Further detail for members and registrars will be available quite soon.

NEWS FROM DSA NATIONAL COUNCIL

AT ITS RECENT MEETING IN OCTOBER, NATIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORISED:

- **A national awareness program** promoting the benefits of DanceSport Australia recognition as a Coach, Adjudicator, Registered Studio and/or Registered Event. Such recognition guarantees maintenance of high standards for DSA members.
- **Online accreditation application** processes providing the facility to apply, pay and receive confirmation of accreditation applications quickly and easily;
- **The ISTD Viennese Waltz technique book** be added to the list of approved technique books used for assessment of both Coaches and Adjudicators;
- **Clearance certificates** for both Coaching and Adjudicating Accreditation be disbanded.

- **And for those DSA adjudicators applying for or renewing international licences, DSA will host a WDSF Adjudicators Congress to be held on Friday December 5th in Melbourne.**

DanceSport Australia Commissions - Some Important Changes

Accreditation

Peter Townsend (Chair), Administration (TBA), Jon Osborne, Rhett English, Linda Brown, Meredith Hepburn, Andrew Howlett, Patricia Heidke, Carol Kimmins

Marketing

Andrew Howlett (Chair), Adam Stone, Cheryl Smith, Talya Trevallion, Malcom Connor, Adam Blakey

MEMBERS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES 2015

REGISTRATION RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IS DUE ON JANUARY 1 2015.

It is preferred that all members use the Online Registration System; however the Manual Registration System will also remain in place for 2015. Please follow the instructions below.

Online Registration System

The Online system will accept 2015 renewals of registration from December 15, 2014.

To complete the process members will need their user name, password and credit card.

1. Go to www.dancesport.org.au and click on "MyDSA"
2. Enter 'User Name' and 'Password' to log in
3. Go to Registration Renewal and follow the prompts ensuring that all details are accurate and correct.

Contact details can be altered but not date of birth or accreditation level. If either are incorrect, members should contact the National Registrar.

For members who registered for the first time in 2014, the relevant State Branch Registrar can provide the 'User Name' and 'Password'.

Manual Registration System

The manual registration procedures that applied in 2014 will be continued for 2015 as follows:

Competitors and General Member Registration

Complete the green form and forward it with the appropriate fee payment to the respective State Branch Registrar. Date of Birth details are only required if registering for the first time.

Accredited Member Registration

Complete the yellow form and forward it with the appropriate fee payment to the National Registrar. (Address shown on the bottom of the form)

Members who hold DSA Accreditation as an Adjudicator, Coach, Instructor, Invigilator, Chairman or Scrutineer should note the "Working with Children" clause may vary from state to state.

A qualification is only recognised if the registration is maintained from one registration period to the next.

If a member is also a competitor, the same form must be used to register in this category.

NOTE: Amateur Competitors/ DanceSport Instructors

Amateur division competitors, who are DanceSport Instructors please note that, for the accreditation to remain effective, registration in both sections must remain current. Complete the yellow form "Application for Membership/Registration & Accreditation Renewal". The fee payable covers both competitor and instructor registrations.

General Registration Information

- Membership of DSA is not effective until it has been recorded on the National Database.
- A receipt for fees paid will be issued and all members will receive a registration card.
- Fees are inclusive of GST. Tax Invoice requirements are noted on the receipt.
- Payments made by cheque or money order are made payable to Dancesport Australia.
- Fee increases reflect the national CPI index, and where applicable, increased processing costs. \$20 discount applies for accredited members on fees paid before February 28, 2015.
- Sports Injury Insurance is included in membership fees.
- The registration number remains constant from year to year. Please ensure that this is recorded on the renewal application.
- The address shown on the application form or member portal should be a personal mailing address. A dance studio address is not acceptable.
- It is in everyone's best interest to read the detail on the registration form before completing the registration.

Additional supplies of registration forms can be downloaded from the DSA website.

RULES OF DANCESPORT AMENDMENTS

The following are major rule changes operative from January 1, 2015.

Approved Syllabus -

With reference to New Vogue, the present Note 3 will be deleted and replaced by the words

"Relative to both Competitions and Championships in -

- *Recreational Division events – all Age Groups,*
- *Juvenile events ,*
- *Junior - Grade C and B events, and*
- *Youth, Adult and Masters Grade C events,*

competitors must adhere to the holds as printed in the publications as accepted by DSA."

Competitors Dress – Restriction Lifted – Juveniles - Boys Trousers

"That the line "Strips (satin or otherwise) or braid on sides of trousers" be deleted (Page 5 – Boys Trousers) and a line added to the preceding section "Satin strips are allowed".

Competitors who are also Adjudicators

Rule 10.2 (a) presently reads -
a) Any competitor who has been awarded an adjudicator's licence, shall not thereafter be ever permitted to compete in the Recreational or Amateur Divisions

This rule will be changed with the addition of the following sentence -

"This rule does not apply to adjudicators who partner competitors in the events defined under rules 24.3 b), c) and d)"

Age Group Eligibility

In the Amateur Division of competition, Age Group eligibility will be determined by the Year of Birth rather than the Date of Birth as from January 1, 2016.

Recreational Competitors Recreational Competitors can renew their registrations by logging into their "Recreational Account" on the Project 5000 website and using the "2015 PayPal" button. Recreational competitors should approach their coach or RTF Principle if they have difficulty logging into their account



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DSA 2015 INTERNATIONAL SELECTION EVENTS

Sunday June 7

DanceSport Australia National Championships

Venue TBA Melbourne

Junior, Youth, Adult, Masters 1, 2 & 3, Professional Standard and Latin

Friday June 26, Saturday June 27 & Sunday June 28

National Capital DanceSport Championships

AIS Arena, Canberra

Adult Ten Dance

Saturday September 19 to Sunday September 20

South Pacific DanceSport Championships

Olympic Park Sports Centre, Sydney

Junior and Youth Ten Dance

Friday December 11 to Sunday December 13

ADS Australian DanceSport Championships

Hisense Arena, Melbourne

Junior, Youth, Adult, Masters 1, 2 & 3. Standard and 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.

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,
Office Phone: 02 9836 3337, Mobile: 0402 159 398,
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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.

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NT ADMINISTRATION

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NT REGISTRATIONS OFFICER

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST 2013
(ALL FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST)

Ordinary Membership Fee	\$69.00	
Competitors		
Professional, Adult, Masters, Youth 16 years and over	\$74.00	
Juvenile, Junior and Youth under 16 years	\$47.00	
First Registration Only - Adult, Masters and Youth 16 years and over	\$55.00	
First Registration Only - Juvenile, Junior and Youth under 16 years	\$33.00	
Recreation Division		
Registration Fee	\$20.00	
Early Bird Specials- Accredited Member Renewals		
	<i>Pay before March 1 2015</i>	<i>Pay after Feb 28 2015</i>
Scrutineer	\$75.00	\$95.00
Licensed Adjudicator only	\$126.00	\$146.00
Licensed Adjudicator and Professional Competitor	\$140.00	\$160.00
Accredited Coach / Instructor only	\$160.00	\$180.00
DanceSport Instructor (or Assistant) & Competitor	\$172.00	\$192.00
Accredited Coach and Professional Competitor	\$172.00	\$192.00
Accredited Coach and Adjudicator	\$172.00	\$192.00
Coach / Adjudicator / Professional Competitor	\$172.00	\$192.00
Event Registrations		
National Championships	\$550.00	
Championships	\$242.00	
Competitions	\$121.00	
Unrestricted Competitions	\$121.00	
Accreditation Fees		
Scrutineer Exams	\$66.00	
Accreditation Applications	\$33.00	
First time Adjudicator Accreditation Applications	\$121.00	
Adjudicator Technical Assessment - Competitions	\$200.00	
Adjudicator Technical Assessment- Championships	\$250.00	
Other Fees		
WDSF Athletes ID-Card Applications	\$25.00	
Registered Teaching Facility	\$50.00	

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The website is the easy access point for information, news, rules and policy documents plus links to other sites and details of local and international events. The DSA Facebook site at www.facebook.com/dancesportaus is a Members Forum for expression of your views.

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