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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

MEMBERS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES 2018

Registration Renewal of Membership is due on January 1, 2018. It is preferred that all members use the Online Registration System; however the Manual Registration System will also remain in place for 2018. Please follow the instructions below.

Online Registration System

The Online system will accept 2018 renewals of registration from December 14, 2017.

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

1. Go to www.dancesport.org.au and click on "p5000", and follow the prompts
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 is incorrect, members should contact the National Registrar.

For members who registered for the first time in 2017, the relevant State Branch Registrar can provide the 'User Name' and 'Password'.

Manual Registration System - The manual registration procedures will again be continued for 2018 as follows:

Competitors and General Member Registration

Complete the yellow 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 pale blue 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 pale blue 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.
- 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Report to DSA's 2017 October Annual General Meeting

DanceSport Members, competitors and supporters; 2017 has seen a modest growth in competitive numbers, although there is a slight decline in Amateur Competitor numbers. The decline in Amateur numbers will continue as the average age of our competitors continues to rise.

Efforts by State Branches to work in the 'development area' have been successful and I congratulate those who have invested time and resources in building for the future. Last year Directors authorised a program where 'beginners' could become financial Recreational competitors for the day of a competition. Day Passes have been popular in areas where State Branches have promoted the concept.

State Branches continued to fly the flag for DanceSport by running successful State Open Championships, all of which were well supported. I congratulate State Branches for these successful Championships.

The DanceSport Australia National Championship Event or D.A.N.C.E. was moved from Canberra to Wollongong. This important Championship showcased all Styles & Levels over the two days and was well supported by supporters in Wollongong and surrounding areas.

The Registered Teaching Facility (RTF program) continues to gain momentum with now over 100 registered facilities embracing the benefits of the scheme. This important program encourages and promotes the mentoring of newcomers to DanceSport.

I wish to thank all National Councillors, CEO and CFO for their continued support and look forward to the challenges that face us in the next 12 months.

Dallas Williams
DSA President

ACCREDITATION UPDATES

Accreditation Applications and Upgrades: The Accreditation program has been very successful in 2017. There were 74 applications for Coaching Accreditations this year (all levels), compared to 66 in 2016, while there were 41 applications for Adjudicators and Scrutineers compared to 33 last year.

These numbers augur well for increased upgrades next year. Actual upgrades for both categories also increased this year. 57 new or upgraded Coach Accreditations (all levels) compared to 41 in 2016. In the Adjudicator classifications there were 36 new/upgraded Adjudicators and Scrutineers (27 in 2016)

New Accreditation Program Rules – from 1st January 2018

1. Although Candidates may undertake the ADI examinations one style at a time, Accreditation as an ADI is not granted until all 3 styles are successfully completed. Completing only one style will still entitle the candidate to dance in Teacher/Student events.
2. Newly-qualified adjudicators shall not be permitted to be appointed to an adjudicating panel at a competition until all paperwork has been completed and approved and the National Registrar notified.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS? PLEASE LET US KNOW

This issue of Focus will again be distributed via the addresses entered on the DSA data base. There remains one reason why mail does not reach its destinationthe contact details are not correct. The 'p5000' portal is a very effective way of ensuring accuracy of contact data. If you change your postal address, phone numbers or email address, please alter it on your membership record. If other details are incorrect then contact the relevant State Branch Registration Officer if it relates to Date of Birth or your Grading record or the National Registration Officer in the case of Accreditation details. If you are unsure of the process any DSA officers will be able to provide advice.

Visit the DSA website at www.dancesport.org.au

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 <https://www.facebook.com/dancesportaus?fref=ts> will also lead you through to 'P5000' where there is a host of information, and where you can access your account and your points balance.

NEW! WDSF ATHLETES E-CARDS

All WDSF registered athletes and those DSA competitors proposing to register with WDSF please take note that WDSF are retiring the plastic WDSF ID-Cards and are using the new, digital WDSF e-Card commencing in October 2017.

Athletes who want to join the WDSF can now apply for a WDSF e-Card here

<https://ecards.worlddancesport.org>

please read the instructions and follow them carefully.

Athletes who already have a valid plastic WDSF ID-Card do not have to apply for a digital WDSF e-Card. WDSF will send all existing and active WDSF athletes instructions on how they can convert to the new WDSF e-Card.

Questions? Just email DSA CEO Steve Edwards at ceo@dancesport.org.au

DSA INTERNATIONAL SELECTION POLICY

Both the eligibility criteria and selection procedure for 'International Selection' 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.

POSTING ON FACEBOOK AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

DSA has a Social Media Policy and a Member Protection Policy.

They are both located on the DSA website, and can be accessed via the tabs – 'Rules and Policies', then 'Other Rules and Policies', and the listed items 'Social Media Policy' or 'Member Protection Policy'. Members are reminded that inappropriate comments about other DSA members on social media sites is not acceptable behaviour, and both the foregoing policies set out what is and what is not permitted – together with notification that disciplinary actions can and will be taken for stepping over the line.

We commend your review of your obligations to your fellow members – and to always show respect and support.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO RULES OF DANCESPORT

Your DSA Rules Commission team have continued to monitor our rules to keep them fresh and contemporary. Here is a summary of the more important changes that will come into effect on 1st January 2018. If anyone would like an explanation on any item, just drop an email to CEO Steve Edwards, or Rules Commission Chair Derek Gatley.

Adjudicator Relationships

Adjudicator will now be unable to judge a competition where any competing athlete is a member of that Adjudicator's immediate or extended family or where that Adjudicator has a personal relationship with any athlete competing in the competition. (Rule 33.7)

Age Groups and Age

Limitations These have been recast to provide greater clarity (Rule 11.2)

Transfer of Amateur to

Recreational Applications must be made in writing to the respective State Branch Board (new Rule 10.6)

Level and Grade Eligibility

Since the introduction of the current Elevation system, DSA has ability to monitor the effects of the various points allocation methods. In the space of just 2 years, we have seen the necessity to change some of the original points allocations on a number of occasions. As a means of avoiding the need to re-issue the Rule Book each time, all references to the actual number of points allocated under the current Rule 13 be deleted from the Rule Book and transferred to a separate document titled "Level and Grade Eligibility – Threshold of Elevation Points Allocation", which will be made available on the DSA web site. (Rule 13)

Age Group Events: The word

"Youth" will be replaced by the words "Under 21" to conform to current usage and international references. (Rule 11.2)

Recreational and Amateur Division Events and Novelty Events Current Rule 12.3 will be changed to read

The only events conducted at a DSA Registered Event that are exempt from competitor registration are Novelty Events.

a) A Novelty Event is one which does not replicate in part or in total, any of the existing classifications of Dancesport events. For clarification, examples of Novelty Events are :- Parent and Child events; Progressive Teams events; Partner (was 'Teacher') / Medallist events; Events defined as Individual Events; Teacher with 2 or more pupil events (Rule 22.6 refers); Public Vote events; Events for competitors with Special Needs; Events in a dance style not recognised by Dancesport Australia

12.3 b) Novelty Events must always be adjudicated by DSA Accredited Adjudicators except where the dance style is not a recognised Dancesport style e.g. Theatrical, Jazz etc. (Rule 12.3)

Grade/Level Eligibility not

Applicable In view of the preceding recommendation, Rule 14.1 would then need to be amended as :- a) Partner

(was 'Teacher' / Student Events as defined in Rule 24.3 f) and h) to be deleted. (Rule 14.1)

Championships and

Competitions Rule 23.1 will be expanded with the addition of:-

23.1 a) Slow Rhythm be permitted as a sub set of the Foxtrot rhythm in events restricted to Juvenile competitors in the Recreational Division at the Beginner level. This does include events for these competitors in Teacher / Student competitions. (Rule 23.1 a)

Teacher/Student Events – Dress Regulations: A new sub-clause to be added

Rule 16.5 a) Teachers partnering Recreational competitors in Teacher/ Student events (Refer Rule 24.3) are not required to adhere to the above (dress) restrictions. (Rule 16.5 a) iii)

Teacher/Student Events: the current Rule 24 needed strengthening and clearer definition. The following is a summary of the new rule -

- Teacher/Student events can now only be conducted in the categories set out in current Rule 24.3 a) to e) – that is Pro/Rec - Professional Competitor & Recreational Division Competitor; b) ProC/Am - Professional Coach/

Instructor & Amateur Division Competitor; c) ProC/Rec - Professional Coach/Instructor & Recreational Division Competitor d) Aml/ Am - Amateur Instructor & Amateur Division Competitor; e) Aml/ Rec - Amateur Instructor & Recreational Division Competitor

- All competitors competing in the above categories must be registered with DSA.
- Competitors in Rule 24.1 a), c) and e) may be sub divided into Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced events
- Competitors in Rule 24.1 b) and d) may be further sub divided into Grades C, B and A based on the level of the Amateur Division competitor of the partnership.
- Pro/Am events – as defined in Rule 7; and Partner/Medallist events are not included in the definition of 'Teacher/ Student' category of events (New Rule 24.6)
- The "Student" in any of the categories defined in 24.1 must not have at any time held a DSA Accreditation (New Rule 24.7).

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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, 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.

... Rules Changes
continued

Level and Grade Eligibility

the words "A competitor reaching Recreational Advanced Level is not obliged to move to C Grade in the Amateur Division" will be added to Rule 13.6. Rule 13.24 will be deleted. (Rules 13.6 & 13.24)

Order of Precedence

Rule 3.1 will be amended to read that the order of precedence will be 1 DSA Constitution; 2 DSA Policy; 3 A decision of National Council; and 4 A decision of the DSA Management Committee (Rule 3.1)

Readmission to the Amateur Division

Competitors in the Professional Division seeking to be readmitted to the Amateur Division of competition must make application to their Branch Board who shall, in the first instance, determine whether or not to approve the application. Should the application be approved then the Branch Board shall decide on the Level or Grade of re-admission and/or any period of suspension from competition. Accreditation as a Coach shall not be a bar to re-admission to the Amateur Division. (Rule 10.5)

Restricted Dress – Male

That the Restrictions on Competitor Dress as defined on page 9 of that document under the heading MEN ATTIRE that the first line be altered to read:- Tail Suit – Black, Midnight Blue or Grey with all the accessories etc.

Reassessment of Grade or Status Rule 13.15 will be replaced with the following – *"Notwithstanding any other part of this rule, in exceptional circumstances a competitor may apply, in writing, to the Branch Board requesting a reassessment of their current grade or status. Should the matter not be resolved by the relevant State Branch Board then the competitor may apply, in writing to DSA's CEO or Sports Director for a further deliberation on the matter."* (Rule 13.15)

NATIONAL COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED

Professional Competitors will not, from 1st January 2018, be permitted to partner individual recreational competitors.

Interstate Examiners DSA's Accreditation Program (Policy) will be amended to include a clause that states that the use of 'out-of-state' DSA

accreditation examiners, and the examination of applicants in a state other than that of their DSA registration, must first be approved by the Accreditation Officer of the state in which the examination is to occur and by the Chair of DSA's Accreditation Commission.

Code of Conduct – Event Organisers DSA's Member Protection Policy contains 'Codes of Conduct' for adjudicators, coaches, scrutineer, competitors and parents and spectators. A similar code is to be developed and published in the New Year for event organisers.

Chairman of Adjudicators For National Championships and State Open Championships, DSA is to appoint the Chairman of Adjudicators with commencement from 1st January, 2018.

Other 'smaller' Rules changes will be found at -Rule 9.7 Proof of Age; Rule 22, 22.3, 22.1 General Regulations; Rule 11.9 and 11.11 Age Group Events; Rule 20.17 Promoters & Organisers; Rules 8.14 a), 8.14 e), 19.10 c) – Recreational Division; Rule 10.2 Adjudicators/Professional Events; Rule 7 Medallists; Rule 19.4 Registered Events; Rule 20.12 & 20.17 Promoters Rules;

* 2018 DSA INTERNATIONAL SELECTION EVENTS

JUNE 2018
**DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
WIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
WOLLONGONG NSW
JUNIOR, YOUTH, ADULT, MASTERS
1, PROFESSIONAL & TEN DANCE
STANDARD AND LATIN

DECEMBER 2018
**ADS AUSTRALIAN DANCESPORT
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
HISENSE ARENA, MELBOURNE
JUNIOR, YOUTH, ADULT, MASTERS 1.
STANDARD AND LATIN

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST 2018

(ALL FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST)

Competitor and Accreditation Registration Fees
(Inclusive of Membership Fee and Sports Injury Insurance)

Ordinary Membership Fee	\$72.00
Competitors	
Professional, Adult, Masters and Youth 16 years and over	\$77.00
Juvenile, Junior and Youth under 16 years	\$49.00
Transfer Fee from Recreational	
Adult, Masters and Youth 16 years and over	\$50.00
Juvenile, Junior and Youth under 16 years	\$30.00
Recreational Division	
Registration Fee	\$25.00
Accreditation Renewals	
Accredited Coach	\$187.00
Accredited Coach and Competitor	\$201.00
Licensed Adjudicator	\$152.00
Accredited Coach and Adjudicator	\$201.00
Licensed Adjudicator and Competitor	\$166.00
Coach / Adjudicator / Competitor	\$201.00
Scrutineer	\$99.00
Event Registrations	
National Championships	\$550.00
Championships	\$275.00
Competitions	\$165.00
Development Competitions	\$121.00
Service Fees - Adjudicating	
First Time Adjudicator Accreditation Applications	\$99.00
Adjudicator Technical Assessment - Competitions	\$233.00
Adjudicator Technical Assessment - Championships	\$283.00
Adjudicator Technical Assessment - National C/ship	\$333.00
Reinstatement of Accreditation - Up to one year absence	\$33.00
Reinstatement of Accreditation - one to Five year absence	\$132.00
Service Fees - Coaching	
Assistant DanceSport Instructor (Single Style)	\$93.00
Assistant DanceSport Instructor (All Styles)	\$133.00
DanceSport Instructor	\$183.00
DanceSport Coach	\$233.00
Elite Dancesport Coach	\$283.00
Service Fees - Other	
Recognition of Prior Learning - Assessment Fee	\$233.00
Scrutineer Exams	\$99.00
Chairman of Adjudicators - Competitions	\$33.00
Chairman of Adjudicators - Championships	\$44.00
Other Fees	
Registered Teaching Facility	\$50.00
Day Pass - Recreational Events	\$5.00

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