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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. An overview is provided. Page 3

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Would you like the challenge and the opportunity to be a leader in DanceSport? This is an investment in your future and you will be amazed at how you can contribute – and learn at the same time. Read the article in this issue and then contact your State Executive Officer. Page 4

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Notice is hereby given of the 2018 Annual General Meetings of each State Branch of DanceSport Australia Limited, and of the Annual General Meeting of DanceSport Australia Limited. The Meeting Notices are included with this issue. Page 5

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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

DanceSport Australia's Membership levels remain steady, while Recreational registrations continue to grow.

It is a simple equation; to maintain our Membership levels we, DanceSport, must enrol as many new Members as those who leave our sport. This equilibrium has been difficult to obtain in recent years due to the aging of our largest competitive groups. It was only a few years ago that Masters 1 was held the greatest number of active competitors, now many of this group compete in Masters 2 and 3. This is a natural progression and we as a Sporting body have been working hard to replace those competitors who retire.

The good news is that this has now been achieved with DanceSport Membership numbers remaining steady. To be clear DanceSport Members include Ordinary, Amateur, Professional and those with an Accreditation, it does not include Recreational registrations.

Since the Recreational Division was introduced 4 years ago there has been a steady growth in Recreational competitors to the point that they now for a substantial part of our DanceSport Competitions. It would be fair to say that the Recreational Division competitors have provided a

boost to many DSA registered events.

A concern that was voiced at the introduction of the Recreational Division is that these competitors would not move forward and become full Members of DanceSport Australia and that they would simply stay in the Recreational Division forever. Whilst there are certainly those who want to remain in the Recreational environment there are those who look to improve their dancing beyond the scope of restricted syllabus and dress.

The transfer of Recreational competitors to the Amateur Division has provided the tipping point in maintain Membership numbers. In fact over 1/3 of new DSA Memberships came directly from the Recreational Division and without these our Membership numbers would have declined.

I encourage all DSA Members to get behind the principles of the Recreational Division, to enforce the syllabus and dress code and inspire these unique participants in our Sport to higher levels. All the best.

Dallas Williams, DSA President

DSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD - ALAN GLYNN

At the ANDA Autumn DanceSport Festival on 3rd June, 2018 DSA Chief Executive Officer Steve Edwards proudly presented a Honorary Life Membership of DanceSport Australia Award to well known DanceSport NSW identity, past competitor, and long time coach, adjudicator, studio proprietor, dance society member and official and DSNSW official, **Alan Glynn**. Alan had been earlier this year judged by DSA's National Council to have made an outstanding contribution to improving and sustaining DanceSport, and to have worked tirelessly and conspicuously for our industry for over 50 years, without thought of personal gain; his effort was seen as having contributed substantially to the development in DanceSport and its standing and attractiveness in the community.

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

To submit an application for any DSA accreditation, the applicant must Login to their On-Line Account on the 'P5000' web site at <https://p5000.org/>

Only a financial member of DanceSport Australia can apply for an accreditation. Applicants for any level of DSA Accreditation must have reached at least their 18th Birthday, except for Assistant DanceSport Instructor, where the applicant must have reached their 16th birthday.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS? PLEASE LET US KNOW

Logging into your account on 'P5000' 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 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 how to go about it, contact your State Branch Registration Officer.

DSA NATIONAL MEETINGS NATIONAL COUNCIL and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA LTD

The National Council will meet in Sydney on October 13th. The 2018 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, 2018) are not entitled to vote at the AGM of DanceSport Australia Ltd.

'RULES OF DANCESPORT' RECREATIONAL PARTNERING

Amendments – June, 2018

We've had feedback on our earlier decision to restrict participation in the recreational division to recreational registrants only to - avoid unfairness with recreational competitors partnering with unregistered individuals and accredited DSA members. This has led to unintended consequences in recreational participation. The following DSA Rule amendments - effective 1st June 2018 – have been introduced to address that issue, and clarify some related areas that had not been well defined.

Thus, the following changes to DSA's 'Rules of DanceSport' have been introduced with effect from 1st June, 2018. These are summaries only. Full details of each rule change can be accessed at www.dancesport.org.au and via the 'P5000' portal at <https://p5000.org/>

Rule 12 – Recreational and Amateur Division Event

A new clause has been inserted as 12.1 a) to define who may partner 'individual' recreational competitors; i.e. for individuals, the competitor may be partnered by any person registered in the Amateur or Recreational Division who does not hold a DSA Accreditation.

Rule 10 – Competition Divisions

Rule 10.2 a) has been amended to better define 'competitors' in DSA's 'Divisions' Competitors in events in the Recreational, Amateur and Professional Divisions are restricted to competitors who are registered in those divisions

Rule 24 – Teacher Student Events

Teacher/Student events will now only be conducted in the following categories -

- Teacher/Student – where the 'Student' is as shown in the DEFINITIONS (of the Rules)
- Teacher/Amateur – where the student is registered in the Amateur Division
- Teacher/Recreational – where the student is registered in the

recreational Division

Rule 24.6 Events NOT categorised as Teacher Student now are – Pro / Am events as defined in Rule 7; Teacher / Medallist events; In dividual events in the Recreational Division.

Rule 7 – Definitions -

'Student' is a person who is registered as a Recreational Division or Amateur Division competitor and is competing with a person who is an accredited and registered DanceSport Professional or Amateur Instructor.

Rule 19 - Registered Events

Rule 19.10 provides that Recreational Competitions are a form of DSA competition that -

- a) Are required to be registered with DSA on the prescribed form and carry a DSA fee;
- b) Are conducted by DSA approved promoters or groups.
- c) Exclude participation by DSA amateur or professional division members, except where partnering participating individuals.
- d) Must contain a schedule of formal Recreational events within the competition program.
- e) May allow Recreational Division competitors to participate in events other than Recreational events.
- f) Are subject to DSA's rules and policies, and acceptance of the jurisdiction of DSA.

Rule 12 - Novelty Events

Rule 12.3 / 12.3 (a) have been amended to provide -

The only events conducted at DSA registered events that are exempt from competitor registration are Novelty Events, viz – ones which do not replicate in part or in total any existing classification of a DSA event. Examples of novelty events are – Parent & Child; Progressive Teams; Partner/Medallist; Individuals; Teacher with 2 or more pupils; Public Vote events.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES... CONGRATULATIONS

To all those DanceSport Australia couples nominated to represent us at completed or upcoming world championships, DSA National Council offers best wishes to you all.

WDC World Professional Latin - United Kingdom

Jack Johnson & Joanne De Jager
Sigurdur Thor Sigurdsson & Annalisa Zoanetti

WDSF World Adult Standard - Austria

Brodie Barden & Lana Skgric-de Fonseca
Julian Tsotsos & Sheree Selemba

WDSF World Adult Latin - Czech Republic

Brodie Barden & Lana Skgric-de Fonseca

WDSF World Adult 10 Dance - Poland

Brodie Barden & Lana Skgric-de Fonseca

WDSF World Cup Standard - China

Brodie Barden & Lana Skgric-de Fonseca
Mihai Cotos & Stephanie Leyden

WDSF World Cup Latin - China

Brodie Barden & Lana Skgric-de Fonseca

WDSF Junior II World Standard - Romania

Rhys Oakley & Lily Taylor

World Championship Senior IV Standard - Japan

Maurie & Lorraine Vallaro

2018 NSW Open DanceSport Championship

The Board of DanceSport NSW is pleased to invite you to the 2018 NSW Open DanceSport Championships to be held on Sunday, 18 November at the Roundhouse, University of NSW, Anzac Parade, Kensington. A great opportunity to dance on a round floor - just as if you were dancing at the Albert Hall in London.

Full details are available at www.nswopen.com.au

Early bird competitor entry fees and early bird spectator tickets are available now for a limited time.

STATE BOARD ELECTIONS THIS SEPTEMBER

So, you are considering standing for the State Board at the upcoming elections. What does a State Board do? Just what does this mean for you if you are successful?

The Roles of a State Board

The principal roles of a State Board are to manage and govern DanceSport in that State for DSA. This involves managing funds; applying DSA rules; running a State "Open" Championship; producing member seminars on a range of topics; increasing membership; maintaining a communication pathway to state members; and marketing DanceSport to potential members and the general public.

State Board members are often the first point of contact for members and potential members, who need advice on dancesport rules and / or membership matters. The State Board (and DSA) has a major responsibility to work with all DanceSport Industry members to help every member to achieve their goals, whether they are Studio (RTF) owners, competitors (at all levels!), Dance Societies, Coaches, Adjudicators and Competition Organisers. The State Board is the glue that holds the Industry together within the State.

The Roles of a State Board Member

Of course, you will be expected to attend Board meetings, usually monthly. This is step 1- there are many more duties that you will be required to undertake. Importantly, you will need to be a team player, primarily concerned with achieving the branches' targets and objectives.

You will consider, debate, and vote on issues before the Board

based on the best interests of the organisation only, not individual interests. You will observe and uphold the rules, policies, and the DSA Constitution and other relevant policies of the organisation. You will become involved in the review and approval of the Branches' Strategic and other plans and projects. Understand and read Board papers and consider issues before the meeting. Be available to serve on Board committees as required, and become involved in and contribute to projects.

Serving as a member on a State Board can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your DanceSport career. You will have the opportunity to contribute to the growth of DanceSport in your State and help make our sport a great experience. Our state Boards need a whole range of skills, such as experience in business practices, administration, human resource management, project and financial management, information technology (IT) and strong people-skills. Participating in a dynamic State Board with like minded colleagues may also help you attain or improve your own capabilities in these areas.

Finally, we encourage thinking seriously about standing for election at the upcoming State elections / AGM. It does involve more than attending meetings and drinking coffee, but it is a very worthwhile and valuable contribution to DanceSport, and to your own development.

STATE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2018

STATE MEETING VENUE AND TIME

NSW Saturday, October 27th
Parramatta RSL
O'Connell Street, Parramatta NSW 2150
Commencing at 7pm

ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dancesport New South Wales
Returning Officer - Mrs Sue James
PO Box 158 Seaforth NSW 2092

VIC Sunday, September 30th
Star Studios
Level 1, 325 Centre Road Bentleigh VIC 3204
Commencing at 10am

ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dancesport Victoria
Returning Officer - Mr Russ Hesketh
5 Malabar Court Keysborough VIC 3173

QLD Sunday, October 8th
PCYC Fortitude Valley
458 Wickham St, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Commencing at 8.30am

ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dancesport Queensland
Returning Officer - Ms Marion Lockett
46 Avondale Road Sinnamonn Park QLD 4073

SA Sunday, October 21st
Mitcham Cultural Village Hall
103 Princess Road Mitcham SA 5062
Commencing at 10am

ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dancesport South Australia
Returning Officer - Mrs Janet Tkacz
17 Mowbray Street, Mawson Lakes SA 5095

WA Sunday, November 4th
Dept of Local Government,
Sport & Cultural Industries
276 Vincent Street, Leederville WA 6007
Commencing at 10am

ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dancesport West Australia
Returning Officer - Mrs Maureen Perry
c/- 49 Links Road Ardross WA 6153

TAS Sunday, September 30th
ZEPS Meeting Rooms
92 High Street, Campbell Town TAS 7210
Commencing at 10am

ADDRESS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dancesport Tasmania
Returning Officer - Mr G Crawford
8 Batman Ave West Launceston TAS 7250

NOTICE OF STATE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2018

TO ALL CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 2018 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 7th.
- 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:

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

in the general member category.

- A member who is a competitor may nominate and vote in both the competitor category and the general member Category.
- A member who is a competitor and coach may nominate and vote in all three categories.
- 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 Returning Officer 14 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 "Structure of the State Branch Boards"

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 14 days prior to the meeting (or such shorter time as approved by the State Branch Board).

MEMBERS!! ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM IS YOUR RIGHT.

Your Branch Board put a lot of time and effort into organising these meetings and deserves 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.

CONTACT US

NATIONAL AND STATE BRANCHES

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NT REGISTRATIONS OFFICER

Contact WA Registrar

www.dancesport.org.au

Our 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.

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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