

WDSF PROFESSIONAL DIVISION COMPETITION RULES

Preamble

The World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) is the governing body for all professional WDSF DanceSport Competitions. It succeeded to the jurisdiction of the International Professional DanceSport Council (WDSF PD) in 2010 by decision of the 2010 WDSF Annual General Meeting by the creation of the WDSF Professional Division ("WDSF PD"). The WDSF PD administers professional competition in WDSF. The WDSF is recognised by the IOC for the Sport of Dance.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMPETITION RULES

Rule 1

Application

1. These Rules apply to all international WDSF PD Competitions.
2. The WDSF PD is responsible for seeing that these RULES are observed.
3. For specific competitions the WDSF PD may impose supplementary rules on a WDSF Member and its organizer(s).
4. All professional competitors registered in the WDSF PD must be members of or registered or affiliated with an WDSF Member body.

Rule 2

Prize money

In WDSF PD competitions prize money is allowed. The total and individual amounts of such prizes must be announced in advance of the competition, in writing.

Rule 3

Advertising

1. In all WDSF PD granted Professional Competitions advertising is allowed. The place of the advertising is on the waist, chest or sleeves. The sponsorship can be either on the man or lady's costume.
2. Advertising on the competition number is limited to 20 % of the size of the competition number. The participating couples are obliged to take the number assigned to them by the organizer.

Rule 4

Kinds of competitions

1. WDSF PD Professional World Championships

1.1 Types of Competitions:

WDSF PD Professional World Championships are held

1.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

1.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

1.1.4 Over Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

1.1.5 Show Dance - Classic

1.1.6 Show Dance - Latin American

1.2 Invitations:

Invitations have to be published on the WDSF Website.

1.3 Eligibility to compete:

Every WDSF Member body or its Professional Division has the right to nominate two couples. In addition the best 6 couples of the WDSF PD Ranking List have the right to compete (except Ten Dance and Show Dance).

1.4 Reimbursement of expenses:

Reimbursement of expenses see RULE 6

2. WDSF PD Professional World Open Championships

2.1 Types of Competitions:

WDSF PD Professional World Open Championships are held

2.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

2.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

2.1.4 Over Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

2.2 Invitations:

Invitations must be published at the WDSF PD Website.

2.3 Eligibility to compete:

All WDSF PD registered professional couples have the right to participate.

3. WDSF PD Professional Continental Championships

3.1 Types of Competitions:

WDSF PD Professional Continental Championships are held

3.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

3.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

3.1.4 Over Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

3.1.5 Show Dance - Classic

3.1.6 Show Dance - Latin American

3.2 Invitations:

Invitations must be published on the WDSF Website.

3.3 Eligibility to compete:

Every WDSF Member body or its Professional Division has the right to nominate two couples.

4. WDSF PD Professional Continental Open Championships

4.1 Types of Competitions:

WDSF PD Professional Continental Open Championships are held

4.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

4.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

4.1.4 Over Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

4.2 Invitations:

Invitations must be published on the WDSF PD Website.

4.3 Eligibility to compete:

All WDSF PD registered professional couples have the right to participate.

5. WDSF PD Professional World Cups

5.1 Types of Competitions:

WDSF PD Professional Continental Open Championships are held

4.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

4.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

4.1.4 Over Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

5.2 Invitations:

Invitations must be published on the WDSF PD Website.

5.3 Eligibility to compete:

All WDSF PD registered professional couples have the right to participate.

6. WDSF PD Professional Continental Cups

6.1 Types of Competitions:

WDSF PD Professional Continental Open Championships are held

4.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

4.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

4.1.4 Over Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

6.2 Invitations:

Invitations must be published on the WDSF PD Website

6.3 Eligibility to compete:

All WDSF PD registered professional couples have the right to participate.

7. WDSF PD Professional World Ranking Tournaments

7.1 Types of Competitions:

7.1.2 in the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep)

7.1.3 In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso doble, and Jive)

7.2 Status of Competitions:

7.2.1 WDSF PD Professional World Open Competitions

7.2.1 WDSF PD Professional International Open Competitions

The WDSF PD has the authority to create and amend a system with points for the WDSF PD Computer World Ranking List.

8. WDSF PD Professional Open Competitions

The Only WDSF PD registered professional couples are eligible to participate in these competitions.

9. Maximum Duration of Dances; Tempi

In all rounds of competitions the music played shall be a minimum of one and a half minutes duration and a maximum of two minutes duration for the Waltz, Tango, Slow Foxtrot, Quickstep, Samba, Cha-Cha-Cha, Rumba and Paso doble, and the time for the Viennese Waltz and Jive shall be a minimum of one minute and a maximum of one and a half minutes, provided always that the Chairman may extend the maximum duration if in his or her opinion a longer duration is necessary for fair adjudication of a dance in an event.

The tempi for each dance shall be:

Waltz	28-30 bars/min.	Samba	50-52
bars/min.			
Tango	31-33 bars/min.	Cha-Cha-Cha	30-32
bars/min.			
V. Waltz	58-60 bars/min.	Rumba	25-27
bars/min.			
Slow Foxtrot	28-30 bars/min	Paso doble	60-62
bars/min.			
Quickstep	50-52 bars/min.	Jive	42-44
bars/min.			

Type of music:

In all WDSF PD competitions the music must have the character of the dances, for example no disco music in Latin-American dances.

Rule 5

Right to organize WDSF PD Competitions

The WDSF PD has exclusive authority to grant the right to organise WDSF PD Professional Competitions to WDSF Member bodies or their Professional Divisions and to charge fees. Fees may be charged according

to the WDSF PD Financial Regulations which are in force from time to time.

Rule 6

Reimbursement of expenses

The minimum reimbursement of expenses to competition couples, chairman and adjudicators for competitions governed by RULE 4, paras 1 to 7 will be fixed by the WDSF PD.

Organizers will be directly notified of these amounts in advance.

Rule 7

Anti Doping

Doping is forbidden, according to the WADA Anti-Doping Code. The WDSF PD is subject to the ***World Anti-doping Code*** and the ***WDSF Anti-doping Code***.

Rule 8

Procedure for WDSF PD Profession International Competitions

1. A chairman (non voting) appointed or confirmed by the WDSF PD is responsible for the control of WDSF PD authorized professional competitions.
2. Adjudicators:
A Minimum of nine adjudicators should officiate at WDSF PD International Professional Competitions governed by RULE 4, paras 1 to 4, a minimum of seven adjudicators in paras 5 to 7, a minimum of five adjudicators in para 8.
3. Adjudicators for WDSF PD Professional Competitions governed by RULE 4, paras 1 to 6 must be nominated by WDSF PD.
4. For WDSF PD Professional Competitions governed by RULE 4, paras 1 to 6 the adjudicators must be nominated from different countries.

Rule 9

Age Restriction

The following age divisions are obligatory in all WDSF PD Professional Championships/Cups and Professional Competitions:

Adult	reach	18 th birthday in the calendar year
Senior	reach	35 th birthday or more in the calendar year
Teachers	reach	45 th birthday or more in the calendar year

In the adult age group one partner of the couple can be younger. In the senior age groups both partner must have the minimum age according the age restriction.

Rule 10

Competition Dress

The chairman has the right to warn or disqualify a couple if the dress violates modern sporting principles.

Rule 11

Couples

1. Definition of a couple:

A couple consist of a male and a female partner.
2. Couples of mixes citizenship
 - 2.1 A couple can only represent a country in any WDSF PD Professional Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.
 - 2.2. A couple can only represent a country in any WDSF PD Professional International Competition if each partner is permitted to compete by the WDSF Member body for that country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant International Competition.

Rule 12

Authority of the WDSF PD Director

The WDSF PD Director shall have the authority to make decisions on matters not governed by these RULES.

Rule 13

Rules for Adjudication

1. WDSF PD Professional Competitions governed by RULE 4, paras 1 to 7 shall comprise at least a first round, semi-final and final.

In WDSF PD Professional Championships/Cups closed marking is obligatory. If requested, open marking shall be reserved for finals.

2. The chairman shall decide the number of couples to be recalled. In WDSF PD Professional World Ranking Tournaments any relevant "Regulations for WDSF PD Professional World Ranking Tournaments" must be observed.
3. At least 50 % of the participating couples shall be re-called to the next round excluding the FINAL. This provision does not apply for WDSF PD Professional World Ranking Tournaments.
4. WDSF PD Professional International Ten Dance Competitions shall comprise no more than first round, quarter final, semi-final and final.
5. In finals adjudicators shall place couples. 1 is the best place marking. The same placing must not be given to more than one couple.
6. In WDSF PD Professional International Competitions under Rule 4, para 1 to 7 no more than 6 couples should participate in the final, but if more than 6 couples qualify, the chairman will decide on the number of participants.
8. Closed marking, shall be used in the finals of WDSF PD Professional International Competitions. The organizer may seek permission from the chairman to use the Open Marking System. The Skating System shall be employed.
9. In WDSF PD Professional International Competitions under Rule 4, paras 1 to 8 the organizer must display marking sheets upon conclusion of the competition.

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