Article 17

Professional Division

1. The Professional Division is responsible for the internal administration of WDSF with respect to professional DanceSport competition rules and professional DanceSport competitions, including licensing professional athletes, teachers, trainers, coaches and adjudicators, establishing and administering the **WDSF Professional Division Rules**.

2. The Professional Division is authorized to govern its own administration of professional DanceSport as set out in these **Statutes**, and may establish its own Departments and Commissions as part of that work, but it shall at all times respect WDSF’s general internal and external administrative jurisdiction, the modern democratic principles of free societies, modern sporting principles, modern management principles, all relevant laws and tribunals of competent jurisdiction, and WDSF’s universal requirements with respect to ethics, Anti-doping, and other financial, administrative and sporting policies, regulations and requirements established by WDSF or the WDSF Presidium from time to time.

3. The Professional Division General Meeting is composed of two Delegates selected by each WDSF Member body from that Member body’s own professional division and is convened at least once a year. In any meetings or deliberations of the Professional Division each Delegate has one (1) vote after administrative registration by the PD. The Professional Division Director, Management Board and Delegates may carry on the business of the Professional Division at meetings or by mail, telephone, e-mail or fax transmission, or other form of electronic communication, according to procedural rules which they establish themselves.

4. The Professional Division General Meeting shall elect as follows at least every four (4) years:

   **PD Management Board:**
   - Professional Division Director
   - Professional Division Vice Director
   - Professional Division Sports Director
   - Professional Division Vice Sports Director
   - Professional Division Treasurer
   - Professional Division General Secretary, and
   - Two (2) Professional Division Management Board Members

   and may do so more frequently according to its discretion. The WDSF Professional Division Director is the Professional Division’s Chief Executive Officer.

5. The Professional Division is self-financing, and shall maintain a separate fund, and, if it wishes, a separate bank account or accounts, to receive and administer any funds it receives or collects, and that fund shall be administered solely by the Professional Division, subject only to WDSF’s general rules for administering and accounting for its own funds and subject to the Professional Division Director’s duty to make full disclosure of such administration and accounts to WDSF Treasurer every six (6) months.

6. The Professional Division Director or Professional Division Treasurer must present the Professional Division’s financial report to every Ordinary General
Meeting and every meeting of the Presidium.

7. In view of the international composition of the Professional Division and the potential difficulties which could occur in settling disputes when disagreements arise between the Professional Division and (a) the General Meeting, (b) the Presidium (including its Commissions) or (c) an other person or body which WDSF or the Presidium decides is affiliated to WDSF, the Professional Division shall attempt to settle all such disagreements in good faith by negotiation, provided always that in the event of a disagreement which any party to it decides cannot be resolved by negotiation, such disagreements and disputes shall be subject to the binding decision of the WDSF Disciplinary Council.

8. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in these Statutes, no part of this Article 17 may be changed by the WDSF General Meeting without the consent of the majority of the Delegates to the Professional Division General Meeting, provided always that such consent may be given prior to, concurrent with or subsequent to such General Meeting.