WDSF/PD Dancesport Championship Protocol
(version 1.0)

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Rule 1 Preparation
1. This WDSF/PD DanceSport Championships Protocol (Chp) is mandatory for event organizers and all participants including athletes and officials.

2. The organizer must produce the following materials:
   a. Poster/advertisement (minimum format A3)
   b. Program of the event (minimum format A5), including at least
      - The greeting/message of the WDSF/PD Director or another WDSF/PD presidium member and his/her photo
      - List of competitors including couples names in the alphabetical order in English of their country according to the surname of the male or female partner
      - Brief details and photo of the Chairman
      - Brief details and photographs of the Panel of Adjudicators listed by their country alphabetical order
      - Brief details and photos of the Master of Ceremonies and organizing committee

Advertisements in the Program shall occupy no more than a maximum of 75% of the total space.
The organizers is entitled to use all information from the then current WDSF/PD press kit in the Program
3. The title of the competition shall be only in this form:

“Year” WDSF/PD World/Continental DanceSport Championship
“category (if not adults)” “discipline”

(e.g. 2020 WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championships Latin)

If the WDSF/PD DanceSport Championship or WDSF/PD DanceSport Cup is a part of any traditional event or if there is a general sponsor, both titles can be connected but the WDSF/PD DanceSport Championship or Cup title must be given, e.g.

2020 Country Open
and
Visamaster 2020 WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championship Latin

4. The WDSF/PD logo and the full (not shortened) name of the WDSF/PD DanceSport Championship or WDSF/PD DanceSport Cup shall be used on all occasions and in all branding or marketing opportunities. The WDSF/PD flag or an WDSF/PD Logo Projection must be clearly and prominently located in the venue. A second WDSF/PD flag must be placed near one of the 4 corners of the Dancefloor, without disturbing the athletes’ performances.

5. All official texts (R1.2b, R1.3) must be in English and in the organizer’s local language with equal preference for both language. All information must be written in English and all countries’ names must be written in the English translation, and, if desired, in the original and local language.

6. The Master of Ceremonies must speak in English and in the local language or languages. It is possible to use co-presenters if one of the presenters is unable to speak fluent English. Names should be published with original spelling and with titles confirmed through the check-in procedure.
Rule 2  Dance Floor and Decoration

1. The Logo and full name of WDSF/PD, and the full name of the WDSF/PD DanceSport Championship must be placed on the main stage and be within the view of TV cameras during prize presentations.

2. The Logo and full name of WDSF/PD, and the full name of the WDSF/PD DanceSport Championship must be placed within the configuration of advertising boards around the dance floor and in a position that places the logo and names within the view of the main TV camera.

3. No advertisements may be larger than the competition title and WDSF/PD name and logo

4. The flags of all participating countries shall be displayed in a place clearly visible from the dance floor.

5. A podium is required for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists and shall have steps with minimum dimensions of 1m x 0,6m and a maximum height of 50cm for the Gold medalists. The podium shall be placed in front of the main stage for presentations.

6. Three flag-bars (or adequate devices with the mechanism for lifting national flags) with the highest position in the middle, lower to the right and the lowest to the left shall be ready opposite in the main stage and the flags of the countries of the couples in the Gold, Silver and Bronze places shall be available in appropriate equal dimensions and shall be ready for raising during the prize presentation ceremony.

Rule 3  Opening Ceremony

1. Prior to the beginning of the 1st round there shall be a brief opening ceremony with the following minimum requirements:
   a. An announcement from the Master of Ceremonies will include:
      - A welcome greeting
      - The title of the WDSF/PD World or Continental DanceSport Championship
      - The number of participants and participating countries
   b. There will be an introduction of the chairman and panel of judges
2. Prior to the evening part of the Championship (minimum semi-final and final) there shall be an opening ceremony with the following minimum requirements:

   a. The WDSF/PD flag will be carried by 4 persons in front of the march in of all countries’ Teams headed by the Team Captains carrying displays with country names and introduction of their countries. The countries will be announced in English and in alphabetical order. The host country is permitted to announced last.

   b. An announcement from the Master of Ceremonies will include:
      - The title of the WDSF/PD World or Continental DanceSport Championship
      - The number of participants and participating countries

   c. Personal presentation of each couple with the name of their country

   d. There will be an introduction of the chairman and panel of judges
      The chairman and panel of judges will remain on the floor until the end of the opening ceremony.

   e. The Athletes’ Oath and the Adjudicators’ Oath will be read ONLY in WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championships.
      - The Athletes’ Oath must be taken by Athletes:

           The following text shall be read by an athlete during the opening ceremony of all WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championships. The Athletes’ Oath can be read in the National Language and, of course, in English. During the Athletes’ Oath, the WDSF/PD President or a representative person of the WDSF/PD Presidium will stand next to the Athlete/s and the WDSF/PD flag.

           “In the name of all athletes I promise that we shall take part in this WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championship, respecting and abiding the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sport without doping and without drugs, in the true spirit of a sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of the athletes.
“It will be followed by the reading of the Adjudicators’ Oath

- The Adjudicators’ Oath must be taken by Adjudicators:

At all WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championships. The Adjudicators’ Oath can be read in the National Language and, of course in English. During the Adjudicators’ Oath, the WDSF/PD President or a representative person of the WDSF/PD Presidium will stand next to the Adjudicator/s and the WDSF/PD flag. Adjudicators will together pledge to respect the terms of the Judges’s Oath which is as follows:

“In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in this WDSF/PD World DanceSport Championship with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.”

f. Greeting and opening speeches, by no more than
   - The local WDSF/PD member representative.
   - The local representative.
   - The WDSF/PD President or by a member of the WDSF/PD Presidium

g. As the countries are announced in English and in alphabetical order, the athletes will march out with their countries’ Teams.

h. The host country is permitted to be introduced last onto the floor.

**Rule 4 Prize giving Ceremony**

1. The Break between the end of the final round and the Prize giving ceremony shall not be longer than two minutes.

2. Medals, provided by the WDSF/PD, shall be brought to the stage, each pair carried by one person, on velvet cushions or other appropriate carrier; if cups are ready they should be brought or carried to the stage behind the medal-bearers. Floral bouquets for all female finalists shall also be brought to the stage.
3. The prize giving ceremony shall include the following minimum requirements:
   a. Fanfares
   
b. March in of all finalists
   
c. An Announcer’s Script for the Prize giving Ceremony must be provided to the Master of Ceremonies (See appendix 1). The announcement of the results shall be from the last place to the 1st place in the final.
   
d. Prizes for the finalists presented by a maximum of 3 persons:
      - The WDSF/PD President or a Member of the WDSF/PD Presidium
      - A high ranking politician or a representative of the mayor of the city
      - The president or a person appointed by the President of the WDSF/PD Member body
   
e. After the announcement of all places and distribution of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals, cups and flowers, the national anthem of the winning couple’s country shall be played and the flags of the first 3 couples’ countries shall be raised simultaneously.
   
f. An honor dance performed by the Champions
   
g. No announcements of adjudicators or prizes for adjudicators are allowed during the Prize giving Ceremony.
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Requirements for the Master of Ceremonies – Script for the Prize presentations:
“year” WDSF/PD World/Continental DanceSport Championship “category (if not adults)” “discipline” – Prize giving Ceremony
The … (trophies, cups, gifts) are presented by … (First name, last name, title)

• Note: 4th Presenter (i.e. Sponsor) when applicable

• The Sixth Place: ............................................ (first name, last name, title)
• The Fifth Place: ............................................. (first name, last name, title)
• The Fourth Place: ......................................... (first name, last name, title)
• The Third Place and winners of the Bronze medal: (first name, last name, title)
• The Second Place and winners of the Silver medal: (first name, last name, title)
• The WDSF/PD World/Continental DanceSport Champions in “discipline” and winners of the Gold medal: …… (first name, last name, title)

The Bronze medals are presented by……………………… (first name, last name, title)
The Silver medals are presented by ………………………… (first name, last name, title)
The Gold medals are presented by ………………………… (first name, last name, title)
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MEDAL

Order of medal presentation is always Bronze, Silver then Gold.

Configuration is same in front of the respective Medallists for Silver and Bronze.