WDSF DanceSport Championship Protocol
(Version 1.5)

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1 Rule 1 Preparation

1. This WDSF DanceSport Championships Protocol 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 for the event (minimum format A5), including at least:
      - The greeting/message of the WDSF president or another WDSF presidium member and his/her photo.
      - List of competitors including couple’s names in the alphabetical order according to the surname of the male or female partner. In formation competitions the order shall be according to the city name the formation comes from. If the city name is equal, the order shall be according to the formation’s full programme title. Assigned numbers shall comprise at least two digits and a maximum of 3 digits in Arabic numerals. Leading „0” are not allowed. (e.g. „01” not allowed, „10” up to 999 allowed).
      - Brief details and photo of the Chairman.
      - Brief details and photographs of the Panel of Adjudicators listed by their country in 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 organizer is entitled to use all information from the then current WDSF Press kit in the Program.
3. The title of the competition shall be only in this form:

   „year“ WDSF World/Continental DanceSport Championship
   
   "category (if not Adults)" "discipline"
   
   (e.g. 2009 WDSF World DanceSport Championship Youth Latin)

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

   2020 Country Open
   and

   Visamaster 2020 WDSF World DanceSport Championship Latin

4. The WDSF logo and the full (not shortened) name of the WDSF DanceSport
   Championship or WDSF DanceSport Cup shall be used on all occasions and
   in all branding or marketing opportunities. The WDSF flag or an WDSF
   Logo Projection must be clearly and prominently located in the venue. A
   second WDSF 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 languages. 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.

2 Rule 2 Dance Floor and Decoration

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

2. The Logo and full name of WDSF, and the full name of the WDSF
   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 name and logo.

4. The flags of all participating countries shall be displayed in a place clearly visible from the dance floor. The usage of display boards/screens instead of real flags is allowed.

5. A podium is required for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists and shall have steps with minimum dimensions of 1 m x 0.6 m and a maximum height of 50 cm 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 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.

3 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 World or Continental DanceSport Championship
      - the number of participants and participating countries.
   b) There will be an introduction of the chairperson 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 minimum requirements listed below. In case more than one championship is conducted at the same day, one joint opening session is allowed. In case the multiple championships are at the same weekend, but not the same day, an opening ceremony at each day according to the championships is mandatory.
   a) The WDSF flag will be carried by 4 persons in front of the march in of all countries’ Teams headed by 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 be announced last. It is allowed to announce the couple’s
name together with announcing the nations. It’s up to the organizer to ensure that all participants, including those not qualified for the remaining rounds, will take part in the opening ceremony. This requires upfront information from the very beginning of the communication with the participants up to the information at the venue.

b) After marching in a maximum of fifteen minutes is allowed for the athletes to be standing still at the competition floor. Between marching out and the beginning of next round must be a break for the couples of at least 10 minutes. (The organizer can use this time for a show, general dance, ...)

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

d) There will be an introduction of the chairperson and panel of judges.
   The chairperson and the 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 World DanceSport Championships. It is mandatory to read the oath in English language. If the organizer requests the oath also in local language the chairperson has to accept this provided that the organizer is responsible to prepare the text in local language. In this case the local language is read first, followed by English language. It's only up to the chairperson to select the persons to read the oath.

   aa) The Athletes’ Oath must be taken by Athletes:

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

      "In the name of all athletes I promise that we shall take part in this WDSF World DanceSport Championship, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sport without doping and without drugs, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honour of the athletes".

      It will be followed by the reading of the Adjudicators' Oath.
bb) The Adjudicators’ Oath must be taken by Adjudicators:

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

“In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in this WDSF 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 member representative.
- the Local Representative.
- the WDSF President or by a Member of the WDSF Presidium.

4 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, 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 President or a Member of the WDSF Presidium.
      - a high ranked politician or a representative of the mayor of the city.
      - the President or a person appointed by the President of the WDSF 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 honour dance performed by the Champions.

g) No announcements of adjudicators or prizes for adjudicators are allowed during the Prize giving Ceremony.

Bucharest, January 22, 2018

1) This WDSF DanceSport Championship Protocol (version 1.1) was passed by the WDSF Presidium June 12, 2009 and shall come into force and effect on September 1, 2009.

2) The changes in Rule 3 were passed by the WDSF Presidium January 17, 2010 and shall come into force with immediate effect (version 1.2).

3) Name change to World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) was passed by the WDSF Annual General Meeting on June 13, 2010 (version 1.3).


5) Changes made on January 22, 2018 after Sports Commission decisions.
APPENDIX 1 to WDSF DanceSport Championships Protocol
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Requirements for the Master of Ceremonies - Script for the Prize presentations:

“year” WDSF World/Continent “category (if not adults)” “discipline”
DanceSport Championship – 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)
- The Fifth Place: ..............................................................
  (First Name, Last Name)
- The Fourth Place: ..............................................................
  (First Name, Last Name)
- Third place and winners of the Bronze medal: ................
  (First Name, Last Name)
- Second place and winners of the Silver medal:................
  (First Name, Last Name)
- WDSF World/Continental Champions in “category (if not adults)”
  “discipline” DanceSport and winners of the Gold medal: ................
  (First Name, Last Name)

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)
APPENDIX 2 to WDSF DanceSport Championships Protocol
MEDAL CEREMONY

Backstage

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

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

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