The Presidium

Operating Policy

Re: The WDSF Sports Commission

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1. CONTINUATION, LEADERSHIP AND GOALS

The WDSF Sports Commission is hereby continued as a Commission of the WDSF Presidium under the WDSF Statutes.

The Chair of the WDSF Sports Commission shall be the WDSF Vice-President for Sports or else another WDSF official selected by the Presidium in its discretion.

The goals of the WDSF SC are to:

- to provide clear, comprehensive advice and instructions to competition organisers and officials;
- to maintain and expand a transparent, active Adjudicators selection system to ensure rigorous fairness and fight Manipulation;
- to update and maintain an efficient, advanced system of WDSF Adjudication in WDSF High-Performance sport;
- to oversee and manage the efficient planning and production of all WDSF-granted competitions, and
- to maintain, increase and improve close communications with WDSF’s Member bodies on all sports matters.
- to liaise and work closely with the WDSF Staff and the WDSF Office to achieve the WDSF SC’s goals in cooperation with other officials and WDSF Presidium Commissions

2. DIVISION OF WDSF SPORTS COMMISSION INTO SUB-COMMITTEES

The structure of the WDSF SC must provide an optimal framework for:

- the preservation and growth of WDSF’s sporting activities,
- the supervision and expansion of volunteer and staff support for all of our sports activities, and
- the consolidation and fulfilment of the Presidium’s broad program of new, progressive policies for our sport.

To provide clearer working guidelines and a clearer focus in order to achieve the WDSF SC’s goals, the WDSF SC shall be composed of the following FIVE (5) WDSF SC Committees, which shall assist the WDSF SC by performing separate functions, and which shall recruit and include a significantly-increased number of volunteers from our WDSF Member bodies and WDSF Staff:
Each Member of each Committee will be appointed for ONE (1) year by a WDSF SC Committee Appointment Agreement (“CAA”) in writing prepared by the WDSF SC and the WDSF Legal Commission, signed by the WDSF SC Chair, the relevant Committee Chair, and the proposed Committee Member. Each CAA shall include the Committee Member’s Mandate, the mutual expectations of the parties, the agreed estimated number of the proposed Committee Member’s voluntary working hours during each month of the term, agreed working methods and goals, and a termination date. CAAs may not be renewed, however any Committee Member may be reappointed with a fresh CAA.

The Presidium shall appoint the Chair of each WDSF SC Committee after giving the relevant Committee a reasonable opportunity to make suggestions about such appointment. Each WDSF SC Committee may regulate its own proceedings within the limits of Swiss law and according to the policies of WDSF and the Presidium as they are created from time to time.

3. THE WDSF SPORTS COMMISSION MEETING

The WDSF SC Meeting shall be composed of the following senior representative officials:

WDSF Vice-President for Sports [currently Shawn Tay]

WDSF Sports Director [currently Vacant]

IFC Sports Director [currently Ludmilla Zueva]

WRRC Sports Director [currently Denis Lilith]

Chair of WDSF PD Management Board [currently Verena Sulek]

Chair of WDSF Athletes Commission [currently Ashli Williamson]

Chair of WDSF Adjudicators Qualifications Classification Committee [currently Sergey Belyaev]

Chair of WDSF Sports Enforcement Committee [Tommy Shaughnessy, replaced by Nenad Jeftic]
Chair of WDSF Sports Event Planning and Promotion Committee [Shawn Tay, Deputy Valdis Skutans]

Chair of WDSF Sports Policies Development Committee [currently Wolfgang Eliasch]

Chair of WDSF Sports Technical System Committee – [currently Dallas Williams]

whether or not it meets in person.

The WDSF SC shall avoid adding more persons and officials to its Meetings, provided always that within this mandatory Meeting structure the WDSF SC may regulate its own proceedings within the limits of Swiss law and according to the policies of WDSF and the Presidium as they are created from time to time.

The WDSF Adjudicators Selection Committee is a Committee consist of 4 of the nominated Chairs of the WDSF SC Meeting. The committee may invite the Director of the WDSF PD to join the selection committee.

4. THE WDSF SC ADJUDICATORS QUALIFICATIONS CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

(a) **Members.** The Members of this Committee shall be appointed by WDSF VP for Sports and other persons appointed by the Presidium from time to time.

(b) **Interpretation.** This Committee shall interpret the expression “Adjudicators Qualifications Classification” in a broad, liberal reform way at all times. In this document, the word “Adjudicator” shall include the word “Chairperson” where the context or other natural meaning of the word “Adjudicator” should include the word “Chairperson” in the best interests of DanceSport.

(c) **General.** This Committee shall:

(i) Verify and update qualifications of WDSF-Licensed Adjudicators and Chairpersons;

(ii) Because WDSF is a separate legal entity in Switzerland, legally residing in Switzerland, all data collected and created under the authority of this Operating Policy must be treated as confidential and kept securely in the WDSF Office and in secure digital records, and for greater clarity such data shall be protected and

(iii) Provide updated data to the Adjudicators Selection Committee for its systems.
5. THE WDSF SC SPORTS ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee shall:

- invigilate the performance by WDSF Adjudicators, WDSF Chairpersons, WDSF-Licensed Scrutineers and Organizers of WDSF-granted competitions of their duties under WDSF’s governing documents including its competition rules, regulations, codes, guidelines and WDSF Presidium policies

- Monitor the performance of Chairpersons and adjudicators

- Ensure each Organizer of a WDSF-granted competition fulfils all of the terms and conditions of that grant

- Update and develop new Instructions and Reporting systems for Organizers and Chairpersons

- Review WDSF-granted Competition results and provide feedback to the Adjudicators Qualifications Classification Committee and the Counter-Competition Manipulation Task Force (“CCM TF”).

- Review Chairperson’s Reports conduct debriefings of Adjudicators and Chairpersons and provide feedback to all parties and stakeholders including but not limited to Organizers, sponsors and governments.

6. THE WDSF SC SPORTS EVENT PLANNING AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

This Committee shall:

- Consolidate and check information provided in bidding applications

- Provide a summary and report on each such application

- Present checked, summarized bids with its reports and comments to the WDSF Vice-President for Sports and the WDSF Sports Director

- Liaise with individual Organizers to improve bids and competitions

- establish and use systems to seek new Organizers
7. THE WDSF SC SPORTS POLICIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee shall:

- Constantly review and propose Motions to update the *WDSF Competition Rules* and all other WDSF governing documents and policies which are relevant to DanceSport competition
- Review and make proposals to improve the conduct of WDSF Competitions
- Review and make proposals to further develop competitions in all DanceSport disciplines for all age groups

8. THE WDSF SC SPORTS TECHNICAL SYSTEM COMMITTEE

This Committee shall:

- Design and update the WDSF Computer Judging System
- License of WDSF Judging software
- License WDSF-Licensed Scrutineers
- Monitor the performance of WDSF Judging System JS 3.0 and other official WDSF scrutineering software
- Organize scrutineering courses
- Manage certification of WDSF approved scrutineering programme
- Design software to review Competition results of major WDSF Championships, Grand Slams and eventually World Opens
- Design software that provides self-assessment of judges in WDSF Championships/Grand Slams and eventually World Opens
- Provide indicative information to identify possible manipulation of results

9. THE ADJUDICATORS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Adjudicators are selected according to the conditions at the end of this paragraph. The body selecting the Adjudicators for a specific event consists of the Members of the Sports Commission Meeting, whether or not they meet in person provided always that representatives of the Athletes’ Commissions cannot be part of this body. In selections that do not affect the Associate Members, the
representatives of these Associate Members shall not participate in the selection process. The members of this body are elected by the Presidium.

10. THE ADJUDICATORS CATEGORIZATION COMMITTEE

A body composed of two (2) Members of the Adjudicators’ Classification Committee, two (2) Members of the Presidium, two (2) Members of the Counter-Competition Manipulation Task Force (CCMTF), two (2) Members of the Athletes’ Commission. Adjudicators shall be grouped into four groups (Global, Intercontinental, International and National). These grouping do not affect the WDSF licensing system. The classification of an Adjudicator into such a group is in the absolute discretion of the body described in this paragraph and not subject to any legal remedy in WDSF.

Appointments to the body described in the paragraph above shall be made in writing by a person authorized by each such group to do so. Such appointments shall be delivered to the WDSF Vice-President for Sports on or before December 1st every year for the period ending the following November 30, and otherwise from time to time to fill vacancies until the following November 30. No one may be nominated in this way concurrently by two different groups, that is, e.g. the same person cannot be appointed by the Presidium and the Sports Commission concurrently; they must be 8 different natural persons. The body described in this paragraph may invite the Director of the WDSF PD to join it for all purposes. The body described in this paragraph shall oversee the WDSF SC Adjudicators Qualifications Classification Committee. The recommended selection of judges under each grouping is as follows:

- World Championships: >= 9 Global, <= 3 Intercontinental;
- Continental Championships: >= 7 Global, <= 2 Intercontinental;
- Grand Slams: >= 9 Global, <= 3 Intercontinental;
- World Open: >= 3 Global, <= 3 Intercontinental;
- International Open: >= 2 Global, <= 3 Intercontinental;
- Open: >= 2 Global, <= 2 Intercontinental.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

This WDSF Presidium Operating Policy is a legal document and is subject to the terms of the WDSF Statutes and WDSF’s other governing documents. In case of an inconsistency or incompatibility between this Operating Policy and any other document or Resolution approved by the WDSF General Meeting, that other document or Resolution approved by the WDSF General Meeting shall prevail. Subject to those limits and any relevant decision by the WDSF Presidium, this WDSF Presidium Operating Policy shall be given a broad, liberal interpretation in the best interests of DanceSport.

This WDSF Presidium Operating Policy is a living document and may be amended from time to time by the Presidium.

This Operating Policy is effective February 1, 2018.

BY ORDER OF THE WDSF PRESIDUIM