From: WDSF Office  
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Attachment: WDSF World Ranking Tournament (World Open) 2019-2022 Application Form .doc

Dear Members, Colleagues,

In view of our intention to minimize the potential risks of manipulation at World Opens which award high ranking points, the WDSF Presidium has approved a set of new conditions for the application and conduct of the WDSF World Open Series.

The main points are:

1. We can no longer allow organisers to engage their own judges as the number of World Opens is significant and we need to avoid a concentration of the same judges and support the appointment of a diverse spread of quality adjudicators. In order to ensure that organizers will not suffer as a result of these new conditions, organizers will be able to provide a list of 20 judges for the Sports Commission WO Judges Selection Committee to select 10 judges to be appointed. If 10 preferred judges cannot be selected from this offered list from the organizer, the Sports Commission will nominate up to 5 judges from outside the list. With this measure in place we will have the ability to exclude judges whose skills or performance are in question.

2. One of the measures introduced about 9 months ago requires organizers to publish the names of the judges not less than 60 days prior to the event. In this way, athletes can decide if they wish to compete in such events. However, at present this requirement is not being adhered to by the majority of the organisers. Instead of penalizing them, the Presidium has revised the application conditions to include a penalty of CHF 300 and for repeated failures to publish the names of judges, the Presidium will not grant the World Open to the same member body for one year. To make it easier to comply, organizers will now need to publish the names of the judges 42 days (6 weeks) before the granted World Open. More information can be found in the attached application form.

3. The Presidium has also reduced the number of participating couples to 42 (Youth and Adult) from 10 different countries instead of 48 as a qualification to host subsequent World Opens. This condition will take effect immediately for both existing World Open as well as the new series.

4. The penalty of CHF 300 for failure to publish the names of the judges 42 days before the event (World Open, both existing and New Series) will also take effect immediately for both existing World Open as well as the new series.

All World Open granted from now on will be called WDSF World Open (New Series). Athletes will be able to know under this series the judges are selected by the Sports Commission. All granted World Open organisers can now review the new conditions and advise the WDSF Office if they would like to change to the new series by complying with all the new conditions as specified in the World Open (New Series) application form attached.

Regards

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