WDSF DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL CODE

Version 4.1
WDSF Disciplinary Council Code

Preamble

Consistent with the ideals of DanceSport and Ethics, the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) expects its Member Bodies, recognized Continental Associations, its Athletes and Adjudicators as well as its other responsible Officials to comply with the appropriate standards of ethics, moral and good behaviour and to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. In accordance with these principles, the WDSF does not tolerate any discrimination based on political, religious or racial grounds or the grounds of sexual orientation, or any other violations of human rights.

The purpose of this Code and the WDSF Disciplinary Council shall thereof be to ensure the maintenance of these standards and principles in order to further strengthen and develop DanceSport around the globe.

I. General Terms

1. Integral Part of the Statutes

1.1 The WDSF Disciplinary Council Code (“DC Code”) is an integral part of the WDSF Statutes according to Article 21 of the WDSF Statutes.

1.2 Furthermore, the DC Code forms a part of the rules and regulations of the WDSF Associate Members based on the Associate Membership Agreement in force (articles 3.4.3.2 and 3.4.3.4).

2. Scope of the WDSF Disciplinary Council

2.1 The WDSF Disciplinary Council shall be the sole judicial organ of the WDSF. Its jurisdiction is determined by the WDSF Internal Dispute Resolution Code.

2.2 According to Art. 3.4.4 of the Associate Membership Agreements, the WDSF Disciplinary Council shall act as the sole arbitration body to solve disputes and disagreements inside the respective Associate Members by applying the DC Code.

2.3 In case of any disputes it is in the power of the WDSF Disciplinary Council to decide whether or not it considers itself as competent.

II. The Disciplinary Council

3. Composition and Election of the Disciplinary Council

3.1 The Disciplinary Council shall consist of nine (9) WDSF Members:

- 1 Chair (or President)
- 2 Vice-Presidents
- 6 Ordinary Members.

3.2 The Members of the Disciplinary Council are elected by secret ballot by the WDSF Annual General Meeting for a period of four years and are eligible for re-election.

3.3 In addition, each Associate Member of the WDSF has the right to nominate up to one (1) Vice President and two (2) Ordinary Members to the Disciplinary Council for a period of four years. If an Associate Member decides not to nominate a Vice President it may nominate a third Ordinary Member. Such Members may be reappointed by the respective Associate Member after four years.
4. Profile of the Disciplinary Council Members

4.1 The Chair and the Vice Presidents shall have formal legal trainings and be eligible to practice law in their respective countries. The Chair of the Disciplinary Council shall be a holder of a Swiss law degree.

4.2 The Ordinary Members must be of good standing and have a good reputation within the WDSF, the respective Associate Member and in their countries of origin.

4.3 The Members of the Disciplinary Council shall be from different countries and they all must have a clear understanding of the English language and be able to speak and write fluently in English. They cannot be a member of the WDSF Presidium, a member of the executive power in a Continental Association or an Associate Member or an employee of the WDSF.

III. Documentation & Reporting

5. Log File

The Chair of the Disciplinary Council is responsible that all cases and complaints submitted to the Disciplinary Council are kept and documented in a log file.

6. Reporting

The Chair of the Disciplinary Council will present once a year a report to the WDSF Annual General Meeting, outlining the activities of the Disciplinary Council including the measures & sanctions imposed during the past year.

IV. Final Clauses

7. Acceptance by the WDSF General Meeting

7.1 The Code of the IDSF Disciplinary Council has been accepted by the IDSF General Meeting on the occasion of its Annual General Meeting on 11 June 2006 in Wels / Austria.

7.2 The current and amended version 4.0 of the WDSF Disciplinary Council Code has been accepted by the WDSF General Meeting on 12 June 2016 in Rome / Italy.

8. Entering into Force

The amended DC Code version 4.0 enters into force with immediate effect after the General Meeting on 13 June 2016.

This Code was adopted by the WDSF Annual General Meeting on 11 June 2006 in Wels, Austria (Version 1.0), and amended on the occasion of the WDSF Annual General Meetings on 19 June 2011 in Luxembourg, Luxembourg (Version 2.0), on 15 June 2014 in Bucharest, Romania (Version 3.0), on 12 June 2016 in Rome, Italy (Version 4.0), and on 12 June 2017 in Singapore (Version 4.1).