



IDSF LEGAL COMMISSION

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LUXEMBOURG, JUNE 19, 2011

Presidium's Motion to Amend IDSF Competition Rules

SUMMARY: Rule 10 is expanded and reorganized to become a "Competition Procedures" rule, including the former separate "Rules for Adjudication" which were at the end of the **IDSF Competition Rules**; section headings are introduced for ease of reference; new Rules are introduced for health and welfare of athletes and to define adjudicators' affiliations with their countries. Duplication of texts is eliminated and language is corrected and improved. All these Rules are now better-organized and easier to find.

MOVED, that Rule 10 be amended as shown below with underlining and deletions:

Rule 10

Procedure ~~in for International~~ IDSF Competitions

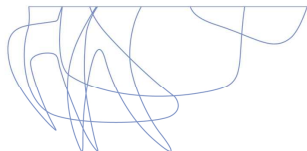
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2. ~~Adjudicators:~~ A minimum of seven adjudicators shall officiate at ~~international competitions covered governed~~ by Rule 5, ~~para~~ (1), (2), (3), (5)(a)-(c) and 8, a minimum of five adjudicators in ~~competitions governed by paras~~ Rule 5(4), (6), (7) and (9), and a minimum of three adjudicators at Team Matches.
3. ~~Adjudicators must have an~~ hold a valid and subsisting IDSF licence ~~to judge For~~ competitions ~~under governed by~~ Rule 5, except ~~paras~~ 5(6) and (7).
4. Adjudicators for competitions ~~covered governed~~ by Rule 5, ~~paras'~~ (1)-(5)a+ (b), (8) and (9) must be nominated by the IDSF Presidium.
5. For competitions ~~under governed by~~ Rule 5, ~~paras~~ (1)-(5), (8) and (9) the chairman (non-voting) and adjudicators must ~~all~~ be ~~invited~~ from different countries. Under these Rules a chairman (non-voting) or an adjudicator is from a country if he or she holds a valid and subsisting IDSF Licence issued by that country's IDSF Member body and is either a citizen of that country or resided in that country for at least 183 days during the twelve months previous to the date on in which the relevant competition is produced.
6. For all ~~international~~ competitions the adjudicators must be recognized by the IDSF Presidium.

Conflicts of Interest Not Permitted

7. An adjudicator shall not judge a competition, and shall retire from the panel adjudicating that competition, where any person competing in that competition is a member of that adjudicator's immediate or extended family, including de facto relationships, or where that adjudicator has a personal relationship to or with any competitor in the competition which makes it inappropriate for him/her to serve as an adjudicator. For greater clarity, the



words “immediate and extended family” include anyone to whom the adjudicator is related by blood or marriage, to the degree of first cousin or closer, or by adoption order, or with whom the judge lives or cohabits.

8. An athlete may not judge or chair IDSF DanceSport competitions until after declaring in writing that he or she has ceased to compete.

Marking

9. Closed marking, shall be used in the final of international competitions. Open marking is not allowed at IDSF Competitions except to display the couples’ places in each dance, and is not allowed to display the individual placing of each adjudicator of the dances, however the organiser may seek permission from the chairman to use the Open Marking System. The Skating System shall be employed. [THIS NEW RULE COMBINES THE OLD RULE 10(8) AND THE FORMER PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE OLD **RULES FOR ADJUDICATION**]

Selection of Heats; Semi-Finals and Finals

[FROM FORMER “RULES FOR ADJUDICATION”]

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- (b) The semi-final in of any International Competition must be danced in two heats on a floor with an area of less than 250 square metres.
- (c) No more than 10 couples should dance in each heat of a competition round, up to the quarter-final in International competitions governed by Rule 5 (1), (2) and (3).



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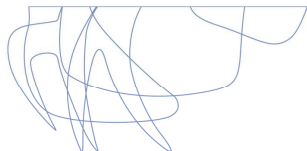
~~[DELETED – THIS TEXT WAS ALREADY IN RULE 10(9) AND DOES NOT NEED TO BE REPEATED IN THIS PART OF THE RULE]~~

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12. At least 50% of the participating couples shall be recalled to the next round (excluding the Final), except in Ten Dance, in which at least two thirds of the participating couples shall be recalled only after the first round to the next round; provided always that this provision does not apply for IDSF World Ranking Tournaments.
13. ~~International~~ Ten Dance Competitions shall comprise no more than first round, quarter final, semi-final and final. In finals adjudicators shall place couples. "1" is the best place marking. The same placing must not be given to more than one couple.
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~~Closed marking, shall be used in the final of international competitions. The organiser may seek permission from the chairman to use the Open Marking System. The Skating System shall be employed.~~ [MOVED TO RULE 10(9)]

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Revised Competition Format



16. (a) In all IDSF World and IDSF Continental Championships (only age group "Adult") the "Revised Competition Format" must be used. ~~Additional there is the possibility to use this format~~ It may also be used in all IDSF granted competitions (only age group "Adult") if the IDSF Member body applies ~~for using~~ to use this format."
- (b) "Revised Competition Format" in the Standard and the Latin Discipline means the provision of two (2) solo dances, one (1) at the beginning and another one (1) at the end of the final, with each couple performing for one (1) minute in each solo dance, and that all couples return to the floor after the solo dances for a further one (1) final minute of group competition in that dance.
- (c) "Revised competition format" in the Ten Dance Discipline means the provision of one (1) solo dance per discipline at the end of the finals, with each couple performing for one (1) minute in each solo dance, and that all couples return to the floor after the solo dances for a further one (1) final minute of group competition in that dance. The solo dances in the Ten Dance Discipline are fixed with Quick Step in Standard and Jive in Latin.
- (d) The order of couples in the final of the "Revised Competition Format" (solo dances) must be chosen by random selection manually or by computer under the supervision of the Chairman.

Team Matches

17. ~~Team Matches (incl. International Team Matches)~~

~~—Marking:~~

- (a) In each round open marking shall be employed, couples being assessed as 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3. "1" being the best mark.
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REASONS:

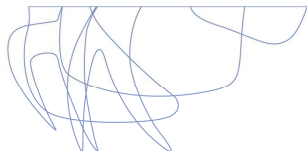
- 1. to make the language of the Rule more correct and internally consistent;**
- 2. to eliminate unnecessary references to "international" competitions, including by amending the Heading of this Rule, because all competitions governed by the IDSF Competition Rules are international and are**



governed by those Rules; and because in English the expression "international competition" means a competition outside one's own country, not an IDSF-granted competition.

- 3. to ensure that chairmen and adjudicators who are invited to represent a country in an adjudicating panel, have a real and legitimate connection with that country;***
- 4. to establish more reasonable and healthy hours for Juvenile and Junior competitions and to discourage Juvenile and Junior athletes being kept awake too late at night;***
- 5. to discourage adjudication by active athletes;***
- 6. to bring the former appendix called "Rules for Adjudication" into the Rules in a more organized way, and because IDSF now recognizes adjudicators as part of the competition team;***
- 7. to include the New Adjudication System in the IDSF Competition Rules; and***
- 8. to organize Rules about these subjects in a way that will allow new Rules to be added coherently and in a more organized way in the future.***

For ease of reference, a "clean" version of the proposed revised Rule 10 follows:



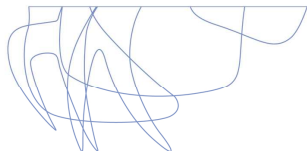
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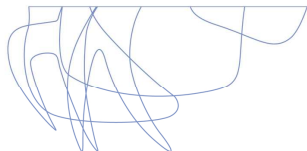
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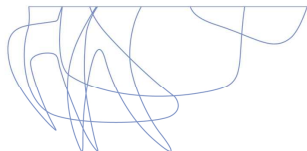
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