



## **IDSF LEGAL COMMISSION**

# **2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**LUXEMBOURG, JUNE 19, 2011**

## ***Presidium's Motion to Amend IDSF Competition Rules***

***MOVED*, that Rule 13 be amended as shown below  
with underlining and deletions:**

### **Rule 13**

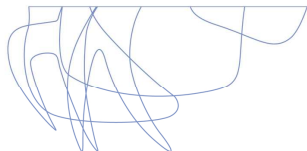
#### **Couples and Athletes**

1. Definition of a couple:

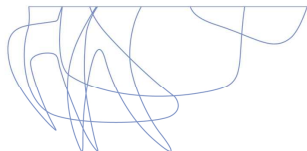
A couple consists of a male and a female partner

2. Couples of mixed citizenship.

2.1. A couple **may** only represent a country in any IDSF Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.



- 2.2. A couple **may** only represent a country in any International Competition **if** each partner is permitted to compete by the represented IDSF Member if at the time of registration and the time of the relevant International Competition.
- 2.3. In competitions during events of IOC and IWGA couples of mixed nationality are not **permitted**. According to **the Olympic Charter the Olympic Rules** a competitor represents his or her **nation country**. Each competitor must hold a valid and subsisting passport of the IDSF Member country represented at the time s/he is appointed to represent that Member and at the time of the relevant IOC or IWGA event. An athlete may only represent a country in IOC, OCA or IWGA events if s/he **has** is permitted to compete by the IDSF Member for that country and has been so permitted for a continuous period of six (6) months before the date of the event. **[FORMERLY RULE 13(2.4.1) ]**
3. **How To Represent A Country**      **[NEW HEADING]**
- 3.1 A competitor having represented one country in any IDSF Championship or any IDSF Cup is not permitted to represent another country in any IDSF Championship or IDSF Cup competition until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the last representation. **[FORMERLY RULE 13(2.3) ]**
- 3.2. A competitor having represented one country in any IDSF World Ranking Tournament or any Open Competitions governed by other rules is not permitted to represent another country in any IDSF World Ranking Tournament until a period of eight (8) months has elapsed, except when the competitor has received consent in writing to the change in representation from each of the two relevant IDSF Members, and then the competitor may immediately represent the new country. The period of eight (8) months referred to above starts with the last date on which the competitor represented the former country in an IDSF World Ranking Tournament or an Open Competition governed by other rules.
- Procedure:**  
The IDSF Member body of the newly-represented country must contact the athlete's former IDSF Member body to request agreement for the change of representation. If the former IDSF member body does not reply within one month the athlete may register with the new IDSF member body and represent the new IDSF member body. **[FORMERLY RULE 13(2.4) ]**



### 3.3 ~~IDSF Formation Championships/Cups:~~

In IDSF Championships/Cups at least 12 competitors per team must hold a valid and subsisting passport of the represented IDSF member country at the time s/he is appointed to represent that Member and at the time of the relevant Championship or Cup. [FORMERLY RULE 13(2.6) ]

### 3.4 An athlete who has previously been registered in the IDSF DanceSport system, who returns to the IDSF DanceSport system after competing or otherwise participating in a dancing system or dancing competition system which was not registered in the IDSF DanceSport system, may not represent any country or IDSF Member body in any IDSF DanceSport competition until six (6) months after his or her most recent participation in a dancing competition that was not registered in the IDSF DanceSport system. [NEW]

## 4. Registration and Identification of Athletes [NEW HEADING]

4.1 All athletes participating in IDSF Championships/Cups and IDSF World Ranking Tournaments must be registered with IDSF in the IDSF Registration System. Only an athlete's IDSF Member body may apply for such registration. [FORMERLY RULE 13(2.5) ]

4.2 All participants in IDSF-granted Competitions must be identified to the satisfaction of IDSF and the IDSF Chairman of the competition. [FORMERLY RULE 13(3)]

4.3 Each IDSF Member body is authorized to issue Athlete License Books or License Cards to its registered athletes. [FORMERLY RULE 13(3.1) ]

4.4 Athlete License Books or License Cards which must include a photograph of the athlete, according to forms and standards prescribed by the Presidium from time to time in an Operating Policy, as well as according to the requirements of National Sports Authorities. [FORMERLY RULE 13(3.2) ]

4.5 If an athlete does not produce an authorized Athlete License Book or License Card at the time of registration for a competition, then s/he must identify himself or herself to the



Organizers' representative and the Chairman by producing his or her valid Passport for examination and photocopying by the Organizers and the Chairman, and further must satisfy the Chairman as to his or her valid and subsisting affiliation with an IDSF Member body and provide all other proofs which IDSF or the Chairman may require at that time. **[FORMERLY RULE 13(3.3) ]**

## **REASONS:**

- 1. *Rule 13 has become disorganized. Similar ideas and activities are separate by different ideas and activities. This amended version of Rule 13 is better-organized and consequently easier to use.***
- 2. *to introduce new Headings to help readers find different subjects more easily.***
- 3. *to recognize the growing importance of the concept of "athletes" by amending one Heading to read "Couples and Athletes", because many of these rules are not about "couples" but are really about "athletes".***
- 4. *to correct some minor errors in English.***
- 5. *to enact the new Rule 13(3.4). The purpose of this new Rule 13(3.4) is: to demonstrate respect for athletes who participate in good faith in the IDSF DanceSport system; to encourage the highest standards of ethics in IDSF DanceSport; to help prevent confusion in IDSF DanceSport ratings and competitions; to help prevent mixed or confusing publicity about IDSF DanceSport; and to assist IDSF to present clear and unambiguous public relations.***