



All NPCs practicing World Para Dance Sport

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## **2017 – 2020 World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations**

Dear NPC President/ Secretary General,

World Para Dance Sport hereby announces some changes in the 2017-2020 World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations, which will come into effect immediately from Monday 6 February 2017.

World Para Dance Sport would like to provide you with an overview of the changes made in the rules. You will see highlighted the main changes regarding the athletes.

### **Technical Rules and Regulations**

#### Definitions and Abbreviations

Rule 1 lists definitions and abbreviations of the terms used in these Rules.

#### Amendments to the Rules and Regulations

Rule 2.3 establishes the timeline for discussions and review of these Rules and Regulations

#### Duties, Functions, Appointments and Per Diems of Officials

Rule 3.4.3 informs new Per Diem for Technical Delegates and Chairpersons of Adjudicators, and establishes that the World Para Dance Sport shall appoint 3 to 5 Adjudicators in case of Approved Competitions and the LOC the remaining ones.

#### Dress Code

Rule 3.4.4 confirms the Dress Code for Technical Delegate, Chairperson of Adjudicators, Adjudicators, Classifiers and all other officials working on the competition.

#### **Entries' requirements for Championships and penalty fee for late entries**

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Rule 3.5.1 b clarifies that 70% of the couples to be entered in the Championships must have competed in at least one approved competition in the current season of the Championships.  
Rule 3.5.1 d brings a penalty fee for late entries in the Championships.

#### Technical Meeting's attendance

Rule 3.5.2 prohibits athletes to attend technical meetings, unless they are the only representatives of their countries in the competition.

#### Protests

Rule 3.9 changes the time for protests after the end of the competition.

#### Anti-Doping

Rule 3.10 is added to the Rules and Regulations.

#### Gender

Rule 3.12 is added to the Rules and Regulations.

#### Medical Services

Rule 3.13 lists the Responsibilities and Medical Exclusions for Medical Services during competitions.

#### Sport Class Allocation

Rule 4.1.3 lists the new Sport Classes Allocation after classification under the new Sport Classification System.

#### Freestyle/ Showdance Events

Rule 6.3.2 clarifies accessories permitted for Freestyle/ Showdance events.

#### Duration of Freestyle/ Showdance presentations

Rule 6.6 b changes the time permitted for Singles and Combi Freestyle/ Showdance presentation.

#### Dance Rounds in Conventional Events

Rule 6.8 changes the number of Rounds in Conventional Events.

#### Falls during Freestyle/ Showdance Events

Rule 6.9 f clarifies what happens in case of a fall during presentation.

#### Discipline

Rule 6.12 adds that any Breach of these Rules and Regulations and/ or any misconduct may be subject to a disciplinary action by the World Para Dance Sport.

#### **Appendix 1**

##### Table of Requirements and Designation of Competitions

Changes on the Athlete Licensing and Classification for Approved Competitions.

#### **Appendix 4**

##### Protest Form

A new Protest Form is introduced.

#### **Appendix 5**

##### Judging Criteria

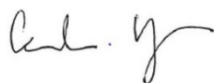
Rule 4.11 b clarifies that a maximum of 3 lifts are permitted during Freestyle/ Showdance presentations;

Rule 4.11 d adds 2 violations that will be subject to deductions: dress code and more than 3 lifts.

We trust that these changes will clarify the Rules and contribute to the further development of the sport.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for questions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Camila Rodrigues".

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