

# **DANCESPORT EUROPE**

# **INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCH RULES**

**STATUS: 2016-10-09 DSE MC MEETING VILA NOVA DE FAMALICAO, PORTUGAL**

## **1. General Rules:**

1.1. These rules are valid for any International Team Match or Team Match Championships organized under DanceSport Europe (DSE) umbrella.

## **2. Couples:**

2.1. According to the format of the Team Match, the team consists of a minimum of four (4) couples.

2.2. According to invitation, the couples can be chosen from different age groups as well as from Standard or Latin. (E.g.: 1 Adult ST, 1 Adult LA, 1 Junior II ST, 1 Junior II LA or 1 Senior I ST, 1 Adult ST, 1 Youth ST, Junior ST).

2.3. The number of couples has to be exactly the same as invitation format. One couple can dance only as one Team Match member. If the format requires 3 couples in Latin and 3 couples in Standard, 6 different couples need to participate.

2.4. All couples who will take part in the Team Match have to be in the possession of an active WDSF competitor licence.

2.5. All couples in one Team must be registered under the same national member body.

## **3. Adjudicators:**

3.1. The panel of minimum 5 adjudicators should be selected.

3.2. All adjudicators must be in the possession of a valid WDSF licence.

3.3. During International Team Match Championships every adjudicator must represent different countries.

3.4. Adjudicator panel must be confirmed by DanceSport Europe Managing Committee.

## **4. Competition Format:**

4.1. Depending on the number of Teams preliminary rounds, semi-final and final are organized.

4.2. If there are more than 4 Teams the competition can begin with a semi-final round. This can be agreed between Chairperson and Organizer.

4.3. Couples from one age/style group should dance together in one or more heats if necessary.

- 4.4. During preliminary rounds adjudicators mark the couples and the result of the Team is a sum of all the marks the Team has achieved during the round. Teams with the highest number of marks are promoted to the next round. Eventually in the final there will be the Teams which have collected the best marks.
- 4.5. The number of Teams chosen to the next round should be equal to the number of marks given by each adjudicator. If there will be a tie, all tied Teams should dance in the next round.
- 4.6. The number of dances should be exactly as we have in the WDSF Competition Rules, according to the age group.

## 5. Final Round:

- 5.1. Couples dancing in the final round are placed by the adjudicators.
- 5.2. Each age/style group is placed separately from 1<sup>st</sup> till 6<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) place
- 5.3. After the final round the scrutineers give the points according to the place couples achieved in each group as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place      20 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place      15 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place      11 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place      7 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place      4 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place      2 points
  - 7<sup>th</sup> place      1 point
  - if more couples in the final because of the tie, there are no points to them.
- 5.4. The winning Team is the Team who collect the most points together from all groups.
- 5.5. If there will be a tie in the points, the best Team is the one who collect more 1<sup>st</sup> places (group winners). If the result is still even, the officials study the 2<sup>nd</sup> places, then 3<sup>rd</sup> places until the result is found.

## 6. Dress Regulations:

- 6.1. All couples participating Team Match must follow the WDSF Dress Regulations.