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## Changes to Competition Rules

From 1 January 2017 the following changes apply to the DanceSport New Zealand Competition Rules.

### Age Groups

#### Changes to Rule 7.4

<b>Youth</b>	All members must be at least 16 years of age but under <b>21 years of age</b> unless an exemption is granted under Rule 7.8	<b>(change from 19 years)</b>
<b>Masters I</b>	One member must have reached his or her 35 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached his or her 30 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year.	<b>(provides flexibility for partnerships)</b>
<b>Masters II</b>	One partner must have reached his or her 50 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached his or her 45 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year	

These changes bring the DanceSport New Zealand Rules in line with WDSF, DanceSport Australia and NZ Ballroom Dance Council

#### **NEW 7.4.2**

**7.4.2 The age restrictions for all age groups are determined by the age that falls in the calendar year and is allocated from 1<sup>st</sup> January of that licensing year.**

*Example s–*

- 1. if an athlete turns 16 in June 2017 the age group for the athlete is Adult from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.*
- 2. If a juvenile turns 13 in April 2017 the age group for the athlete is Junior from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017*

***To help identify your 'dancing age' please see table below.***

***Please note that the NZ Ballroom DanceSport Council age group determination of 1 January only applies to Juvenile and Junior dancers. The age group that applies from 1 January 2017 is the age as at 31 December 2016.***

***Please be aware of this difference when competing under NZ Ballroom Dance Council rules***

**DanceSport New Zealand**

