

DanceSport New Zealand Athlete Ranking Policy

Adopted and comes into force on 18 February 2012

1. Overview

- 1.1 This policy implements the provision of Clause 12.1 of the DanceSport New Zealand Licence and Accreditation Regulations to rank all Athlete Licenceholders based on their performance across a range of recognised competitions. Points will be allocated to licenceholders according to the significance of the competition and with reference to other licenceholders.
- 1.2 The Athlete Ranking System will be the instrument for determining the performance of athletes and to assist with tracking the progress of individual athletes.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objects of the policy are to:
 - 2.1.1 foster a competitive environment between athletes;
 - 2.1.2 provide a transparent and objective system for determining ranking of all Athlete Licenceholders;
 - 2.1.3 provide a robust tool that can be used to confer benefits; and
 - 2.1.4 improve funding leverage for athletes.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 All athletes holding a current and subsisting DanceSport New Zealand Athlete Licence will be entered into the relevant Points Categories as a condition of the licence.
- 3.2 Teams where all team members reside in New Zealand will be entered into the Closed Ranking. (Refer to 5.1)

4. Points Categories

- 4.1 Athletes accrue points across the range of Points Categories according to recognised competitions in which they have successfully competed.
- 4.2 The Points Categories will match the Open DanceSport Event Types of table C1 of the Schedule of Approved Event types pursuant to the DanceSport New Zealand Competition Rules.
- 4.3 The recognised dance styles shall be Standard, Latin American, New Vogue, Classical Sequence, Multi Dance and any other style recognised from time to time.

5. Ranking Categories

- 5.1 The Ranking Categories shall match and be derived from the corresponding Points Categories. Ranking Categories may be restricted to teams residing in New Zealand to form the Closed Ranking Categories.
- 5.2 All existing and active teams of athletes will be included in the relevant Ranking Categories. Each team's ranking scores shall be determined by the average of each team member's corresponding Points Categories.
- 5.3 Every Athlete Licenceholder is required to promptly notify DanceSport New Zealand:
- 5.3.1 of any change in team membership including when they are not part of any team; and
- 5.3.2 when their place of residence changes from New Zealand to Overseas or vice versa.
- 5.4 The Ranking Categories will be made available in the form of ranked lists showing the scores attributed to each team. These lists are collectively called the Team Rankings. The Team Rankings will be public and published on any form of media determined by DanceSport New Zealand from time to time.

6. Recognised Ranking Competitions

- 6.1 Recognised competitions will be allocated into one of seven divisions according to the following table.

Division	Recognised Competitions
World	WDSF World Championships WDSF World Cups World Games World Masters Games
Continental	WDSF Asian Pacific DanceSport Champs WDSF Grand Slams
International	WDSF International Open Championships Blackpool Festival
Open	WDSF Open Championships DanceSport Australia National status open championships
National	DanceSport New Zealand registered National Championships
Regional	DanceSport New Zealand registered Regional Championships
Local	DanceSport New Zealand registered Local Competitions

- 6.2 All National, Regional and Local Division Recognised Competitions or Recognised Competitions hosted in New Zealand will be granted at the absolute discretion of DanceSport New Zealand under the DanceSport New Zealand Competition Rules.

6.3 Teams dancing in World, Continental, International and Open Division Recognised Competitions outside of New Zealand are responsible for advising DanceSport New Zealand and ensuring bona fide results are made available or submitted within fourteen (14) actual days of the event.

7. Allocation of Points

7.1 Athletes will only accrue points as a team from open events. Points are allocated according to four interrelated factors:

7.1.1 Commitment (time in system and number of recognised events danced each year);

7.1.2 Performance (placing relative to other competitors);

7.1.3 Difficulty (number on floor); and

7.1.4 Significance (importance of event).

7.2 Half the points expire for an event after exactly one year. The remaining points of the event expire after exactly two years.

7.3 The points are allocated to members of a team competing in a ranking event according to the following formula;

$$\text{Points} = \text{Division Factor} \times \frac{(\text{Competitors} + 1) - \text{Placing}}{\text{Competitors}}$$

Where;

Division Factor is a factor based on the division of the competition

Competitors is the total number of competitors in the event

Placing is the placing of the team in the event

7.4 Division Factors are given in the following table;

Division	Factor
World	5
Continental	4
International	4
Open	3
National	3
Regional	2
Local	1

Notes:

1. When an athlete changes team, the athlete takes their individual points into the new team.
2. An athlete who has been dancing in events for a higher age class will accrue points in the higher age class and may not transfer these points to another age class.
3. Only Masters events accrue points in the Masters category and Youth events accrue points in the Youth Category.
4. Graded, Teacher Student, Novelty, ProAm or Preliminary event types do not attract points.

Illustrative Example of Point Allocations

John and Jane form a new team. John already has 10.54 points and Jane 4.32 points both from previous teams. On formation of the new team the ranking points are:

Points	John	Jane	Ranking Points
Opening	10.54	4.32	7.43

Over the next month the new team competes. Assuming no opening points expire and additional points are acquired as follows:

The new team dances for the first time in a National Division open event where they are placed sixth overall against 38 teams. (Competition 1 in table)

The team competes next in three Local Division open events winning all of them against 5, 7 and 2 teams. They receive 1 point for each win. (Competitions 2, 3 & 4 in table)

Next the team competes in two Local Division open events placing second in both, against 12 and 8 teams. (Competitions 5 & 6 in table)

Finally the team competes in an Open Division event and are placed twenty fourth overall against 75 teams. (Competition 7 in table)

The team's points from the seven events are summarized:

Points	John	Jane	Ranking Points
Opening	10.54	4.32	7.43
Competition 1	2.61	2.61	2.61
Competition 2	1	1	1
Competition 3	1	1	1
Competition 4	1	1	1
Competition 5	0.92	0.92	0.92
Competition 6	0.88	0.88	0.88
Competition 7	2.77	2.77	2.77
Total	20.72	14.50	17.61

If John and Jane were to split then John would take 20.72 points into a new team and Jane 14.50 points.