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DanceSport New Zealand Representative Selection Policy

Adopted and came into force on 1 May 2011

1. Overview

- 1.1 DanceSport New Zealand is recognised as having the authority to select New Zealand couples to compete in World and Continental Championships and Games within the sport of dance by:
 - 1.1.1 the International Olympic Committee (IOC);
www.olympic.org
 - 1.1.2 Sportaccord;
www.sportaccord.com
 - 1.1.3 the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) and its professional division;
www.worlddancesport.org
 - 1.1.4 the International World Games Association (IWGA);
www.worldgames-iwga.org
 - 1.1.5 the International Masters Games Association (IMGA); and
www.imga.ch
 - 1.1.6 the International Paralympics Committee (IPC).
www.paralympic.org
- 1.2 The selection of couples can be an emotional issue and therefore requires a fair, objective, robust and transparent process. This policy outlines the selection process and the obligations of selected couples.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objects of this policy are to:
 - 2.1.1 provide guidelines in the selection process;
 - 2.1.2 outline eligibility requirements for a couple to be considered for selection;
 - 2.1.3 provide a transparent and robust selection process; and
 - 2.1.4 outline the obligations of selected couples.



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3. Eligibility

- 3.1 In order to be eligible for consideration a couple at the time of application must meet the following conditions:
 - 3.1.1 Both athletes of a partnership must hold a current and subsisting Athlete Licence;
 - 3.1.2 One of the partners must hold a valid and subsisting New Zealand passport or will be likely to hold a valid and subsisting New Zealand passport by the close of registrations at the event subject to selection; and
 - 3.1.3 Any additional eligibility conditions imposed by the IDSF, IOC, Sportaccord, IMGA, IWGA or IPC.

4. Application Process

- 4.1 DanceSport New Zealand will annually advise in advance to all Athlete Licenceholders events subject to a selection process for the coming year. The advice will provide the time and place of the event, a closing date for applications and form of the selection process (Refer 5.1).
- 4.2 As a guide, DanceSport New Zealand will consider applications six monthly and ensure that applicants are advise no less than six months in advance of any event subject to a selection process.
- 4.3 DanceSport New Zealand may consider a couple applying for selection after the closing date if there are insufficient eligible quality couples or there are genuine grounds for accepting a late application.

5. Selection Process

- 5.1 There will be two selection processes used to rank applicants:
 - 5.1.1 DanceSport New Zealand may decide to subject any selection to a dance-off in conjunction with a nationally significant New Zealand event; and
 - 5.1.2 The default selection process will be by a selection committee appointed by DanceSport New Zealand to consider eligible applicants.
- 5.2 The highest ranked eligible couple will be offered selection and will have fourteen (14) days from the date of written notice to accept. If a couple fails to accept or declines within fourteen (14) days, selection will be offered to the next ranked eligible couple.
- 5.3 In the event that a second couple may be selected this will be made by a selection committee no less than three (3) months before the representation event.



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- 5.4 The primary ranking criteria for a selection committee (pursuant to 5.1.2) shall be:
- 5.4.1 Performance in the Chart Ranking System;
 - 5.4.2 International performance and experience; and
 - 5.4.3 Suitability of character.
- 5.5 A set of guidelines shall be developed and maintained for every selection committee as an appendix of this policy.
- 6. Obligations**
- 6.1 If a couple is selected and accepts selection, DanceSport New Zealand may require the couple to undertake a guarantee of intent or to enter into a written agreement.
- 6.2 Both partners of a selected couple will undertake to:
- 6.2.1 provide a written report within sixty days of the relevant event detailing the experience and how the opportunity has benefited their development;
 - 6.2.2 strictly adhere to anti-doping codes of the IDSF, World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) and Drug Free Sport New Zealand including providing samples when requested to do so;
 - 6.2.3 give permission for samples to be taken for the purposes of drug testing; and
 - 6.2.4 return any surplus funds provided by DanceSport New Zealand or its settled trust not applied to the selection event whether or not the couple attended.
- 6.3 The selected couple will be solely responsible for ensuring they are familiar with and adhere to all applicable anti-doping and dress codes.
- 6.4 Couples may find out more information on anti-doping by visiting:
- 6.4.1 Drug Free Sport New Zealand;
www.drugfreesport.org.nz
 - 6.4.2 World Anti-doping Agency; and
www.wada-ama.org
 - 6.4.3 IDSF anti-doping regulations.
www.worlddancesport.org/rule/athlete/anti-doping
- 6.5 Couples are advised to be proactive and visit relevant websites for current event information.