



All NPCs practicing World Para Dance Sport

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## **2018 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 Thursday 1 March 2018.

World Para Dance Sport would like to provide you with an overview of the changes made in the rules approved during the last Sport Forum.

### **Technical Rules and Regulations**

#### Definitions and Abbreviations

Rule 1 defines the new judging system and professional standing dancer.

#### Competition management

Rule 3.2 establishes competitions must comprise of one (1), two (2) or three (3) consecutive days.

#### Athlete Eligibility

Rule 3.1 defines the eligibility criteria to compete in junior events.

#### 3.4.3.1 Conventional and Freestyle/Showdance Events

Rule 3.4.3.1 informs that competitions taking place in 2018 will be allowed to use either the Skating Judging System or the new Judging System.

#### Wild Card

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Rule 3.5.2 clarifies the procedures to apply for a Wild Card to attend Championships.

#### Conventional Events

Rule 4.1.2 lists the fixed dances for junior events.

#### Competition Class Allocation in Duo Events

Rule 4.1.5 explains the competition class allocation for duo freestyle events.

#### Music for Freestyle/ Showdance Events

Rule 6.6 defines the length of the freestyle presentations (single, combi and duo).

#### Dance Rounds in Conventional Events

Rule 6.8 defines the dance rounds in conventional events.

### **Appendix 5 - Judging Criteria**

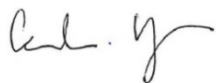
New judging system for the conventional events was approved during the Sport Forum. The organisers of international competitions will be allowed to choose which judging criteria shall be used during 2018.

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

A full review of the rules throughout the course of 2018 will be conducted.

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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