



## **IDSF DanceSport Championship Protocol**

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### **Rule 1 Preparation**

1. This IDSF DanceSport Championships Protocol (ChP) is mandatory for event organizers and all participants including athletes and officials.
2. The organizer must produce the following materials:
  - a) Poster/advertisement (minimum format A3).
  - b) Program for the event (minimum format A5), including at least:
    - The greeting/message of the IDSF president or another IDSF presidium member and his/her photo.
    - List of competitors including couples names in the alphabetical order in English of their country according to the surname of the male or female partner.
    - Brief details and photo of the Chairman
    - Brief details and photographs of the Panel of Adjudicators listed by their country alphabetical order.
    - Brief details and photos of the Master of Ceremonies and organizing committee.

Advertisements in the Program shall occupy no more than a maximum of 75 % of the total space.

The organizer is entitled to use all information from the then current IDSF Press kit in the Program.



3. The title of the competition shall be only in this form:

**„year“IDSF World/Continental DanceSport Championship  
"category (if not Adults)" "discipline"**

(e.g. 2009 IDSF World DanceSport Championship Youth Latin)

If the IDSF DanceSport Championship or IDSF DanceSport Cup is a part of any traditional event or if there is a general sponsor, both titles can be connected, but the IDSF DanceSport Championship or Cup title must be given, e.g.

**2020 Country Open**

and

**Visamaster 2020 IDSF World DanceSport Championship Latin**

4. The IDSF logo and the full (not shortened) name of the IDSF DanceSport Championship or IDSF DanceSport Cup shall be used on all occasions and in all branding or marketing opportunities. The IDSF flag or an IDSF Logo Projection must be clearly and prominently located in the venue. A second IDSF flag must be placed near one of the 4 corners of the Dancefloor, without disturbing the athletes' performances.
5. All official texts (R1.2b, R1.3) must be in English and in the organizer's local language with equal preference for both languages. All information must be written in English and all countries' names must be written in the English translation, and, if desired, in the original and local language.
6. The Master of Ceremonies must speak in English and in the local language or languages. It is possible to use co-presenters if one of the presenters is unable to speak fluent English. Names should be published with original spelling and with titles confirmed through the check-in procedure.

## **Rule 2      Dance Floor and Decoration**

1. The Logo and full name of IDSF, and the full name of the IDSF DanceSport Championship must be placed on the main stage and be within the view of the TV cameras during prize presentations.
2. The Logo and full name of IDSF, and the full name of the IDSF DanceSport Championship must be placed within the configuration of advertising boards around the dance floor and in a position that places the logo and names within the view of the main TV camera.



3. No advertisements may be larger than the competition title and IDSF name and logo.
4. The flags of all participating countries shall be displayed in a place clearly visible from the dance floor.
5. A podium is required for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists and shall have steps with minimum dimensions of 1 m x 0,6 m and a maximum height of 50 cm for the Gold Medallists. The podium shall be placed in front of the main stage for presentations.
6. Three flag-bars (or adequate devices with the mechanism for lifting national flags) with the highest position in the middle, lower to the right and the lowest to the left shall be ready opposite the main stage and the flags of the countries of the couples in the Gold, Silver and Bronze places shall be available in appropriate equal dimensions and shall be ready for raising during the prize presentation ceremony.

### **Rule 3      Opening Ceremony**

1. Prior to the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> round there shall be a brief opening ceremony with the following minimum requirements:
  - a) The IDSF flag will be carried by 4 persons in front of the march in of all countries' Teams headed by Team Captains carrying displays with country names and introduction of their countries.
  - b) An announcement from the Master of Ceremonies will include:
    - a welcome greeting
    - the title of the IDSF DanceSport Championship or Cup
    - the number of participants and participating countries
  - c) There will be an introduction of the chairman and panel of judges.
  - d) The Athletes' Oath must be taken by athletes:

The following text shall be read by an athlete during the opening ceremony of all IDSF World DanceSport Championships respectively all IDSF Continental DanceSport Championships. It will be followed by the reading of the Adjudicators' Oath":

"In the name of all athletes I promise that we shall take part in this IDSF World DanceSport Championship (respectively IDSF Continental DanceSport Championship), respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sport without doping



and without drugs, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honour of the athletes”.

e) The Adjudicators' Oath must be taken by Adjudicators:

At all IDSF World DanceSport Championships respectively all IDSF Continental DanceSport Championships., Adjudicators will together pledge to respect the terms of the Judges' Oath which is as follows:

“In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in this IDSF World DanceSport Championship (respectively IDSF Continental DanceSport Championship) with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship”.

f) Greeting and opening speeches, by no more than

- the local IDSF member representative.
- the Local Representative.
- the IDSF President or by a Member of the IDSF Presidium.

g) The athletes will march out with their countries' Teams.

2. Prior to the evening session of the Championship (minimum semi-final and final) there shall be a brief opening ceremony with the following minimum requirements:

a) March in of the countries' Teams headed by Team Captains carrying banners with country names.

b) An announcement from the Master of Ceremonies will include:

- the title of the IDSF DanceSport Championship or Cup
- the number of participants and participating countries

c) Personal presentation of each couple with the name of their country.

d) An introduction of the chairman and panel of judges.

e) Greeting and opening speeches, by no more than

- the local IDSF member representative
- the Local Representative.
- the IDSF President or by a Member of the IDSF Presidium.



- f) The athletes will march out with their countries' Teams in alphabetical order of the country in English.
- g) The host country is permitted to be introduced last onto the floor.

#### **Rule 4 Prize giving Ceremony**

1. The Break between the end of the final round and the Prize giving ceremony shall not be longer than two minutes.
2. Medals, provided by the IDSF, shall be brought to the stage, each pair carried by one person, on velvet cushions or other appropriate carrier; If cups are ready they should be brought or carried to the stage behind the medal-bearers. Floral bouquets for all female finalists shall also be brought to the stage.
3. The Prize giving ceremony shall include the following minimum requirements:
  - a) Fanfares
  - b) March in of all finalists
  - c) An Announcer's Script for the Prize giving Ceremony must be provided to the Master of Ceremonies (See Appendix 1). The announcement of the results shall be from the last place to the 1st place in the final.
  - d) Prizes for the finalists presented by a maximum of 3 persons:
    - the IDSF President or a Member of the IDSF Presidium.
    - a high ranking politician or a representative of the mayor of the city.
    - the President or a person appointed by the President of the IDSF Member Body.
  - e) After the announcement of all places and distribution of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals, cups and flowers, the national anthem of the winning couple's country shall be played and the flags of the first 3 couples' countries shall be raised simultaneously.
  - f) An honour dance performed by the Champions.



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- g) No announcements of adjudicators or prizes for adjudicators are allowed during the Prize giving Ceremony.

This IDSF DanceSport Championship Protocoll (v 1.10) was passed by the IDSF Presidium June 12, 2009 and shall come into force and effect on September 1, 2009.



## **APPENDIX 1 to IDSF DanceSport Championships Protocol**

### **Requirements for the Master of Ceremonies - Script for the Prize presentations:**

"year" IDSF World/Continent DanceSport Championship "category (if not adults)" "discipline" – Prize giving Ceremony

The .....(trophies, cups, gifts) are presented by.....(First Name, last Name, Title)

- Note: 4<sup>th</sup> Presenter (i.e. Sponsor) when applicable
- The Sixth Place: ..... (First Name, Last Name, Title)
- The Fifth Place: ..... (First Name, Last Name, Title)
- The Fourth Place: ..... (First Name, Last Name, Title)
- Third place and winners of the Bronze medal: .....(First Name, Last Name, Title)
- Second place and winners of the Silver medal:.....(First Name, Last Name, Title)
- IDSF World/Continental DanceSport Champions in "discipline" and winners of the Gold medal.....(First Name, Last Name, Title)

The Bronze medals are presented by .....(First Name, Last Name, Title)

The Silver medals are presented by .....(First Name, Last Name, Title)

The Gold Medals are presented by .....(First Name, Last Name, Title)