

# WDSF NEWSLETTER

## WDSF Highlights: Global Competitions and Key Updates

### BRISBANE HOSTS THE INAUGURAL WORLD BREAKING DANCESPORT FESTIVAL

Australia welcomed the inaugural World Breaking DanceSport Festival at Brisbane City Hall on 17–18 January 2026, showcasing elite athletes from over 34 nations.

Day one featured electrifying Adult 1 vs 1 B-Boys and B-Girls battles, as well as Team 3 vs 3 Mixed competitions, with standout performances from B-Boy Monkey Z, B-Girl Royal, and Team China.

The second day highlighted Youth categories, where talents such as B-Girl Royal and B-Boy Lil Kong demonstrated exceptional skill, creativity, and competitive maturity, while competing for crucial WDSF ranking points that contribute to qualification pathways toward the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

WDSF President Shawn Tay emphasised the event's role in shaping the future of Breaking and supporting its pathway towards Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

A full recap for both days of the event is available on [WDSF website](#).



### MARIUS-ANDREI BALAN & KHRYSTYNA MOSHENSKA NOMINATED FOR IWGA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2025

WDSF athletes **Marius-Andrei Balan** and **Khrystyna Moshenska** have been nominated for the IWGA Athlete of the Year 2025, recognising outstanding achievement across all sports featured in The World Games in Chengdu.

The pair have built an exceptional career, claiming multiple World and European Championship titles and numerous victories in elite WDSF competitions worldwide.

Their sustained excellence, resilience, and artistry in Latin DanceSport have set a global benchmark.

Public voting closes on 2 February 2026, offering the DanceSport community an opportunity to support these exemplary athletes on the international stage.

[You can vote for them by clicking here.](#)



## WDSF PARTNERS WITH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD TO INSPIRE YOUNG AUSTRALIANS THROUGH BREAKING

The Brisbane World Breaking DanceSport Festival featured an innovative collaboration between WDSF, DanceSport Australia, Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), and the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in Australia, marking the first step toward integrating Breaking into the Award's globally recognised youth development framework.

The initiative was complemented by free Breaking workshops for children at PCYC facilities in Logan, delivered by leading Australian breakers, including B-Boy Benmx and B-Boy J Attack, providing accessible and engaging entry points into the discipline.

Through this programme, WDSF reinforced Breaking's role as a powerful tool for personal growth, community engagement, and long-term youth development.



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## WDSF PRESIDIUM APPROVES OPERATING POLICY AMENDMENTS IN ALIGNMENT WITH IOC GUIDANCE ON INDIVIDUAL NEUTRAL ATHLETES

The WDSF Presidium has approved amendments to its Operating Policy on the participation of Individual Neutral Athletes, support personnel, and officials holding Russian or Belarusian passports.

The revisions align with the 14th Olympic Summit conclusions and updated IOC guidance.

Notably, the neutrality framework no longer applies to youth and younger age category competitions, though it remains in force for all other events.

Adjusted protocols for Belarusian athletes now include a provisional anthem, flag, and uniform framework, while neutrality obligations persist for support personnel and officials. The policy also provides enhanced clarity, consistency, and role-specific instructions, reaffirming WDSF's commitment to fair, politically neutral competition.

## WDSF APPROVES BRRM V15 WITH NEW REGULATIONS FOR TEAM BATTLES

The WDSF Presidium has approved amendments to the Breaking Rules and Regulations Manual, with BRRM v15 coming into force on 26 December 2025.

The updated regulations formally introduce and govern Team Battles (3vs3 and 5vs5) within the WDSF Breaking framework, alongside updates to the judging system, team participation rules, and ranking structure.

Team Battles will be evaluated at team level using the comparative methodology, with misbehaviour sanctions applied to the entire team. Teams must be registered through their National Member Body, and ranking points will follow the Breaking for Gold World Series structure, valid for 18 months.

The full **BRRM v15** is available on the [WDSF website](#). National Member Bodies are requested to inform their athletes and stakeholders accordingly.

