

WDSF NEWSLETTER

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WDSF LAUNCHES OFFICIAL DIGITAL COMPETITION CERTIFICATES

To streamline administrative processes for athletes needing official verification of their achievements, the WDSF has launched a new automated digital service. Active licence holders can now download official PDF certificates directly from their online profile, signed by WDSF Vice-President for Sports, Mr. Nenad Jetic.

- **What is included:** Athlete name, WDSF MIN, country, event title, location, date, partner details (if applicable), and final placement.
- **How to access:** Log in to your WDSF profile, go to the "*Competitions / Certificates*" menu, and click the download button next to any event in your competition history.

Check more about the process on [WDSF website](#).

WDSF UPDATES PARTICIPATION FRAMEWORK FOR RUSSIAN ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS

Following the International Olympic Committee's decision to provisionally lift the suspension of the **Russian Olympic Committee**, the WDSF Presidium has formally **abolished its Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) policy**. Russian participants will now return to competing under standard WDSF governance protocols, complemented by enhanced anti-doping supervision.

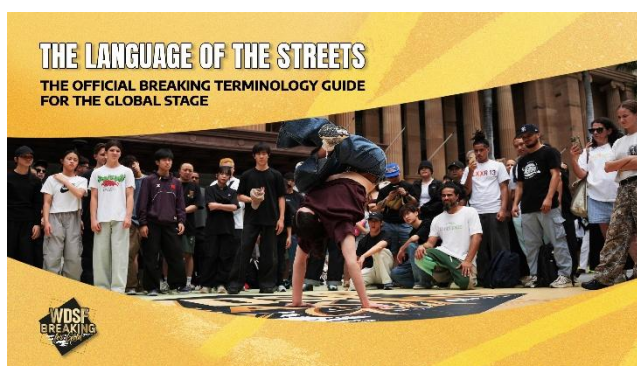
- **Withdrawal of Neutral Status:** All

AIN/OIN statuses, screening declarations, and specific restrictions have ceased with immediate effect. Standard WDSF Statutes and Competition Rules now apply.

- **Targeted Anti-Doping Standards:** In coordination with the International Testing Agency (ITA), strict testing protocols, including mandatory in-competition testing pools and independent supervision within Russia, have been approved to ensure full compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

THE LANGUAGE OF THE STREETS: THE OFFICIAL WDSF BREAKING TERMINOLOGY GUIDE



As top B-Boys and B-Girls prepare for major global multi-sport events, mastering the official terminology of Breaking is essential. WDSF has released a comprehensive guide for general audiences, detailing the technical language, rich heritage, and competitive rules of the discipline.

Cultural Authenticity: The term Breakdance is a commercial 1980s media label. The authentic, official terms are Breaking, B-Boying, and B-Girling, rooted in dancers moving to the

instrumental "breaks" isolated by early DJs.

The 4 Movement Foundations: Competitors' sets are evaluated on Top Rock, Footwork, Freezes, and Power Moves.

Battle Format & Judging: 1v1 Battles follow a performance-and-response format (Round Robin to Knockout Finals). A non-voting Head Judge oversees comparative scoring across five equal criteria: Technique, Vocabulary, Originality, Execution, and Musicality.

Key Infractions: Athletes face heavy penalties for a Crash (an accidental slip disrupting flow) or a Bite (copying another dancer's original moves).

Read the complete text on [WDSF website](#).

QUEENSLAND'S SUNSHINE COAST PREPARES TO HOST OCEANIA'S FIRST-EVER WDSF SOLO LATIN COMPETITIONS



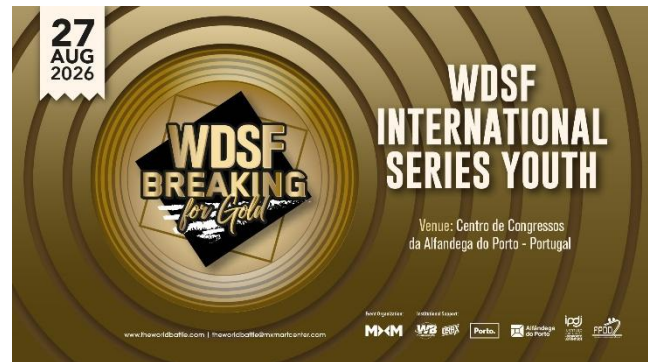
History will be made on Saturday, 29 August 2026, as the *Fire Up & Golden Rose DanceSport Open 2026* brings the WDSF Open Solo Latin Female categories to Oceania for the very first time. Hosted at Venue 114 on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, this milestone reflects the global growth of the Solo Latin discipline.

- **Key Categories:** *Juvenile II*, *Junior II*, and *Adult*.
- **Two Days of Action (28–29 August):** Organised by Jively Events alongside DanceSport Australia (DSA) and the WDSF, the weekend features both historic solo events and a full national DSA Championship programme.
- **A New Chapter:** Event Director Luke Brown highlighted the event as a premier platform to showcase female athleticism, technique, and musicality on the international

stage.

Know more about the competition on the [WDSF website](#).

MAX MOMENTUM AND WDSF WELCOME TOP YOUNG B-BOYS AND B-GIRLS TO THE ICONIC ALFÂNDEGA DO PORTO



Registrations are open for the **WDSF Breaking for Gold International Series Youth (1vs1)**, taking place on **27 August 2026** at the riverfront venue *Alfândega do Porto*. Held as part of *The World Battle*, the event marks a key fixture for international youth rankings and cultural fusion.

- **A Vision for Youth:** Founder Max Oliveira emphasizes that bringing the official youth circuit back to Portugal reinforces a partnership with WDSF built on trust, providing crucial high-pressure international experience for the next generation.
- **Heritage Meets Innovation:** Set in a historic venue, the festival bridges authentic street culture with modern elite sport. WDSF President Shawn Tay noted: "*WDSF Youth athletes in Porto are pushing the boundaries of Breaking right here, right now.*"
- **Expanded Festival:** The 2026 edition promises deeper integration of sport, culture, and entertainment for athletes, coaches, and international delegations.

Read complete interview on [WDSF website](#).

WDSF CARIBBEAN DANCES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS EXPANDS WITH UNPRECEDENTED 21 WORLD TITLES



The countdown is on for the WDSF Caribbean Dances World Championships 2026, taking place in Alicante, Spain, from **9 to 12 October 2026**. To enhance this flagship event, the WDSF has introduced nine new World Championship titles, bringing the total to an unprecedented 21 titles across four days.

- **9 New Titles:** Features new competitive categories across *Adult Couples* (Salsa On 1, Salsa On 2, Bachata), *Shine Duo Female* (Adult & Junior for Salsa and Bachata), and *Senior Female Solo* (Salsa & Bachata Shine).
- **4-Day Schedule:** Structured from 9–12 October to facilitate international multi-category entries alongside WDSF Open Standard, Latin, and World Cup events.
- **Open Categories:** Younger dancers can also compete in the *WDSF Open Juvenile Solo Shine* divisions.

Read more on [WDSF website](#).

HONG KONG TO HOST 2026 WDSF ASIAN BREAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Asia's top B-Boys and B-Girls will gather in Hong Kong on **21 and 22 November 2026** for the **WDSF Asian Breaking Championships**

(Adult). Organised by the DanceSport Association of Hong Kong, China Limited, this major continental fixture will bring elite 1v1 Battles to the iconic Queen Elizabeth Stadium Arena in Wan Chai.

- **Key Continental Fixture:** Competitors will battle head-to-head across two days for continental honours, relying on intricate footwork, power moves, and musicality.
- **Global Coverage:** Fans worldwide will be able to stream high-definition multi-camera coverage from the Top 16 stage through to the medal finals.

Read more on [WDSF website](#).

HISTORIC VICTORIES AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS AT THE 38TH GERMAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 38th German Open Championships (GOC) in Stuttgart concluded as the most successful post-pandemic edition since 2020. Welcoming over 6,200 starts from 60 nations and sell-out crowds, WDSF President Shawn Tay reaffirmed Stuttgart as the "beating heart of WDSF".

- **GrandSlam Latin History:** China's Yan Bangbang and Du Yujun secured a historic first-ever GOC GrandSlam Latin gold for China, narrowly positioning ahead of Spain's Guillem Pascual and Diandra-Aniela Illes.
- **GrandSlam Standard Supremacy:** Undeclared 2026 favorites Rares Cojoc and Andrea Matei (Romania) defended their crown, claiming their second consecutive GOC GrandSlam title.



Honours & Medals: Italy topped the final medal table (14 gold), while Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to pioneers Harry Körner, Michael Eichert, and former CEO Wilfried Scheible.

Read full recaps on [WDSF website](#).

SUCCESS IN DAKAR: *BREAKING EN FRANCOPHONIE* PAVES WAY FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2026



The WDSF and the **Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (YOGOC)** successfully concluded *Breaking en Francophonie* at the Complex Tour de l'Œuf in Dakar, Senegal. Held as an official operational test event, the initiative rigorously evaluated venue infrastructure, competition software, and logistical workflows ahead of the Youth Olympic Games this November.

- **Podium Results:** France claimed top spots across the board, with B-Boy Enzo and B-Girl Carlota taking the titles in high-tempo 1v1 Battles.
- **Educational Legacy:** Expert WDSF educators delivered dedicated workshops for local Senegalese judges, volunteers, and DJs, who successfully managed the live music delivery for the event.

- **Road to YOG 2026:** With operational baselines established, the WDSF now shifts focus to final athlete quota allocations and confirms its readiness for November's historic Games.

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