

World Para Dance Sport Online Challenge

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1. Organiser:

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2. Programme:

The competition will be divided in 3 groups:

First group:

Duo Freestyles Classes 1 and 2, New
 Combi Standard Classes 1 and 2, New
 Women's Single Conventional Classes 1 and 2, New

Second group:

Duo Standard Classes 1 and 2, New
 Combi Freestyle Classes 1 and 2, New
 Men's Single Conventional Classes 1 and 2, New
 Junior boys and girls, Classes 1 and 2, New

Third group:

Duo Latin Classes 1 and 2, New
 Combi Latin Classes 1 and 2, New
 Women's Single Freestyle Classes 1 and 2, New
 Men's Single Freestyle Classes a1 and 2, New

For more information about new athletes, please read the eligibility details in section 6 below.

Singles Conventional (5 dances – Waltz, Tango, Samba, Rumba, Jive)

Latin dances: Samba, Cha-cha-cha, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive

Dance	Sport Class 1	Sport Class 2
	Bar/minute	Bar/minute
Waltz	28-30	28-30
Tango	31-33	31-33
Viennese Waltz	56-58	58-60
Slow Foxtrot	28-30	28-30
Quick Step	48-50	50-52
Samba	48-50	50-52
Cha-Cha-Cha	28-30	30-32
Rumba	24-25	24-25
Paso Doble	58-60	60-62
Jive	40-42	42-44

3. Competition format:

This unofficial online competition does not constitute a WPDS Recognised Competition. Results and rankings from this competition will not be recognised for any purposes under the World Para Dance Sport

Rules and Regulations.

The competition format will be as follow:

- NPCs or Authorised National Federations will register the participants and upload the videos of the athletes' performance before the stipulated deadline in a link that will be provided to them.
- Only licensed athletes will be accepted.
- A panel of international adjudicators will judge the performances by reference to the scoring provisions set out in the World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations.
- Competition will not be livestreamed, but videos of the performances may be published on the WPDS website and social media. By completing the attached entry form and entering the competition you consent to the video of your performance being published in this way.
- The duration of presentations for Combi Standard and Latin in each dance:
 - Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba – 1:00 – 1:30 min
 - Paso Doble – up to the second highlight
 - Jive and Viennese Walz – 1:00 min
 - Walz, Tango, Slow Foxtrot and Quickstep – 1:00 – 1:30 min
- The duration of presentations for Singles Conventional in each dance:
 - Waltz, Tango, Samba, Rumba - 1:00 – 1:30 min; Jive – 1:00 min
 - The duration of presentations for Singles Freestyles: 1:30 – 2:00 min
 - The duration of presentations for Duo Freestyles 2:30 – 3:00
 - The duration of presentations for Combi Freestyles 2:30 – 3:00 min

4. International Classification:

Due to the unofficial online nature of this competition, there will be no classification prior to the event.

5. Entry Deadline:

For licensed athletes, the entries will be received as follows:

- Group 1: entries from 10 to 30 April
- Group 2: entries from 20 April to 10 May
- Group 3: entries from 30 April to 20 May

Videos with presentations will also be uploaded during this time.

Entries received after the deadlines will not be accepted.

6. Eligibility:

All athletes must have an eligible impairment and fulfil the minimum impairment criteria for the sport of Para dance sport.

Only athletes with confirmed or review status will be allowed to compete in the events not for new athletes. Review athletes will compete within their current class.

New athletes will be allowed to compete only if WPDS determines in its absolute discretion that have an eligible impairment and are likely to fulfil the minimum impairment criteria when they present for classification at a future date. In order to determine this, the relevant NPC or NF will need to proceed with full registration and licensing of these new athletes, including providing the appropriate Medical Diagnostic Form and supporting medical documents. The Medical Diagnostic Form can be found at <https://www.paralympic.org/dance-sport/documents>

Please be aware that acceptance of a new athlete's eligibility to compete in this unofficial online competition does not represent a decision as to their eligibility pursuant to the World Para Dance Sport

Classification Rules. All new athletes will be required to attend a classification evaluation session as normal in future in order to be classified under the World Para Dance Sport Classification Rules and be assigned a sport class before being allowed to compete in any official World Para Dance Sport international competition.

In line with this, for the purposes of this unofficial online competition, all new athletes will compete in separate events from athletes who have a confirmed/review status.

WPDS' decision as to whether or not to admit new athletes to this unofficial competition is final, and no protest or appeal procedure will be in place in relation to this unofficial competition.

7.Results:

The results will be published after 10 June, and it will depend on how many participants will join the events.

8.Ranking:

The results of this unofficial competition will not be considered for the purposes of the World Para Dance Sport World Ranking List.

9. Entries and Registration Process:

NPCs or Authorised NFs will need to proceed with full registration and licensing of these athletes, including submission of a Medical Diagnostic Form and supporting medical documents for the new athletes.

No limit on number of athletes per country.

NPCs or Authorised National Federations will contact WPDS informing they wish to participate. They will need to send a name and email address of the team leader for this online competition. A personalised link and password to proceed with the registration of the athletes will be sent to those contacts.

10. Entry Fee:

No entry fee will be charged for this unofficial competition.

11. Rules and Regulations:

The competition will be judged in reference to the World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations. The judges' decision in relation to the scoring and results of this competition shall be final, with no provisions for protest or challenge.

The competition will be held under the World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations.

12. Anti-Doping:

All athletes must comply with the terms of the IPC Anti-Doping Code.

13. Videos:

Camera Requirements:

A camera, phone, tablet or handheld device that captures in Standard Definition (SD) video quality, or ideally High Definition (HD) (most phones do this) with white light and good quality of sound.

Filming Requirements:

When recording a performance, please ensure that the video meets the following criteria:

- Background should be clear and clean, and we must be able to see both the standing and wheelchair dancers in full at all times, during the entire routine.
- Captures start of performance (ideally several seconds before the start). The starting signal (audio or visual) needs to be recorded.
- Frontal video shooting with a fixed camera. No special effects and no filters. Horizontal orientation.
- Is it allowed for the camera to follow the athlete/couple when they go to the far sides of the venue, but this has to be done from a fixed location, as indicated above.
- Clearly captures the end of the performance (ideally records until several seconds after end).
- Camera should not be too far from the performance.
- White lights with no counter light in the background.
- It is a full, non-edited video file.
- It is possible to use zoom in order to show the couple in a better way, however the images we must show both dancers in full at all times, during the entire routine”
- Video file size: up to 300 Mb.
- Format of files: .mp4
- Video Resolution: 1280x720px or 1920x1080px
- Audio: 128-320 kbps

Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the adjudicators being unable to score the athlete.

Additional Notes:

As this is an unofficial online competition, athletes are asked to compete with honesty, respect and integrity. Given athletes will be performing in a range of different venues/facilities, please pay special attention to health and safety requirements – including any and all relevant precautions against COVID-19. All the athletes’ personal data will be stored for registration and competition purposes. Personal data such as athlete’s name and country will be listed publicly on the results lists. Submitted videos will be used only for the competition as well as communication, education and development related activities through WPDS channels, and may be uploaded and accessed publicly on the WPDS [website](#), especially the videos of the winners.