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TO: DanceSport Athletes & Professional Members, USA Dance Chapter & National Officials

Please note the new rulebook is available for viewing or download from our website under DanceSport Forms & Resources www.usadance.org

The New Rulebook Has Arrived

The 12th Version of the USA Dance DanceSport Rulebook is now available. Your DanceSport Council has spent several months working on improvements and clarifications to help organizers, officials and athletes.

Pay particular attention to the following items:

- 3.4.3.3 Allows for shorter length of music during uncontested competitions.
- 3.10 Entire Dress Regulations section has been redone with: (1) clarifications of definitions and (2) re-layout of content by age division and style of dance. This makes it a considerable number of additional pages with a fair amount of redundancy. However; one only needs to read the respective section that applies to them instead of pulling the information across the previously combined format.
- 4.2.5 Revises the rules governing eligibility of couples dancing in nationals by: (1) separating out international requirements, (2) outlining the qualifying structure for the next 2 years, (3) providing specific exceptions for respective dance categories and medical waivers of NQE requirements.
- 4.6.2.21 lowers the proficiency points to 200 as the new threshold for ineligibility in a given category.
- 5.1.7 adds a structure of fees for collegiate teams seeking to run USA Dance sanctioned competitions.
- 5.2.3 Lists the dances to be offered in each National Qualifying event to qualify dancers for the National Championships.
- 5.2.4 Lists the dances to be offered at Nationals
- Updates to the Syllabus section including the additional steps allowed in Viennese Waltz in USA Dance and IDSF open-level competitions
- The addition of a new Appendix Section that covers the eligibility, process and scholarships for couples selected to IDSF World Championships and World Cups.

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