



IDSF - IPDSC Joint Press Release #2

GUIDELINES

for the Development of the New IDSF Professional Division

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As promised late last year, as part of IDSF's VISION 2012 initiative, IPDSC President Daniele Tondon and IDSF President Carlos Freitag are now jointly issuing the following Guidelines to encourage and assist IDSF Members, and IPDSC Members and their supporters, to begin to work together to establish an effective working foundation for the IDSF Professional Division at the local level in every country; and they request as an urgent priority, and preferably before June 10, 2010, that each IDSF Member body which is not also the IPDSC Member for its country:

- invite all people in the IPDSC in its country to join its proposed IDSF Professional Division
- amend its Statutes to provide that the IDSF Professional Division of that body be largely self-governing regarding internal matters, for example with respect to professional competition rules and professional competitions, and licensing professional athletes, teachers, trainers, coaches and adjudicators, while at the same time respecting the IDSF Member body's general internal and external administrative jurisdiction, modern democratic principles of free societies, modern sporting principles, modern management principles, its own country's laws, and IDSF's universal requirements regarding (for example) ethics, Anti-doping, and other policies established by IDSF or the IDSF Presidium from time to time
- amend its Statutes to provide that the IDSF Professional Division of that body elect a representative "IDSF Professional Division Director"
- amend its Statutes to provide that the IDSF Professional Division Director shall be a full voting Member of the IDSF Member body's Presidium or equivalent governing group
- amend its Statutes and governing documents to provide that a separate fund and, if necessary, separate bank account(s) be established, to receive all of the assets of the IPDSC Member in its country and that that fund be administered solely by the IDSF Professional Division Director, subject only to the IDSF Member body's general rules for administering and accounting for its own funds and subject to the Director's duty to make full disclosure of such administration and accounts to the IDSF Member body on a regular and ongoing basis



and requests that every IDSF Member body:

- amend its Statutes and governing documents to provide for the formal, legal creation of an “IDSF Professional Division” within itself, to be known according to the name of the IDSF Member body, for example “**IDSF Professional Division, Thailand DanceSport Association**”
- amend its Statutes and governing documents to provide preferential treatment for all persons who are Members of the IDSF Professional Division within any IDSF Member body, over other professional dancers, including:
 - access to adjudicators’ licences, trainers’ and coaches’ licences;
 - participation in workshops and academies;
 - permission to produce IDSF Championships, Cups and other tournaments;
 - and
 - eligibility for any available grants, employment and referrals
- amend its Statutes and governing documents to provide for sincere consultation and fair treatment re: work and issues involving both the IDSF Member body generally and its IDSF Professional Division in particular, including planning competition schedules
- use its best efforts to integrate IDSF Professional Division Members into the IDSF DanceSport Academy as an institute of education for all DanceSport people
- encourage its athletes who wish to become professional dancers, to join its IDSF Professional Division rather than to affiliate with another organization or organizations outside IDSF
- send its best couples to the all IOC-recognized Games, whether they are professional or amateur
- generally, to use its best efforts, in a spirit of sporting friendship, to ensure the success of the transition from IPDSC to the IDSF Professional Division in its country, with malice toward none, and fairness to all.

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