

NEW ZEALAND BALLROOM DANCE COUNCIL (NZBDC)

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Established in 1965 as the Governing Body for Ballroom Dancing and Dancesport in New Zealand

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Rule Changes, Additions and Amendments to NZBDC Rules

For efficacy, the Changes and Additions are presented with their clear intent

These are effective immediately and were passed at the NZBDC AGM in February 2019 by the Trustees of Council

As Council is currently editing the current Rule Book these Rules will be appended to the Current Rule Book and will be incorporated into the New Rule Book

Many Rules of the NZBDC are dependant, and should be understood, within the context of the whole Rule Book (and this appendix) and not in isolation

If you are unsure of any Rule you can contact info@dancesportcouncil.com for clarification

Item 1

1. Definition of Am/Am Registered Amateur Teacher dancing with a Registered Amateur have the same conditions as Pro/Am Amateurs
2. Pro/Am & Am/Am Events may be combined at the Organisers discretion
3. Definition of Couple amended to read 2 dancers
4. Solo Dancer definition – A registered or unregistered dancer who dances on the floor as an individual, potentially with other Solo Dancers on the floor, to music chosen by the Organiser. Registered and Unregistered maybe combined at the Organisers discretion
This definition is separate to Solo Dancing under Artistic Dancing where the Dancer uses their own music.

Rationale:

Allowing Pro/Am & Am/Am to compete against each other will allow for more contested events and lessen the number of Events needed during a Competition. NZ is leading the way Internationally with gender fluid initiatives. To separate genders into separate Events limits competition and can extend the number of Events needed in the programme. Solo Dancers by this definition are not currently covered in the NZBDC Rules

How does this Affect You:

- Pro/Am and Am/Am can compete against each other
 - A couple of the same gender can dance in any event in New Zealand
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Item 2

5. A Sole Adjudicator may be used to judge uncontested Events in Class A and B Competitions. Organisers may need to use an invigilator to ensure restricted syllabus steps are adhered.
6. The Organiser has the right to determine the number of Adjudicators required for any Event with a minimum of 3, notwithstanding the Rules regarding Sole Adjudicators.
There must always be an odd number of Adjudicators.
7. The Organiser can set guidelines for Adjudicators. These are limited to the determinates around judging and must not include anything that jeopardises the Adjudicators Independence
Examples: Pro/Am events, judge the Amateur only
Formation Teams: Use percentage points for marking
8. A minimum of 2 notices of Disqualification from Judges or 1 from an Invigilator are required before a Chairman must investigate the reason/s. After all the facts are understood the Chairman of Adjudicators must then make a determination whether the infringement gave the competitor unfair advantage over another competitor/s.
If the COA determines the infringement is valid and did give the competitor unfair advantage over another competitor/s the COA may:
 - a) Discuss the issue with the dancers Teacher or representative and request a correction before the next round
 - b) Advise the Scrutineers to place the dancer/s concerned last in that dance in that EventIf the COA determines the infringement is valid however did not give the competitor unfair advantage over another competitor/s the COA may apply item a) as above

If the COA determines the infringement is not valid the COA will not do anything against the competitor

In all cases, the COA will inform the Judges/Invigilator involved of the outcome.

It is not appropriate for an Adjudicator or COA to discuss any notice of disqualification with anyone (including fellow Adjudicators) unless providing relevant information as required above.

Rationale:

NZ has a decreasing number of available Adjudicators. Organisers must arrange the available Adjudicators in such a way that they are not judging for long periods at a time.
A disqualification in one dance should not affect the outcome of other dances in an Event
There are occasions where judges get disqualifications wrong. The COA has the final say, after consultation, not the Adjudicator/s. Disqualifying a dancer is negative on our industry, particularly when the issue comes from the Teacher not the student. Disqualifying any dancer should be the last resort.

How does this Affect You:

- Better conditions and flexibility using Adjudicators for Competitions
 - Disqualification of a Dancer or Dancers should be extremely rare
 - The Teacher/Choreographer NOT the Dancer should be held accountable for syllabus infringements
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Item 3

9. Any event not covered by a Grading or outside the Rules of the NZBDC automatically becomes a Novelty event
10. Delete all references to 'Novelty Events'
11. Organisers may, at their discretion add Sub Juvenile, Masters 3 and/or other age groups and levels to their programme of Events. Whilst these additions are not recorded by the Registrar, dancers will be accorded the same title wins as described in the Programme of Events

Rationale:

Organisers ultimately take, and have, the responsibility for providing and running successful Events. Organisers need to be able to provide what dancers want and need within the guidelines and Rules, and not be unnecessarily restricted by the Rules.

The term 'Novelty Event' is outdated and unnecessary. The term does not reflect Ballroom Dancing in a positive light.

How does this Affect You:

- More flexibility in Competitions
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Item 4

12. For any reason, Council Trustees may bring to the attention of the Organiser, and require changes to be made, for any Competition or Event that does not represent the standards and/or values of the Councils objects. This may include and/or conclude with the immediate withdrawal of Council recognition of any Competition previously accepted by the Council.

Rationale:

As the governing body for Ballroom Dancing in NZ, Council must ensure that expected standards are met by Dancers, Adjudicators, Professionals and Organisers in line with their Objectives and Rules. No one person or Association should be exempt from being answerable to Council when it is believed by Council that the best interests of the Ballroom Dancing Industry and Community is not being followed

How does this Affect You:

- Makes Organisers more Accountable and Responsible for producing Competitions of an acceptable standard