

TOURNAMENT RULES

1 SCOPE OF APPLICATION AND TYPES OF TOURNAMENT:

1.1 These Tournament Rules shall be binding for all members of the WRRC and for all members of the national associations comprising the confederation. These rules apply to active dancers, officials, staff, and helpers of the above.

1.2 These Tournament Rules shall be valid for the following dance styles (Divisions):

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| 1.2.1 | Rock 'n' Roll: | Danced to Rock 'n' Roll dancing music, |
| 1.2.2 | Boogie-Woogie: | Danced to Boogie-Woogie dancing music |
| 1.2.3 | Lindy Hop: | Danced to swing music, |
| 1.2.4 | Bugg and Trio Swing Show: | Danced to Swing music from the 60' and up |
| 1.2.5 | Alternative dancing styles | |

1.3. These Tournament Rules shall be valid for the following International competitions:

1.3.1 World and Continental Championships for

Rock'n'Roll Couples Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Juniors, Boogie-Woogie Couples Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors, Formations Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies, Boogie-Woogie Formations Main-Class and Juniors.

1.3.2 World Cups for

Rock'n'Roll Couples Main Class Free and Contact Styles, Couple Dance Show, Juniors, Juveniles, Children, Boogie-Woogie Couples Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors. Formations Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies, Boogie-Woogie Formations Main-Class and Juniors.

1.3.2.1 World Cup Final for

Rock'n'Roll Couples Main Class Free and Contact Styles, Juniors, Juveniles Boogie-Woogie Couples Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors.

- 1.3.3 Subcontinental Championships, International Open and all other International WRRC granted events for**
Rock'n'Roll Couples Main Class Free and Contact Styles, Couple Dance Show, Juniors, Juveniles, children
Boogie-Woogie Couples Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors.
Formations Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies,
Boogie-Woogie Formations Main-Class and Juniors.
- 1.3.4** Tournaments are called international invitation tournaments if only the invited nations or participants can start.

2 STATUS DEFINITIONS:

2.1 Amateurs and Professionals:

There is no distinction between amateurs and professionals on WRRC competitions.

2.2 National Affiliation:

- 2.2.1** Membership of the relevant national association shall decide national affiliation. In any case of doubt, the WRRC-Presidium shall decide national affiliation subject to the passport of the member, which should be submitted to the WRRC by the member. The Sports Director shall be informed in writing about changes of membership of dancers.
- 2.2.2** For events organized under the umbrella of IOC, GAISF, IWGA, WDSF or any other official international federation, the governing rules of the federation in question applies for establishing the national affiliation of each dancer
- 2.2.3** A competitor having represented one country in any WRRC tournament is not permitted to represent another country in any WRRC tournament until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the last representation.

3 CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

3.1 Qualification required for tournament entry

3.1.1 **World- and Continental Championships for Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Juniors, Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors**

From the top 10 couples in the fluent world ranking list, each national association is entitled to enter their two best couples. The dead line for the world ranking list is 5 weeks before the event.

In addition to this, each national association is entitled to enter up to three further couples. The reigning champion receives a wild card entry.

The Organizer may nominate an additional wild card entry but only for a couple of his own nation.

3.1.2 National associations, which have no Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free Style Couples registred in WRRRC-Registration System, may nominate their Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Contact Style Couples instead.

3.1.3 **Subcontinental Championships for Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Couple Dance Show, Juniors, Juveniles, Children, Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors**

The conditions for participation will be decided by the WRRRC member federations of the Subcontinent. The WRRRC-New-Judging-System must be used.

Subcontinental Championship for Children and Juveniles must be organized together, without exception.

3.1.4 **International Open for Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Couple Dance Show, Juniors, Juveniles, Children, Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors**

International Open for Children and Juveniles must be organized together, without exception.

The conditions for participation will be decided by the organizer. The WRRRC-New-Judging-System must be used.

3.1.5 **World Cup for Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Couple Dance Show, Juniors, Juveniles, Children, World Cup Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors,**

World Cup for Children and Juveniles must be organized together, without exception.

In accordance with the WRRRC-Presidium the Organizer may limit the number of formations entitled to start per national association.

3.1.5.1 **WORLD CUP FINAL for Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Juniors, Juveniles, World Cup Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors,**

Refer to World Cup Final Regulation

The deadline is the last World Cup before the World Cup final in each category.

- 3.1.6 Couple-Dance-Show,**
Each national association is entitled to enter up to eight couples. The Organizer may nominate a wild card entry but only for a couple of his own nation. In accordance with the WRRRC-Presidium the Organizer may also leave the number of couples entitled to start per national association open.
- 3.1.7 World- and Continental Championship for Formations Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies, Formations Boogie-Woogie Main-Class**
- 3.1.7.1** A maximum of 3 formations per national association will be allowed.
- 3.1.7.2** The reigning champion receives a wild card entry.
- 3.1.7.3** The Organizer may nominate an additional wild card entry but only for a formation of his own nation.
- 3.1.7.4 Exception:** for Rock'n'Roll Main Class Couple Formations 5 formations per national association will be allowed)
- 3.1.8 Subcontinental Championships for Formations Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies, Formations Boogie-Woogie Main-Class and Juniors**
The conditions for participation will be decided by the WRRRC-Member Federations of the Subcontinent. The WRRRC-New-Judging-System must be used.
- 3.1.9 World-Cup for Formations Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies, Formations Boogie-Woogie Main-Class**
In accordance with the WRRRC-Presidium the Organizer may limit the number of formations entitled to start per national association.
- 3.1.10 International Open for Formations Couples Rock'n'Roll Main-Class and Juniors, Girls, and Ladies, Formations Boogie-Woogie Main-Class and Juniors**
The conditions for participation will be decided by the organizer. The WRRRC-New-Judging-System must be used.
- 3.2 Registration**
- 3.2.1** Each dancer must be registered via the relevant national association using WRRC-Registration-System.
- 3.2.2** Dancers may only take part in competitions if they are registered with the WRRC, have paid the annual registration fee specified in the Fee-Scale, along with required Anti-Doping Documents having been sent over the WRRC-Registration System.

- 3.2.3** Minimum required fields for WRRC registration are:
- 3.2.3.1 First names,
 - 3.2.3.2 Family names,
 - 3.2.3.3 Date of birth and
 - 3.2.3.4 Sex.
 - 3.2.3.5 A copy of personal document is required in order to confirm the identity and data of each person
- 3.3** Competitors for World, Continental and Subcontinental Championships shall be selected exclusively by the national associations of the WRRC. The national associations should ensure the competition organizer is informed of their selections and that the appropriate registrations are made on the WRRC website.
- 3.4** Closing date for entries is strictly 21 days prior to the tournament. In the exceptional case of a later entry, a Late-Announcement-Fee, specified in the Fee-Scale, will be charged by WRRC.
- 3.4.1.** Closing date for World Cup Final (WCF) is three days after the last World Cup in respective category when such has been organized less than 21 days before the WCF.
- 3.5** Once nominated each participant is obliged to enter the competition and pay the relevant fees, unless they cancel at least 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament.
- 3.6** The Organizer shall be entitled to charge a lump sum, specified in the Fee-Scale, for his own expenses for every nominated participant absent without excuse, except in proven cases of emergency such as illness or accident. All invoices will be issued to the relevant national association.
- 3.7** Before the start of the tournament the start-book or licence of each competitor must to be submitted to the tournament office.
- 3.8** Due to the specific way in which WRRC tournaments are held, all participants, including formations and seeded dancers, must be present one hour prior to the beginning of the event and checked in by the registration office.
- 3.9** Participants of Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, and Rock'n'Roll Formations Main-Class competitions must enter their acrobatic figure-programs into the WRRC-Acrobatic-Figure-Registration System.
- 3.9.1** The deadline for entering their acrobatic figure-programs is 24 hours before the competition starts.

- 3.10 Participants of Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Junior, Juveniles, children and all Rock'n'Roll Formations competitions shall be responsible for the choice of music complying with the WRRRC standards in areas such as duration and speed. The nomination, including the confirmed choice of music for the final-round, must be submitted to the WRRRC-Registration-System before closing date for entries of the tournament where they want to use the music.
- 3.11 Any vulgar (example: showing the tongue during dance), sexual or violent gestures are forbidden during the dance performance in all disciplines.
- 3.12 Couples must dance within the given floor space and not in front of the other couple.
- 3.13 Each participant is individually responsible for taking out accident insurance. The promoter or Organizer of a tournament shall not be held liable for any sporting accidents whatsoever.
- 3.14 It is up to each participant to take out travel insurance in order to prevent losses in the case of the cancellation of a tournament. WRRRC does not accept any liability for incurred costs in case of a tournament cancellation.
- 3.15 If tournaments or parts thereof are transmitted by television, any other media, or are recorded for television or any other media, it shall be established in the announcement that the participants, by taking part in the event, agree to waive any remuneration resulting from the television or any other media transmission.
- 3.16 The representative of the Medical Commission can exclude participants from the tournament for medical reasons.

4 AUTHORIZATIONS OF TOURNAMENTS

- 4.1 All international Tournaments in compliance with 1.3 shall be awarded by the WRRRC and a written contract between WRRRC and the local promoter or Organizer will be made.
Applications for all World-and Continental Championships must be received by the WRRRC-Office at least one year before the tournament takes place. Applications for all other international Tournaments must be received by the WRRRC-Office at least nine months before the tournament takes place.
Each respective national association must give prior approval to each application. All applications must be sent on official WRRRC tournament application form.
- 4.2 Upon the authorization of the tournament the Organizer shall receive a contract

and all relevant instructions and materials for the tournament,

- 4.3** A tournament may only be advertised in public after the conclusion of the Organizing Contract. A tournament may be advertised before this authorization only by the WRRC-Presidium. Refusal to authorize a tournament shall not justify any claims for compensation against the WRRC or its officials.
- 4.4** The Organizer shall pay announcement fees, specified in the Fee-Scale, to the WRRC for all international Tournaments in compliance with 1.3
- 4.5** The WRRC may demand a security deposit for payments to be made by the Organizer, such as Tournament-Fees, expenses, as well as payments to be paid in relation to the Advertising and Television Rules.
- 4.6** The WRRC shall not accept any liability whatsoever during tournaments or other events organized in its name.
- 4.7** The WRRC is entitled to award advertising and television rights for international championships; this right is governed by the Organizing Contract and the Advertising and Television Rules.
- 4.8** The WRRC can request that organizer provides special services based on obligations with potential WRRC Sponsor. In such cases no extra financial obligations may be imposed on the organizer.

5 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZER:

5.1 The announcement of a tournament:

- 5.1.1** The Organizer must announce the tournament with all the participation conditions at least 2 months in advance.
- 5.1.2** The announcement must be sent to all member federations by mail, fax or e-mail over the World Wide Web.

5.1.3 The announcement must include:

- 5.1.3.1 Type and title of the tournament
- 5.1.3.2 Location of the event
- 5.1.3.3 Date of the event
- 5.1.3.4 Beginning times of the event (rehearsal, afternoon and evening event)
- 5.1.3.5 Times when the participants, the judges and the observer must be available.
- 5.1.3.6 Closing date for entries is strictly 21 days prior to the tournament.
- 5.1.3.7 At least 2 possibilities of price categories for overnight stays

- 5.1.3.8 Compensations and expenses for participants and officials shall be granted according to the Fee-Scale of the WRRRC and shall be precisely detailed in the tournament announcement.
- 5.1.4 Cancellation of a tournament**
- 5.1.4.1 In case of a cancellation of a tournament less than 3 month prior to a tournament caused by the organizer, the organizer shall be responsible for refunding travel-expenses to participants and officials.
- 5.2** The Organizer shall be responsible for arranging a suitable dance floor, dazzle-free lighting, high standard sound and a smooth course of events during the tournament.
- 5.2.1** The dance floor must have a size of:
- 5.2.1.1 Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Boogie Woogie Main-Class and Seniors 6m broad and 5m deep per couple.
- 5.2.1.2 Children, Juveniles and Juniors 4m broad and 4m deep per couple.
- 5.2.1.3 Formations at least 12m x 12m are necessary. If there is a stage, or step down at the dance floor border, there must be an additional safety border of 1m.
- 5.2.1.4 For Rock'n'Roll Main Class Free and Contact Styles, and Formation Main Class, a minimum of 6 m free height above the dance floor is required.
- 5.2.2** The coach of a couple, or max. two coaches of a formation must be given the possibility to sit or stay in front of the performing couple or formation guaranteeing indivisibility.
- 5.2.3** The chosen piece of music must either be part of the approved WRRRC-CD or be individually approved by WRRRC.
- 5.2.3.1 All music for-Boogie Woogie competitions will be exclusively provided by WRRRC-Office.
- 5.3** After every round the results shall be displayed for all to see.
- 5.4** A break of 10 minutes shall be granted between individual appearances. For Judges and Observers there must be short break every 2 hours.
- 5.5** Immediately after each category a respective award ceremony must take place. All final rankings must be announced in order from 7th to 1st effective.
- 5.6.** Potential special services and conditions can be agreed between the WRRRC and organizer and must be written in the respective contract.
- 5.7** **The following rules shall apply for the classification of the rounds:**

5.7.1 There are two different modalities for the organization of the rounds and these are described below in sections

5.7.1.1 Competitions without seeded couples,

- World, Continental and Subcontinental Championships, Couples and Formations, Rock'n'Roll and Boogie-Woogie,
- Rock'n'Roll Children and Couple Dance-Show,
- World-Cups Boogie-Woogie Juniors and Seniors,
- World Cup final for all categories
- all other WRRRC granted Competitions.

5.7.1.2 Competitions with seeded couples.

On all competitions where seeded couples are foreseen (listed below), seeded couples will be distributed only if more than 24 couples will be present on the competition. Only top 6 couples from the World Ranking lists will be seeded, without substitutions in case of one or more seeded couples will not be present on the competition.

- World-Cups Rock'n'Roll Main Class Free and Contact Styles, Juniors and Juveniles (except World Cup Final),
- International Open Rock'n'Roll,
- World-Cups Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Seniors and Juniors (except World Cup Final) .

These sections are written specifically for couple dancing; however, they are also applicable for formations or teams, in which case the word "couples" may be substituted for "formations" or "teams".

5.7.2 Competitions without seeded couples.

5.7.2.1 If 7 couples or fewer competing then only a final shall be organized.

5.7.2.2 If between 8 and 14 couples competing, 4 couples from the first round and 3 couples from the runners-up qualification round shall be promoted to the final, which will consequently consist of 7 couples.

5.7.2.3 If between 15 and 26 couples competing, 7 couples from the first round and 5 couples from the runners-up qualification round shall be promoted to the semi-final, which will consequently consist of 12 couples. 7 couples shall be promoted to the final.

5.7.2.4 If between 27 and 48 couples competing, 16 couples from the first round and 8 couples from the runners-up qualification round shall be promoted to the quarter-final, which will consequently consist of 24 couples. 12 couples shall be promoted to the semi-final. 7 couples shall be promoted to the final.

5.7.2.5 If there are more than 48 couples competing, 24 couples from the first round and 16 couples from the runners-up qualification round shall be promoted to the second round, which will consequently consist of 40 couples. 24 couples from the second round shall be promoted to the quarter-final, from which 12 couples shall be promoted to the semi-final. 7 couples shall be promoted to the finals.

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- 5.7.3.5 If there are more than 48 couples competing, Ranking list Top 4 to Top 6 couples (seeded) and 24 couples from the first round and the rest from the runners-up qualification round shall be promoted to the second round, which will consequently consist of 40 couples. Ranking list Top 1 to Top 3 couples (seeded) and the rest from the second round shall be promoted to the quarter-final, from which 12 couples shall be promoted to the semi-final. 7 couples shall be promoted to the finals.
- 5.7.3.6 Only couples, who are in the top six of the ranking list at the time when the competition takes place, can be set.
- 5.7.3.7 If there are less than 6 seeded couples at the start, extra couples, from the first round shall be invited to participate.
- 5.8. In all Rock'n'Roll Children, Juveniles and Junior competitions, if more than 21 couple start then a maximum of 5 couples may dance at the same time during any round prior to the quarter-finals, if the stage meets the requirements.
- 5.8.1 **Exception:** at all World- and Continental Championships and at Boogie Woogie Competitions there shall be a maximum of 3 couples on the dance floor at the same time.
- 5.8.2 In the quarter and semi- final rounds there shall be a maximum of 2 couples on the dance floor at the same time.
- 5.8.3 In all Rock'n'Roll Main Class Free and Contact Styles competitions there shall be a maximum of 2 couples on the dance floor at the same time.
- 5.8.4 In final rounds for all competitions (except WC Final) couples shall dance individually.
- 5.9 The order of couples competing within each round shall be determined by a random allocation system.
- 5.10 Children, Juveniles and Junior tournaments must be completed by 10.00 p.m. (22 hours) at the latest, including presentations.

- 5.11** The WRRC-Presidium shall appoint a WRRC Chief-Scrutineer for all WRRC competitions included within 1.3.1. and 1.3.2
- 5.12** The relevant places reached shall be entered into the participants starting books by the tournament office or the tournament manager.
- 5.13** Seats in the first row in front of the dancing floor shall be assigned to the judges from which they can assess the dancing couples' performance optimally and without any restriction.
- 5.14** In formation tournaments seats located 20m to 40m away from the dance floor and possibly at an elevated position shall be assigned to the judges to guarantee optimal judgment of the complete formation.
- 5.15** If outside circumstances negatively affected the proper completion or the judging of a round, the WRRC Supervisor may declare such round invalid and have it repeated.
- 5.16** Per participating nation 2 coaches per category and one coach for every formation present shall be granted free entry into the preparation area.
- 5.16.1** Additional coaches depending on the number of participants should be also granted entry into the preparation area but they have to pay an entrance fee, as defined in the Fee-Scale.
- 5.16.2** The names of all the coaches shall be submitted via the WRRC registration program.

6 WRRC–SUPERVISOR – WRRC OBSERVER

6.1 WRRC–SUPERVISOR

- 6.1.1** The WRRC-Supervisor is a member of the WRRC-Presidium or will be appointed by the WRRC-Presidium, if no Presidium-Member is available.
- 6.1.2** The WRRC-Presidium shall appoint a WRRC-Supervisor for all WRRC-Championships and World-Cups included within 1.3.1 and 1.3.2
If circumstances demand, the WRRC-Presidium may also appoint a WRRC-Supervisor for any other WRRC tournament.
- 6.1.3** **The WRRC–Supervisor shall apply all the means available to him (see supplement “Duties of the Officials”)**

6.1.4 In order to reach the goals mentioned in 5 the WRRC-Supervisor may do the following:

- 6.1.4.1 Arrive a day before at 07.00 PM at the latest and check everything together with the organizer, using the official Competition-Check-List, which is a part of the Tournament-Package.
- 6.1.4.2 Interrupt or stop the tournament until his/her demands are met.
- 6.1.4.3 Submit a report to the WRRC-Presidium and propose sanctions.
- 6.1.4.4 Exclude participants and officials from the tournament in case of improper conduct and behaviour harming the confederation.
- 6.1.5 When setting sanctions in relation to clause 6.1.4, the WRRC-Supervisor shall base his actions upon the financial and organizational circumstances of the Organizer. He/she shall take special care that the interests of the Organizer and the spectators are guarded. He/she shall consult the judges and the Organizer before setting sanctions.
- 6.1.6 The WRRC-Supervisor must inform all WRRC-Judges and the WRRC-Observer about any competition details before the tournament starts. WRRC-Judges must be present at least one hour before the competition starts; failure to do so incurs a warning on the first occasion and a suspension of their international judging license on a second occasion. In addition, any judge failing to arrive at least one hour before the competition starts must pay a fine, equivalent to their day expenses, to the WRRC at the tournament where they are judging.
- 6.1.7 The WRRC-Supervisor will have a short meeting after the competition with all WRRC-Judges and the WRRC-Observer to discuss any important events that occurred within the competition.

6.2 WRRC-OBSERVER

- 6.2.1 The WRRC-Observer must be at least 18 years old and show a mature personality, being known and respected among the WRRC officials and active participants who are familiar with the WRRC-Statutes, the WRRC-Rules and decisions, other WRRC provisions and the scoring directives. The WRRC-Observer must be able to make decisions quickly and balance which measures are required under the circumstances.

6.2.2 WRRC-Observer-License:

- 6.2.2.1 There are special WRRC-Observer for
 - 6.2.2.1.1 Rock'n'Roll
 - 6.2.1.1.2 Boogie-Woogie
- 6.2.2.2 The licence for Observer is awarded for a period of 2 years
- 6.2.2.3 If a WRRC-Observer doesn't pass a
 - 6.2.2.3.1 a webinar three times a year,
 - 6.2.2.3.2 a one-day WRRC-Observer-Training-Course within 2 years and
 - 6.2.2.3.3 a WRRC-Observer-Examination every four year,
 he will be kept as a "Standby WRRC-Observer" for one year. If the licence is not being renewed within that year it shall be withdrawn.
- 6.2.2.4 If a WRRC-Observer violates WRRC rules or the "Judges' Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics" or is proven to have discriminated unfairly for or against one or more couples, then the WRRC-Presidium shall be entitled to withdraw the WRRC-Observer-Licence of that WRRC-Observer.
- 6.2.3 The WRRC-Presidium shall appoint a WRRC-Observer for all WRRC-competitions included within 1.3.1. and 1.3.2
For Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Main- and B-Class, Juveniles and Junior Competitions the WRRC-Presidium shall appoint 2 WRRC-Observers.
- 6.2.4 The WRRC-Observer has to supervise participants while they dance and ensure that all WRRC-Regulations are being met (see supplement "**Duties of the Officials**").
- 6.2.5 The WRRC-Observer may impose penalties on those violating WRRC-Regulations and will award give coloured cards to indicate their decision.
 - 6.2.5.1 Yellow and Red-Card
The Yellow-Card is shown as a warning for breach of rules.
 - 6.2.5.1.1 If an additional Yellow-Card needs to be shown at any time during the same competition, it amounts to a Red-Card where points are deducted for the respective round.
 - 6.2.5.2 In case of Red-Card, 30 pts are deducted to the total score of couple or formation who received it. The final-result of the round will be published after the clarification of an eventual protest.
 - 6.2.5.2.1 In finals, only Red Cards are shown.
 - 6.2.5.3 Yellow or Red Cards will not be applicable beyond any given competition.
 - 6.2.5.4 During tournaments protests for Red Cards may only be submitted to the WRRC Supervisor immediately after the round concerned and only by an official of the nation.

- 6.2.5.4.1 Later protests shall not be considered.
- 6.2.5.4.2 A Protest-Fee according to the Fee-Scale will have to be paid. In case of the protest being acknowledged the Protest-Fee shall be returned.

7 WRRC-JUDGES:

7.1 Training and further training of WRRC-Judges

- 7.1.1 A WRRC-Judge must be nominated for the examination directly from his national federation.
- 7.1.1.1 Nominees are expected to be mature and respected persons of a minimum age of 18 years, to be experienced and judging at least two national competitions per year in their respective division.
- 7.1.1.2 WRRC-Judge-Examinations are guided by a member of the WRRC-Presidium and only after having finished a training course of at least two days.
- 7.1.1.3 Sufficient knowledge of English is required.

7.2 WRRC-Judge Licence

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 he will be kept as a "Standby WRRC-Judge" for one year. If the licence is not being renewed within that year it shall be withdrawn.
- 7.2.4 If a WRRC-Judge violates WRRC rules or the "Judges' Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics" or is proven to have discriminated unfairly for or against one or more couples, then the WRRC-Presidium shall be entitled to withdraw the WRRC-Judge-Licence of that WRRC-Judge.

7.3 Selection of WRRC-Judges

- 7.3.1 Only National Federations, which have implemented the appropriate WRRC-Judging-System, are entitled to nominate WRRC-Judges for international competitions of the respective division.

- 7.3.2 In all World and Continental championships and in all Rock'n'Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles competitions included within 1.3.1 a minimum of 7 International WRRC-Judges from 7 different national associations shall judge.
- 7.3.2.1 **Exception:** in all World and Continental Championships for Boogie Juniors and Seniors, all Junior-Formations, World-Cups and all other competitions included within 1.3.2 a minimum of 5 International WRRC-Judges from 5 different national associations are required.
- 7.3.2.2 For combined tournaments with more than two competitions, the WRRC-Presidium can nominate additional judges.
- 7.3.3 The selection of WRRC-Judges for World and Continental Championships, and for World Cup Final, is made by the WRRC-Presidium.
- 7.3.4 For World Cups included within 1.3.2 the selection is made by the Sport Director who specifies which membership associations should send a WRRC-Judge to the tournament.
- 7.3.4.1 If the request to nominate a WRRC-Judge is not complied with by the national association within 6 weeks, the Sport Director shall be entitled to select a suitable WRRC-Judge.
- 7.3.4.2 The membership association which was selected to send a WRRC-Judge to an international tournament with more than one competition is entitled to send a second WRRC-Judge **at its own expense**. (Exception: World and Continental Championships)
- 7.3.4.2.1 The Sport-Director shall be responsible for assigning the tasks to the second WRRC-Judge in the respective competition.
- 7.3.5 For Subcontinental-Championships the WRRC member federations of the Subcontinent can select Supervisor, Observers and WRRC-Judges himself.
- 7.3.6 For International Open the organizer can select Supervisor, Observers and WRRC-Judges himself.
- 7.3.7 WRRC-Judges who dance actively are not permitted to judge in international championships or tournaments.
- 7.3.7 During a tournament it is not permitted to change the WRRC-Judge within a round.
- 7.4 Judging-Regulations and tasks of WRRC-Supervisors, WRRC-Observers and WRRC-Judges**
- 7.4.1 The evaluation and calculation System for the determination of tournament results is regulated in the New Judging System (see NJS)

7.4.1 Simplified Judging

If tournaments provide rounds in which more than 3 couples have to be judged at the same time then can be allocated in these rounds 0-40 points per couple

7.4.2 The formation can reach maximal score of points only if maximal number of dancers (according to the table in relevant Division-Rules) are dancing on the dancefloor. For each missing dancer, the observer will deduct 1 point from the overall calculated score of the formation.

Example: In Formation Main Class 4 couples (8 dancers) are on the dance-floor. Maximal number of dancers is 12 (6 couples). In this case, the observer will deduct 4 points (for two couples).

7.4.3 All tasks and duties of WRRC-Supervisors, WRRC-Observers and WRRC-Judges are described in the Judges Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics and in the supplement “**Duties of the Officials**”).

7.4.4 The WRRC-Judges, Observer and Supervisors must be at the Organizer’s disposal at least two hours before the start of the event.

8. RANKINGS

8.1 Results from all World Cup’s and International Open Rock’n’Roll Main-Class Free and Contact Styles, Juniors, Juveniles, Children and Boogie-Woogie Main-Class, Juniors and Seniors are considered in international rankings.

8.1.1 **Fluent Ranking lists:** Points gained within a tournament are considered in rankings other a period of one calendar year. Only the best three results from the four last official WRRC competitions are accounted, maximum one year back. If less than four competitions in a year took place, all of them accounted.

8.1.2 **World Cup Ranking lists:** Points gained within a particular tournament are taken into account in rankings for the competitions held on respective calendar year. The worst results of each couple may not be considered in the World Cup rankings. On January 1st each year the World Cup ranking lists are set to 0.

8.1.3 All ranking points shall be null and void if partners are changed.

8.1.4 The ranking will be recalculated after each ranking competition and at the beginning of each month.

8.2 Points for rankings

1 st	place	70 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
2 nd	place	60 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
3 rd	place	50 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
4 th	place	45 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
5 th	place	45 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
6 th	place	45 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
7 th	place	45 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
8 th	place	30 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
9 th	place	28 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
10 th	place	26 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
11 th	place	24 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
12 th	place	22 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
13 th	place	20 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
14 th	place	18 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
15 th	place	16 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
16 th	place	14 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
17 th	place	12 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
18 th	place	10 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
19 th	place	8 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
20 th	place	6 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
21 st	place	4 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
22 nd	place	2 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple
23 rd	place and higher	1 points	+ 1 point for every beaten couple

8.2.1 In the case of several couples holding equal ranks the average of the points provided for such ranks shall be taken to calculate the points awarded to the couples.

8.2.2 The prize money shall be distributed in accordance with of the WRRC Fee Scale.

8.3 The World Cup Champions of the respective division and category will be announced according to the points in the World-Cup-Ranking-Lists.

8.3.1 The Trophies will be awarded at the World Cup Final event.

9 VIOLATIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT RULES - SANCTIONS:

9.1 The WRRC-Presidium may impose disciplinary action upon national associations, promoters, Organizers, participants, and officials for the following reasons:

9.1.1 Violations of the Tournament Rules.

- 9.1.2 Disregard of instructions from the WRRRC Supervisors, WRRRC-Observers or the tournament manager.
- 9.1.3 Unexcused absence from a tournament after registration or promised participation.
- 9.1.4 Abuse of a champion's title or similar action.
- 9.1.5 Undisciplined conduct or unsporting behaviour harmful to the confederation.
E.g. breach of the "Judges' Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics"

9.2 The WRRRC-Presidium may impose the following disciplinary action:

- 9.2.1 Cancellation of expenses.
 - 9.2.2 Fine.
 - 9.2.3 Ban for one or several tournaments or for a certain period.
 - 9.2.4 Recall a title.
- 9.3 The person or organisation affected must be given the opportunity of a defence and must be notified in writing of the decision and relevant reasoning by the WRRRC-Presidium.

9.4 The WRRRC-Supervisor may announce disqualifications during a tournament for the following reasons:

- 9.4.1 If a participant fails to appear on the dance floor after a second call.
 - 9.4.2 Upon proof of drug or alcohol abuse.
 - 9.4.3 If a participant demonstrates undisciplined or unsporting conduct or behaviour harmful to the confederation.
- 9.5 Doping is forbidden. The currently valid Anti-Doping Code of the International Dance Sport Federation (WDSF) is applicable in all WRRRC-Tournaments included within section 1.2 of these Tournament Rules.
- 9.6 Participants of a tournament may launch a protest against decisions of a WRRRC Supervisor, at the WRRRC-Presidium within 14 days.
- 9.6.1 The person affected is entitled to appeal against the decision of the WRRC-Presidium within 14 days.

- 9.6.1.1 The WRRC-General-Meeting shall deal with such appeal. It will make the final decision.

10 EXCEPTIONS

- 10.1 The WRRC-Presidium may make exceptions to the Tournament Rules.
- 10.2 The Organizer shall be notified of such exceptions when the contract is being made and the tournament participants shall be informed.