



Juniors and Powerchair online competition

June 2024

1. Organiser:

Name: World Para Dance Sport (“WPDS”)
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2. Programme:

Juniors

Singles Juniors women and men classes L&F1 and L&F2
Singles Juniors conventional women and men L&F1 and L&F2 (waltz, samba and jive)
Singles Freestyle women and men for new athletes*

Powerchair

Singles Freestyle women and men
Singles Freestyle women and men new athletes*

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

Singles Conventional (3 dances – Waltz, Samba and Jive).

Dance	Sport Class 1	Sport Class 2
	Bar/minute	Bar/minute
Waltz	28-30	28-30
Samba	48-50	50-52
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:

- World Abilitysport Member will send WPDS the entry forms and the videos of the athletes’ performance will be uploaded in a platform.
- 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 and World Abilitysport social media.
- The duration of the presentation for singles will be between 1:30 min to 2 min.

4. International Classification:

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

5. Final Entry Deadline:

21 September 2024

6. Eligibility:

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

As per the Sport Rules, a junior dancer must be a minimum of 13 years of age by 31 December 2024 and a maximum of 20 years of age by 31 December 2024.

Only athletes with confirmed or review status will be allowed to compete. 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. To determine this, the relevant Member Organisation 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 [here](#).

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 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 in October, 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:

World Abilitysport Members 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.

World Abilitysport Members 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, together with a list of athletes participating. A personalised link and password to proceed with the registration of the athletes and uploading of the videos will be sent to those contacts.

Junior dancers will need to submit a parent or guardian consent form (attached to the document).

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 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 athlete and wheelchair 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).
- 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 dancer in a better way, however the images we must show the dancer in full at all times, during the entire routine"
- Video file size: up to 300 Mb.
- Format of files: .mp4 or .MOV (mp4 - for Android, MOV - for iPhone (Apple) devices)
- 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.

14. 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.
- All the athletes' personal data will be temporarily 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 WPS channels, and may be uploaded and accessed publicly on the WPDS website and social media, especially the videos of the winners.



World Para Dance Sport Consent Form

Information for parents and carers

World Abilitysport aims to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for every child or young person. To help us do this, please note the following important information;

- We recognise the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all children.
- We have written a policy statement which sets out how photographs and videos of children involved in our activities should be taken and shared. A copy of this is available from Craig Carscadden at craig.carscadden@worldabilitysport.org
- We will take all steps to ensure images of children are used solely for the purposes they are intended. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform Craig Carscadden immediately.
- We will not take or share photographs, video or other images of children and young people without the consent of the children involved and their parents or carers.

This agreement fits with our overarching online safety policy. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Craig Carscadden, Safe Sports Manager.

Young person:

Please read the following consent form and discuss it with your parents or carer and if you are happy then please complete the form.

Parents and carers:

Please read and discuss this consent form with your child and if you are happy please, fill it in, ask your child to fill it in, and return it to Camila Rodrigues Head of Para Dance Sport . If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Craig Carscadden, **Safe Sports Manager**.

Parents/carers

I confirm that I have read World Abilitysport's photography and filming policy [please tick].

I agree to [please tick]:

- my child's photograph being used by World Abilitysport for display purposes.
- my child's photograph being used within other printed publications.
- my child's photograph being used on the World Abilitysport's website.
- my child's videos being used on World Abilitysport's website
- my child's photograph being used on World Abilitysport's social media channels.
- my child's videos being used on World Abilitysport's social media channels.

I understand [please tick]:

- the potential risks associated with the use and distribution of these images.
- how these images or videos will be stored within the organisation and how long for
- that if I withdraw consent for my child's image to be used or shared in the future, it may not be possible to remove images that have already been published or distributed.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Child/young person

I have read or been told about World Abilitysport's photography and filming policy.
[please tick].

I agree to [please tick]:

- my photograph being used within World Abilitysport for display purposes.
- my photograph being used within other printed publications.
- my photograph being used on World Abilitysport's website.
- videos of me being used on World Abilitysport's website.
- my photograph being used on World Abilitysport's social media channels.
- videos of me being used on World Abilitysport's social media channels.

I understand [please tick]:

- the potential risks from my image being used or shared online.
- how these photographs or videos will be stored at World Abilitysport
- that if I decide I don't want images of me to be used in the future, it may not be possible to delete images that have already been published or shared.

Print Name

Signature

Date



Photography and Video Policy

The purpose and scope of this policy statement

World AbilitySport works with children, and vulnerable adults as part of its activities. These include being the International Federation of three sports wheelchair fencing, powerchair hockey and Para dance sport as well as being a multi-sport event and Games organiser.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- protect children, and vulnerable adults who take part in World AbilitySport', events, and activities, specifically those where photographs and videos may be taken.
- set out the overarching principles that guide our approach to photographs/videos being taken of children, and vulnerable adults during our events and activities.
- to ensure that we operate in line with our values and within the law when creating, using, and sharing images of children, and vulnerable adults.

This policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers and other adults associated with World AbilitySport.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy and guidance in the UK that seeks to protect children, and vulnerable adults. Under this framework a child is defined as anyone under the age of 18, and a vulnerable adult is someone over the age of 18 who temporarily or permanently cannot manage their personal affairs because of severe physical or intellectual impairment.

We believe that:

- children, and vulnerable adults should never experience abuse of any kind.
- we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, and vulnerable adults and to take, share and use images of children safely.

We recognise that:

- sharing photographs and video content of our activities can help us celebrate the successes and achievements of our children, and vulnerable adults, provide a record of our activities and raise awareness of our organisation.
- the welfare of the children, and vulnerable adults taking part in our activities is paramount.
- children, their parents, and carers have a right to decide whether their images are taken and how these may be used, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

- consent to take images of children is only meaningful when children, their parents and carers understand how the images will be used and stored and are fully aware of the potential risks associated with the use and distribution of these images.
- there are potential risks associated with sharing images of children, and vulnerable adults online.

We will seek to keep children, and vulnerable adults safe by:

- requesting written consent from a child and their parents or carers before taking and/or using a child's, or vulnerable adults image.
- providing explanation of what images and video content may be used for, how they will be stored and what potential risks are associated with sharing images of children, or vulnerable adults.
- making it clear that if a child, young adult or vulnerable adult or their family withdraw consent for an image to be shared, it may not be possible to delete images that have already been shared or published.
- never publishing personal information about individual children and disguising any identifying information.
- making sure children, their parents and carers understand how images of children will be securely stored and for how long (including how we will control access to the images and their associated information).

Reducing the risk of images being copied and used inappropriately by:

- only using images of children, or vulnerable adults in appropriate clothing (including safety wear if necessary)
- avoiding full face and body shots of children, or vulnerable adults taking part in activities such as swimming where there may be a heightened risk of images being misused.
- using images that positively reflect children, or vulnerable adults' involvement in the activity.

We will also develop a procedure for reporting the abuse or misuse of images of children as part of our child protection procedures. We will ensure everyone involved in our organisation knows the procedures to follow to keep children safe.

Photography and/or filming for personal use

When children, or vulnerable adults themselves, parents, carers, coaches or spectators are taking photographs or filming at our events and the images are for personal use, we will publish guidance about image sharing in the event programmes and/or announce details of our photography policy before the start of the event. This includes:

- reminding parents, carers, and children that they need to give consent for World Abilitysport to take and use their images.
- asking for photos taken during the event not to be shared on social media or asking people to gain permission from children, their parents, and carers before sharing photographs and videos that include them
- recommending that people check the privacy settings of their social media account to understand who else will be able to view any images they share

- reminding children, parents, and carers who they can talk to if they have any concerns about images being shared.

Photography and/or filming for World Abilitysport's use.

We recognise that our staff may take photographs and film events to promote the organisation. However, this should only be done with World Abilitysport's permission and using our equipment.

Children, parents, and carers must also be made aware that photography and filming is part of the programme and give written consent.

If we hire a photographer for one of our events, we will seek to keep children, and vulnerable adults safe by:

- providing the photographer with a clear brief about appropriate content and behaviour.
- always ensuring the photographer wears identification.
- informing children and vulnerable adults, their parents, or carers that a photographer will be at the event and ensuring they give written consent to images which feature their child, or vulnerable adult being taken and shared.
- not allowing the photographer to have unsupervised access to children, or vulnerable adults.
- not allowing the photographer to carry out sessions outside the event or at a child's, or vulnerable adults home.
- reporting concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography following our safeguarding procedures.

Photography and/or filming for wider use

If people such as local journalists, professional photographers not hired by World Abilitysport or students wish to record one of our events and share the images professionally or in the wider world, they should seek permission in advance.

They should provide:

- the name and address of the person taking the content.
- the names of children, or vulnerable adult they wish to take images of (if possible)
- the purpose for taking the content and/or what the content will be used for.
- a signed declaration that the information provided is valid and that the images will only be used for the reasons given.

World Abilitysport will verify these details and decide whether to grant permission for photographs/films to be taken. We will seek consent from the children who are the intended subjects of the images and their parents and inform the photographer of anyone who does not give consent.

At the event we will inform children, parents, and carers that an external photographer is present and ensure the photographer is easily identifiable, for example by issuing them with a coloured identification badge.

If World Abilitysport is concerned that someone unknown to us is using their sessions for photography or filming purposes, we will ask them to leave and (depending on the nature of the concerns) follow our child protection procedures.

If consent to take photographs is not given

If children, parents and/or carers do not consent to photographs being taken, we will respect their wishes. We will agree in advance how they would like to be identified so the photographer knows not to take pictures of them and ensure this is done in a way that does not single out the child or make them feel isolated.

We will never exclude a child or vulnerable adult from an activity because we do not have consent to take their photograph.

Storing images

We will store photographs and videos of children, and vulnerable adults securely, in accordance with our safeguarding policy and data protection law.

We will keep hard copies of images in a locked drawer and electronic images in a protected folder with restricted access. Images will be stored for a period of 5 years.

We will never store images of children on unencrypted portable equipment such as laptops, memory sticks and mobile phones.

World Abilitysport does not permit staff and volunteers to using any personal equipment to take photos and recordings of children. Only cameras or devices belonging to the World Abilitysport should be used.

Related policies and procedures

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies and procedures, including:

- Safeguarding and policy and procedures.
- Code of conduct for staff and volunteers.
- Online safety policy and procedures for responding to concerns about online abuse.

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually

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Signed:

Date .6th June 2024