

## **WORLD PARA DANCE SPORT – CALL FOR NEW ADJUDICATORS**

### **1 Welcome and background information**

Welcome to the World Para Dance Sport Technical Officials course.

We are happy to invite you to attend the course to become a World Para Dance Sport International Adjudicator.

We are confident you will find the course interesting, challenging, instructive and rewarding.

To help you prepare for the event and to answer any questions you may have, we have put together a short information guide to aid your preparation.

### **2 Course participants**

You are kindly requested to take 2 modules of an online course before starting. These 2 modules are part of the IPC introduction course to the Paralympic Movement and to Para sports.

Module 1: The Paralympic Movement

Module 2: The development of Paralympic Classification

[IPC Classification Fundamentals \(reclaim.hosting\)](#)

Another online course requested is the Safeguarding Athletes from Harassment and Abuse offered by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). You will need to register at their learning platform called Athlete 365 at <https://olympics.com/athlete365/learning/?id=39> . The link for the Safeguarding course is [Safeguarding Athletes from Harassment and Abuse - Athlete365 \(olympics.com\)](#) Make sure you save the certificate of conclusion and send it to us.

You will need to get familiar with the sport Technical Rules and Regulations, and Appendixes.

[Rules - World Abilitysport](#)

### **3 Course facilitators**

Diethard Govekar – World Para Dance Sport Official and course facilitator

MariCarmen Legaspi – World Para Dance Sport Technical Committee Member

### 3.1 Contact details

Your main contact for the course is Camila Rodrigues at [camila.rodrigues@worldabilitysport.org](mailto:camila.rodrigues@worldabilitysport.org)

### 4 Requirements

Dance sport coaches, dance sport officials, retired dance sport athletes over 21 years old.

### 5 Course objectives

There are a number of key objectives which this course will look to achieve:

- To enable all participants to develop their understanding of the rules and regulations of WPDS;
- To ensure all participants understand the roles and responsibilities of the Technical Officials;
- To provide a better understanding of the sport judging system;
- To provide an opportunity for participants to discuss topic areas which they have questions about.

### 6 Course delivery

The course will be delivered entirely in English – both presentations and examinations will be available only in English.

Participants at the course shall not make any public statement, announcement, or other communication (including on social media) regarding the Programme. Participants shall keep all matters related to the Programme (including the videos received for the online judging), the presentations and the certificate issued to the successful participants strictly confidential.

### 7 Course Format

The course will be conducted at a first stage online, and the participants will have access to a variety of documents.

The course will be run over 4 weeks, and it will be divided in 3 different steps:

Step 1 – online theory

The participants will have two weeks to study six presentations with theory.

- WPDS History
- WPDS Classification Rules, Anti-Doping and TUE
- WPDS Technical Rules and Regulations
- Judging Criteria in Para Dance Sport
- Skating and absolute judging
- Responsibilities of technical official and code of ethics

#### Step 2 – online judging

The participants will have two weeks to do an online judging simulation with videos.

#### Step 3 – group discussion and exam

There will be a three-hour online discussion

- Evaluation of the results with the instructors and other participants
- Written exam for all participants

#### Step 4 – shadow judging during an official competition

The participants who successfully conclude the Step 3 will chose one of the official WPDS competition to attend for the shadow judging part.

The participants are responsible for their own costs with travelling, accommodation, and meals for this Step.

Each participant determines when they want to complete the individual parts within the deadline and how long will be needed. Only the last part (discussion and exam) is fixed.

To accommodate all official's needs, 2 different opportunities will be offered.

The course is designed to provide theoretical input sessions, more practical 'job-specific' elements as well as giving participants a chance to have their questions, case studies etc. discussed and clarified by our experts.

The course should be interactive, participant-focused and engaging while also providing knowledge and skills necessary to carry out the WPDS Official job.

## **7.1 Course overview**

The course will cover a range of topics and subject areas. There will be sessions specific to the role of the Technical Official, presentations and presentations covering rules and regulations, such as judging criteria, musicality, movement in space, examples of wheelwork in the character of the music, duties and responsibilities of the officials, code of ethics, judging simulation, evaluation and discussion of the judging, and Q&A.

There will be different instructors leading the sessions based on their individual knowledge, skills and experiences.

The combination of these different elements, we believe, will provide a rounded and comprehensive programme.

## **7.2 Theory sessions**

The theory sessions during the course will ensure that all participants are able to learn the necessary knowledge to perform the duties of the Technical Official. The theory sessions will be delivered by experienced WPDS officials. Focus will be on judging criteria, musicality, movement in space, examples of wheelwork in the character of the music, duties and responsibilities of the officials and code of ethics.

Brief introduction to Classification and Anti-doping are also included in this course.

## **7.3 Practical sessions**

Some of the sessions are designed to be more practical in their nature thus giving participants an opportunity to practise relevant skills which they may be required to utilise in their role as an Official. The participants will have a simulated competition and will judge it online.

## **7.4 Examination and assessments**

There will be a range of assessments throughout the course. The online judging decisions will be evaluated and discussed, following a question-and-answer unit.

A final exam will also be applied, and the participants must achieve in this test with 85% correct answers.

## **7.5 Course schedule**

In the schedule below, each participant can see the individual weeks (for parts one and two) and the three possible dates for the discussion and exam (part three).

## **7.6 Course fee and license validity**

The course fee will cost 25 Euros.

After confirming his/ her participation, the adjudicator will receive instructions for the fee payment.

### **7.7 Course dates**

15 May – last day for course registration

16 May – access to the presentations

30 May – online judging

14-15-16 June – discussion and exams

## **8 Assessments**

To ensure everyone could demonstrate the necessary knowledge and skills to work effectively as an WPDS Technical Officials, this course will include a range of assessments; both formal and informal. These are designed to enable us to make assessments in ‘practical, realistic and relevant’ conditions and circumstances.

This approach provides a means for comprehensive, fair and thorough assessment by:

- Providing assessment which is relevant and ‘real-world’.
- Catering to a variety of different learning styles.
- Creating several opportunities for participants to showcase their knowledge and skills rather than having just one pass/fail exam.
- Enabling fair and objective assessment of the adjudicators.
- Acting as a framework for ongoing development and training

### **The assessment process:**

#### **8.1 Observational assessments**

To enable participants to showcase their knowledge and skills in non-assessment-specific settings:

Throughout the course we will observe the participants demonstrating relevant knowledge and skills – both theoretical and practical. We want participants who are interactive, engaged, involved and using the seminar as an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of Para Dance sport.

#### **8.2 Written examinations**

To enable participants to showcase in-depth knowledge and understanding of what they have learned: At the end of the third part (after the discussion round) there will be a test that everyone can answer online - within our session.

### **8.3 Passing/failing**

We hope that all participants demonstrate the above-mentioned skills and competencies to such a level where we can confidently certify you. However, we also firmly believe that we should keep our standards as high as is realistic. If, by the end of the course, the instructors deem anyone to be 'below standard', then we have a 'mentoring' pathway process which should aid you in refreshing and working on areas which you need to develop. This process is designed to enable you to learn from someone who has excelled in the areas in which you are struggling.

We want to create a supportive and helpful learning environment should we feel anyone is below standards by the end of the course and will not simply 'cut someone off' if they are below standard.

Should anyone have any questions/worries about this process, then please feel free to contact us at the WPDS and we will provide clarifications.

## **9 Certification**

### **8.1 Obtaining certification**

Certificates will be issued after the course for all successful participants. This certificate is proof of your competencies as an WPDS Technical Official – this will be sent in digital format.

### **9.2 Maintaining certification**

To remain a certified WPDS Official, you are required to attend recertification courses and pass the exams. We endeavour to communicate upcoming events well in advance and in return, we ask that you make yourselves available to attend sessions when you can. We understand that everyone leads busy lives with numerous other commitments, so if for any reason you are unable to attend for a given period, please communicate this to us.

## **10 Required competencies**

When the course starts, we will give you more details of the required competencies for successful completion of the programme. The following are the 'general competency areas' we will look at. Please take time to consider these (both from a theoretical and practical perspective) as your current level of knowledge and understanding of them can aid in your preparation for the course:

- Comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the rules and regulations.
- Understanding of and adherence to the standards expected of WPDS Officials.
- A general understanding of the principles of athlete classification.
- Ability to demonstrate relevant 'soft skills' – communication, people management etc.
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## 11 Relevant links/resources

The following resources will give you some more background information to aid you in your preparation for your sessions:

- [World Para Dance Sport Homepage](#)
- [World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations](#)

## 12 Asking questions, sharing ideas and informal communication

Please feel free to speak to us or e-mail any of us if there is anything you need to discuss. There will also be an opportunity to provide specific feedback.

**FOR THE PARTICIPANTS**

Please complete with your details:

Last name:		
First name:		
Gender:		
Nationality:		
Date of Birth:		
Full address: (street, city, ZIP code, country)		
Email address:		
Mobile phone number:		
Are you a retired athlete, a coach or an official?		
How long have you been involved with Dance?		
Are you fluent in English?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
What is your profession?		
What are your qualifications (e.g. university degree, professional certifications)?		
Documents attached to this form:	<input type="checkbox"/> Any certificates proving qualification as outlined in the candidate profile above (e.g. certificate, coaching certificates)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any relevant certificates/ IOC safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse course	





If you have experience as a DanceSport or Para dance sport coach, official or athlete, please list your experience below (e.g. competitions officiated, type and number of athletes coached, competitions you took part in, etc):

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If you have any experience with Para sport in roles other than Coach for Dance or Para Dance Sport, please provide a brief description below (e.g. adjudicator, team official):

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Signature of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your application form no later than 15 May 2024 to [Info@WorldParaDanceSport.org](mailto:Info@WorldParaDanceSport.org)

The candidates will have their participation confirmed by 17 May 2024. Candidates will receive an invoice for the participant fee and once the fee is paid, the participant has confirmed his/ her attendance, and the fee can no longer be refunded.

Invoices to be paid by 17 May 2024.