

WDSF Membership Commission

Lausanne, Switzerland
16 November 2023

Dear Colleagues:

At the request of the President, we write to politely remind you of the 2023 WDSF Annual General Meeting's revision to Article 5(4) of the WDSF Statutes, the full text of which now reads as follows:

*"4. Admission to membership, and renewal of membership by payment of the annual Membership fee, constitutes a contract between the WDSF and the Member. The terms of that contract include the term that in return for membership in WDSF, Members agree to abide by the WDSF's **Statutes**, rules and regulations, to abide by decisions of the WDSF's General Meeting and Presidium, and to comply with the **World Anti-Doping Code**, the **WDSF Anti Doping Code**, including requiring all athletes and support personnel within their jurisdiction to recognize and be bound by the **World Anti-Doping Code** and the **WDSF Anti-Doping Code** and to exercise their membership rights to pursue the objects of the WDSF as the sole and exclusive governing body for DanceSport as set forth in Article 2 of these **Statutes**, and for clarity this requirement implies and includes that Members accordingly cannot support, join or affiliate or maintain an affiliation with any other body or entity which pursues purposes or activities which are the same as or similar to the objects of WDSF, including notably the organization, granting or sanctioning of international events, or the licensing of athletes, adjudicators or other officials in respect of any disciplines governed by the WDSF, without the prior decision and written approval of the WDSF Presidium."*

You will recall that the Presidium agreed during the 2023 AGM not to enforce the amendment provision until the 2024 WDSF Annual General Meeting. That amendment provides that:

"... this requirement implies and includes that Members accordingly cannot support, join or affiliate or maintain an affiliation with any other body or entity which pursues purposes or activities which are the same as or similar to the objects of WDSF, including notably the organization, granting or sanctioning of international events, or the licensing of athletes, adjudicators

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or other officials in respect of any disciplines governed by the WDSF, without the prior decision and written approval of the WDSF Presidium."

It is now expected that the 2024 Annual General Meeting will take place in late October, 2024, owing to the large volume of work required from the Office and all WDSF officials to prepare for WDSF's participation in the Olympic Qualifier Series, and the Medal Programme of the Paris24 Summer Olympic Games.

That time-period for our 2024 meeting is more than four months later than our usual AGM Meeting time, and is about one year from the date of this letter. We write to politely remind you of that deadline for compliance with this new requirement, and to respectfully recommend that if it may apply to your organization in any way, you should now take steps to arrange for full compliance with this requirement by the stipulated deadline.

If you have any special Government obligations which may impede your compliance with this change, or if you have any remaining questions or concerns regarding your compliance with this requirement, please contact the WDSF Office to discuss them by e-mailing office@wdsf.org before December 15th, 2023.

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Cc: *WDSF Presidium*
WDSF General Secretary
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