



DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA

Temporary Instructions for the Organisation of Competitions

Period: 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020*

Introduction

As COVID-19 restrictions ease across Australia, we have turned our mind to how this will impact DanceSport competitions in the future. There will be many additional factors that organisers will now have to consider during the planning process.

We have prepared the following instructions to assist organisers to start planning competitions in a COVID-Safe environment, whilst keeping in mind the health and well-being of competitors, officials and spectators.

It is essential for every competition organiser to take into consideration the current advice from their respective local government, and they must adhere to local government restrictions. For example, a COVID Safe Plan must be approved by the Local Council, if this is required.

*This time limit can be changed according to the development of COVID-19 in Australia

1. Entries/Check In

- a) Only online entries will be accepted.
- b) When completing their online entry, competitors will need to accept (by clicking) a declaration of compliance with minimum health requirements and information about possible risks.
- c) Where possible, purchase of tickets should be made available in advance. Use of electronic ticketing systems is advantageous.
- d) Online or wireless payments are preferred for entries and ticket purchases.
- e) Several check-in desks should be arranged for the collection of back numbers, with sufficient space in between each desk. Staff/volunteers must take all necessary measures to organise competitors in the queue with the required social distancing between couples or individuals (partners of the same couple, members of the same family and persons living together aren't required to distance).
- f) Sanitisation stations should be available at each check-in desk.
- g) Consideration should be given to whether staff and volunteers should wear masks.
- h) Attendance registers should be kept for all persons present at the event (staff, volunteers, competitors and spectators included). An electronic attendance register is preferable – the General Secretary can be contacted to assist with this if required.

2. Dressing Rooms

- a) The organiser will provide the appropriate number and size of dressing rooms according to the amount of entered couples, to allow for social distancing measures.
- b) Dressing rooms will be disinfected before and after the competition day, and if possible, at regular intervals during the day. Hand sanitiser must be available in each dressing room.
- c) Any toilets located in the dressing room should be disinfected at least 3 times per day.
- d) All possible measures should be taken to avoid inappropriate gatherings of athletes in the dressing room.
- e) Competitors **will not** be able to access the dressing rooms earlier than 2 hours before their first round starts. If this happens, they will be required to stay in the auditorium. The control of time limits for competitors will be controlled by staff/volunteers. Competitors will be advised accordingly on the organiser's website and/or on the online entry system.
- f) Chairperson, organiser and staff will ask competitors to leave the dressing room soon after their prize presentation. Competitors will have to stay in the auditorium after this time.

3. Dance Floor Area

- a) The organiser and staff/volunteers will make all possible efforts to avoid inappropriate social distancing around the dance floor.

4. Seating

- a) Seating should be arranged in a way to allow appropriate social distancing between spectators, in accordance with local government regulations.

5. Public Areas/Auditorium

- a) All restrictions concerning the auditorium and surroundings of the venue will be in accordance with local government restrictions. In addition, consideration should be given as to whether spectators should wear masks. If this is a requirement, staff/volunteers will be in charge of enforcing this measure.
- b) Hand sanitisation stations should be available at all entrances to the venue and at all blocks of seating.
- c) If face masks are required, the organiser should provide for the sale of face masks outside the venue.

6. Food and Drink

- a) If possible, the sale of food and drink should be handled by an appropriately licenced third-party operator.
- b) All necessary measures must be taken to protect food and drinks from possible contamination.
- c) Competitors should be encouraged to bring their own water. If water stations are utilised, they should be regularly disinfected to protect from possible contamination.

7. Adjudicator/Officials Area

- a) The adjudicator/officials area will need to be disinfected at least once per day and preferably at regular intervals.
- b) Reasonable social distancing between sitting places will be provided by the organiser.
- c) The organiser will take all necessary measures to protect food and drinks from possible contamination.
- d) The organiser will provide hand sanitiser for adjudicators in a designated area.
- e) Any toilets in the adjudicator/officials area should be disinfected at least 3 times per day.
- f) Adjudicators will not be required to wear masks during their judging but will maintain a reasonable distance between themselves. They can however choose to wear a mask if they prefer.
- g) If possible, one tablet per adjudicator should be allowed for, to minimise cross handling. Tablets are to be wiped down before and after use. If tablets are to be shared, they should be sanitised in between users.

8. Entering and Exiting the Competition Floor

- a) The organiser will have to ensure an entrance to the dance floor and opposite to it an exit for competitors, at least 3 metres width. If it is reasonable, the organiser will ensure more than one entrance and more than one exit.
- b) Competition staff/volunteers will control the reasonable social distancing between couples before entering the dance floor.

9. Number of Couples Per Heat

- a) The Chairperson will make the decision according to all surrounding conditions of the dance floor. The guiding measure for a Chairperson will be a minimum of **30 square metres** per couple.

10. Recalls/Results

- a) To avoid unnecessary gathering, recalls and results should be published online via the Dancesportlive website. If physical recalls are required, they should be published in multiple locations or announced by the MC.

11. Prize Giving

- a) The prize ceremony should be conducted at the conclusion of each session.
- b) No podium will be used unless the podium is of at least 2 metres width for each place platform.
- c) During the prize presentation, all couples will be separated at least 1.5 metres between each couple.
- d) Kissing, handshaking and hugging will not be allowed during the prize presentation.
- e) Medals will be given in hand instead of putting them around the neck of the competitor.
- f) Trophies will be given to competitors maintaining maximum distance possible.
- g) During honour dances, the watching couples will maintain a reasonable distance between them.