# Competition Classifications

## 8 DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS

**8.1** Development competitions are designed for “grass roots” development of DanceSport. As such, Competition Organisers my choose to tailor the competition to the intended demographic offering a selection of Divisions, Age Groups and Grades.

**8.2** Applications for Development competitions are considered by DSA on a case-by-case basis.

**8.3** No elevations or rankings are considered in Development competitions.

## 9 FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS

**9.1** A minimum number of five (5) Competition level Adjudicators is required per panel. Any deviation for this must be approved by the DSA Sports Director.

**9.2** A minimum of one (1) Chairperson is required. DSA may allow the Competition Organiser to act as Chairperson provided approval is granted by DSA Sports Director.

**9.3** Competition Organisers can use their discretion regarding the following matters:

- Whether all official Age Groups can dance across multiple eligible Open events (not Graded events).
- The combination of Age Groups per Division and Grades to suit the demographic.

## 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

**10.1** A minimum of seven (7) Championship level Adjudicators is required per panel. Any deviation from this must be approved by the DSA Sports Director.

**10.2** A minimum of one (1) Chairperson is required.

**10.3** A minimum of one (1) Invigilator is required.

**10.4** All competition Divisions must be represented in the event schedule (under 16, Recreational, Amateur and Professional).



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**10.5** Championship Organisers can use their discretion regarding the following matters:

- Whether all official Age Groups can dance across multiple eligible Open events (not Graded events).

# 11 STATE OPENS

**11.1** A State Open is a prescribed event operated by DSA and includes: the Queensland Open, New South Wales Open, Victorian Open, South Australian Open, Tasmanian Open, Northern Territory Open, Western Australian Open and Australian Open.

**11.2** A minimum of nine (9) Championship level Adjudicators is required per panel. Any deviation from this must be approved by the DSA Sports Director.

**11.3** A minimum of one (1) Chairperson is required.

**11.4** A minimum of one (1) Invigilator is required.

**11.5** All competition Divisions must be represented in the event schedule (under 16, Recreational, Amateur and Professional).

**11.6** The following conditions apply to Adult Open and Professional events:

- If only one (1) couple has entered, the Competition Organiser may cancel the event when entries close or invite the couple to perform a floorshow and receive the same prize money offered for the winner of the event.
- An honours dance to be offered for the winners of the event.

**11.7** State Open Organisers may use their discretion regarding the following matters:

- Whether all official Age Groups per Division can dance across multiple eligible Open events (not Graded events).

# 12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**12.1** Applications for National Championship status must be approved by the DSA Sports Director.

**12.2** The benchmark required to run a National Championship is defined as 300 individual participants. The participation numbers will be assessed from the previous Championship held when considering a competition for National Championship status.

**12.3** A minimum number of nine (9) National Championship level Adjudicators are required per panel. Any deviation from this must be approved by DSA.

**12.4** A minimum of one (1) Chairperson is required.



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**12.5** A minimum of one (1) Invigilator is required.

**12.6** All competition Divisions must be represented in the event schedule (Under 16, Recreational, Adult and Professional).

**12.7** The following conditions apply to Adult Open and Professional events:

- If only one (1) couple has entered, the Competition Organiser may cancel the event or invite the couple to perform a floorshow and receive the same prize money offered for the winner of the event.
- An honours dance to be offered for the winners of the event.

**12.8** National Championship Organisers may use their discretion regarding the following matters:

- Whether all official Age Groups per Division can dance across multiple eligible Open events (not Graded events).
- The events listed in Rule 33 are the minimum required. Additional events (cross-divisional etc) may be incorporated if time permits.

# 13 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**13.1** The Australian Championship must consist of two (2) or more days of events.

**13.2** A minimum number of eleven (11) National Championship level Adjudicators are required per panel. Any deviation from this must be approved by the DSA Sports Director.

**13.3** A minimum of one (1) Chairperson is required.

**13.4** A minimum of one (1) Invigilator is required.

**13.5** All competition Divisions must be represented in the event schedule (Under 16, Recreational, Adult, Professional, Pro/Am and Coach/Student).

**13.6** Competitors can only compete in their nominated Age Group.

**13.7** The following conditions apply to Adult Open and Professional events:

- A warm-up round must be offered for each event where only a final is offered.
- An introductory dance be performed by the finalists in each event.
- An honours dance to be performed by the winners of each event.

# 14 EVENT CLASSIFICATION TABLE



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| | Development | Festival / Competition | Championship | State Open | National Championship | Australian Championship |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minimum Adjudicators Required | Events can be tailored to suit the intended demographic.<br><br>Applications considered on a case-by-case basis. | 5 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| Minimum Chairperson Required | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Minimum Invigilator Required | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| All Divisions Represented | | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Age Divisions can dance all Eligible Open Events | | Organiser's Discretion | Organiser's Discretion | Organiser's Discretion | Organiser's Discretion | No |
| Adult Open / Pro Honours Dance | | Not Required | Not Required | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adult Open / Pro Intro Dance | | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Yes |
| Adult Open / Pro Warm Up if >1 Round | | Not Required | Not Required | Recommended | Recommended | Yes |

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