Definitions

In the Rules of DanceSport, unless otherwise specified, the terms below have the meanings set out against them.

Other terms not specifically defined in these rules have the same meaning as in the DSA Constitution.

Accredited Adjudicator

Means a DSA Member who holds a DSA Adjudicator qualification. DSA Adjudicator Accreditations are in the following levels:

- **Level 1** (Competition)
- **Level 2** (Championship)
- **Level 3** (National Championship)

Accredited Coach

Means a DSA Member who holds a DSA Coach qualification. DSA Coaching Accreditations are in the following levels:

- **Level 0** (Assistant Instructor)
- **Level 1** (Instructor)
- **Level 2** (Coach)
- **Level 3** (Elite Coach)

AIS

Means the Australian Institute of Sport established by the Australian Sports Commission Act of 1989.

AOC

Means the Australian Olympic Committee, the National Olympic Committee for Australia recognised

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by the IOC.

ASC

Means the Australian Sports Commission established by the Australian Sports Commission Act 1989.

Assistant Instructor

Means a DSA Member who holds a current DSA Assistant Instructor qualification.

Athlete

Means a person who holds a current DSA Athlete Licence.

Australia

Means all States, Territories and External Territories in Australia.

Chairperson Committee

The Chairperson Committee (CC) is a Committee established by the DSA National Board under the DSA Constitution.

Chairperson of Adjudicators

Is a DSA Member who holds a DSA Chairpersons qualification.

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Championship

Means a competition title so designated by DSA.

Championship Adjudicator

Means a DSA Member who holds a DSA Championship Adjudicator qualification.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) means the Chief Executive Officer of DSA.

Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) means the Chief Financial Officer of DSA.

Coach/Student

Means a partnership in which one partner is a current financial DSA registered Accredited Instructor or Coach and the other is a Student.

Competition

Means a DanceSport program of events conducted under DSA Rules.

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Competition Adjudicator

Means a DSA Member who holds a DSA Competition Adjudicator qualification.

Competitor

Means a person who enters, or seeks to enter, a competition. A person is a Competitor whether or not they are the person being adjudicated in an event, and these Rules apply to them in full.

Couple

Means a team consisting of two people dancing together when competing in any DanceSport Competition. For the purpose of a DanceSport competition, a person may nominate their gender.

CPD

Means the continuing professional development requirements for accredited members as defined by the DSA Education Committee and/or approved by the DSA National Board.

Cross Divisional Event

Means an event in which the two people forming the partnership are drawn from different Divisions or competitor categories, being Coach/Student, Pro/Student, Pro/Recreational Student and Pro/Am events.

Dance Studio

Means an institution that is clearly definable as having the following four elements: a dance teacher or teachers, regularly attended premises, a regular group of students and the teaching of dance.

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DanceSport

Means dance styles performed in competition.

Day Pass

Is a temporary registration of a person so that they can experience the introductory DanceSport events in the Under 16 and Recreational Divisions. Competitors cannot hold both a Social Day Pass and a Day Pass at the same time. Also see Social Day Pass.

Divisions

Means the following designated categories where registered competitors are grouped together by age group to compete against each other:

- **Dance Up Division Competitor** - means a registered competitor who qualifies in the Dance Up Division of DanceSport. Dance Up is restricted to members who are under 18 years of age and have never registered in any other DSA Division previously. Dance Up syllabus and rules apply.
- **Under 16 Division Competitor** – means a current financial registered competitor who qualifies for the time being to compete in the Under 16 Division which may include the following age sub-divisions:
    1. Sub-Juvenile
    2. Juvenile
    3. Junior
- **Recreational Division Competitor** – means a current financial registered competitor who enters or seeks to enter a Recreational Division event within a competition registered with DSA (other than Novelty events) and is not an Amateur or Professional Division competitor (Recreational restrictions apply). The Recreational Division may include the following age sub-divisions:
    1. Under 21
    2. Adult
    3. Masters 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **Amateur Division Competitor** – means a current financial registered competitor who qualifies for the time being to compete in the Amateur Division which may include the following age sub-divisions:
    1. Under 21
    2. Adult
    3. Masters 1, 2, 3 and 4

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- **Professional Division Competitor** – means a current financial registered Professional competitor who enters, or seeks to enter, a Professional Division within a competition registered with DSA.

Doping

Means the use of a substance or method that is potentially dangerous to health and/or capable of artificially enhancing performance in DanceSports competitions.

DSA and DanceSport Australia

Means DanceSport Australia Limited ACN 085 929 835 (a company limited by guarantee) and includes its successors and assigns.

Duo Events

Means an event where two individuals of the same gender dance the same choreography.

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee (EC) is a Committee established by the DSA National Board under the DSA Constitution.

Event

Means individual events listed within a DanceSports competition conducted under one overall competition title.

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Festival

Means a competition title so designated by DSA.

In writing or written

Means communication via hard copy, email or through the official DSA website, to the DSA Sports Director or Chairperson of Adjudicators.

Instructor

Means a DSA Member who holds a DSA Instructor qualification.

International Adjudicator

Is a person who holds an active accreditation with an international organisation recognised by DSA.

IOC

Means the International Olympic Committee being an organisation entrusted with the control, development and promotion of the Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement worldwide.

Invigilator

An Invigilator at a DSA competition is appointed to monitor the implementation of DSA Rules and report breaches to the Chairperson. The Invigilator may serve as an Adjudicator but may not invigilate and adjudicate at the same time. An Invigilator may not be a registered competitor in any DSA division.

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Marshall

A Marshall is a DSA official responsible for organising competitors in the Marshalling Area at a competition in order to ensure that

- competitors present match entries received
- the number of competitors ready to move onto the dancefloor for an event are monitored
- communication between the Marshalling Area and other relevant officials is maintained
- competitors move to the dancefloor in an orderly fashion when required to do so.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee (MC) is a Committee established by the DSA National Board under the DSA Constitution.

Member

Means a current financial member in any of the membership categories of DSA as set out in the DSA Constitution.

Month

Means calendar month.

National Championship Adjudicator

Means a DSA Member who holds a DSA National Adjudicator qualification.

National Office

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Means DSA Head Office as determined by the DSA National Board.

Novelty Event

Means any event other than those requiring competitors to be registered with DSA who are invited to enter an event on the day of competition.

Official DanceSport Australia Website

Means the website www.dancesport.org.au

Organiser

Means the person nominated by a promoter who is responsible for the conduct of a DSA registered competition.

Partner

Means a person combining with another person, for the time being, as a competition partnership.

Pro/Am

Means a couple in which one person is a current financial registered Professional Division competitor and the other person is a current financial registered Under 16 or Amateur Division competitor.

Pro/Recreational Student

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Means a partnership in which one partner is a current financial DSA Professional Division competitor and the other is a Student registered in the Recreational Division.

Pro/Student

Means a partnership in which one partner is a current financial DSA registered Professional Division competitor and the other is a Student.

Professional Division Adjudicator

Is an adjudicator who has notified DSA that they are no longer competing in Professional Division Couple competitions. This retirement does not include Pro/Am competitions.

Promoter

Means and includes the person, partnership or body corporate who:

1. is responsible for the financial outcome of a competition (including the payment of prizes and expenses) and/or
2. authorises the issuing of advertisements or invitations to compete in a competition, and/or
3. otherwise claims some proprietary rights in the goodwill attached to a competition title.

Promotional Material

Means any material, in any medium, produced or authorised by a promoter or organiser to announce, advertise or promote a registered competition, including but not limited to flyers, brochures, entry information, posters, programs, competition websites, social media pages and accounts, electronic newsletters, print and digital advertisements, and venue signage.

Registered Competition

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Means and includes any competition, championship, cup, trophy, festival or group of competitions organised, promoted and conducted in Australia under one main title or competition name and which is registered in a manner approved by the DSA National Board.

Registered Teaching Facility

A Registered Teaching Facility (RTF) is a dance studio and/or teaching institution or registered business that is currently registered by DSA having met the requirements of the Registered Teaching Facility Policy as ratified by the DSA National Board.

Registered Training Organisation

A Registered Training Organisation (RTO) is an organisation registered as such by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).

Rules

Means the Rules of DanceSport as amended from time to time, and, unless specifically noted in the context, includes all and any part of the Rules of DanceSport.

Scrutineer

Is a DSA Member who holds a DSA Scrutineer's Licence.

Showdance

Means a choreographed DanceSport performance up to four minutes in length that must remain clearly based on Latin or Standard dances, include recognisable dance content (typically 3–5 dances), and balance technical dancing with theatrical elements such as lifts, storytelling, and presentation.

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Skating System

Means the approved international system of defining the result of DanceSports competitions.

Social Day Pass

Is a temporary registration of a person so that they can experience the introductory DanceSport events. Social Day Passes allow users to enter those events that a competition organiser has deemed a beginner/grass roots level. Competitors cannot hold both a Social Day Pass and a Day Pass at the same time. Also see Day Pass.

Solo Events

Are events where an individual dances on their own and is adjudicated.

Sports Director

Refers to a person appointed by the DSA National Board to guide the development of DanceSport competitions, liaise between DSA and Competition Organisers and supervise the implementation of DSA Rules and Policies as they apply to competitions.

State Chairperson

Means and includes any person who is elected by the State Committee members, to manage the affairs of the State Committee.

State Committee

Means the committee of management of a State established pursuant to the DSA Constitution.

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State Committee Member

Means and includes any person who is elected by the Members of a State to serve on a State Committee.

State Executive Officer

Means a person appointed by the State Committee to carry out secretarial and general administration/management duties as required by the State Committee.

Student

Is a person who is a current financial DSA member registered as an Under 16 Division, Recreational Division or Amateur Division competitor and does not hold a Level 1 or higher Coach Accreditation. Students with Level 0 Accreditation must choose to compete either as a Coach or a Student and not both.

Style

Means the dance genre or discipline required for a particular event. Styles may include Standard (also referred to as Ballroom), Latin (also referred to as Latin American), New Vogue, Smooth, Rhythm, or any other defined Dance genre.

Trainer

Is a DSA Member who holds a DSA Trainer qualification.

Unregistered Competition

Means a competition that has not been registered with DSA.

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WDSF

Means the World DanceSport Federation, of which DSA is a member.

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