



**Dance
Promoters'
Association** ®

DPA PROMOTERS RULES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Please see the website for further updates)

This document applies to both Solo and Couple Dancers unless stated otherwise

The event list is set by the organiser for any competition; the organiser must comply with the National League categories and ensure that the programme reflects the current National League and those eligible for Platinum points where applicable.

At their discretion, the organiser may also include additional categories that fall outside the National League framework.

National League Couples; Beginners, Novice, Intermediate, Under 10 & Under 14 events must be contested over two or more dances.

National League Couples; Pre Amateur & above should be contested over three or more dances.

The DPA/BDF National Solo League in U10/U12/U14/U16/Open Adult will operate for a 12-month period starting with the 1st event after the DPA Sumer Festival and ending on the last day of the following DPA Summer Festival.

To be contested over at least 2 dances of the Promoters' choice within the same genre.

Organisers running National League categories at their competitions must comply with the current National League rules. Failure to comply may result in the loss of National League status.

The Age Category of the dancer is the age on the day of the competition.

If the age allows, entry is permitted in more than one section in each genre.

Adults may also dance in lower age categories (if applicable and not into Junior age levels) but they cannot dance in a higher age category.

The organiser reserves the right to amalgamate events if necessary

Syllabus Guidelines (Syllabus Documents)– All Events:

Non-restricted syllabus: Open choreography

Restricted syllabus:

These events will be clearly visible on all entry forms

Costume requirements – All Events:

All those Under 12: Juvenile Dress Code

12 and Over no restrictions.

In any competition the Chairpersons Interpretation of the outfit regulations is final and binding

Role changing: (Couples only)

Each event and dance within that must be completed in the same role. No role changing is permitted mid dance.

Beginner and Novice Events

Junior & Juvenile Novice & Beginners Couples & Solo dancers: when a competitor wins 3 competitions with 6 or more competitors, they will be awarded a certificate of achievement to recognise their progress. When a competitor wins a total of 6 or more with 6 or more competitors, they will receive both a certificate of achievement & a winner's medal. Once the maximum of 6 wins has been achieved they will no longer be able to accrue points. Dancers should be encouraged to no longer dance in these categories.

All DPA Promoters will qualify for National League status unless they ask not to be included (in writing.) It is the responsibility of the Promoter to clearly advertise National League and Platinum Point status at least 30 days prior to the event.

Condition of entry

The organisers will not accept responsibility where competitors enter multiple events within the same section of the competition day. As a result, some events may be scheduled to run consecutively.

Anyone competing or spectating (any event) do so at their own risk. The venue will not accept responsibility for any existing health issues/allergies, injury or situation.

By attending the event whether as a participant or otherwise (e.g as a spectator) you acknowledge that images may be captured during the event using film photography , video or other medium and may be used by the event organisers for the purpose of live streaming and to promote the organisation and its work, or other future events by use via web sites, social media websites, promotional leaflets and brochures and other publicity materials. The images may also be provided for publication in international or national newspapers or magazines.

We acknowledge our responsibilities in capturing images by photography or other means in particular reference to -

The Protection of Children Act 1978

An individuals right to privacy under the Human Rights Act 1998

The Data protection act 1998

General Data protection regulation (GDPR)

The organiser shall take no responsibility for the capture and use of any images taken at the event by any third party not directly engaged by us to do so on our behalf and accepts no liability for the actions of such third parties

Any complaints or refunds will only be considered up to 48 hours after the completion of the said event, via email to the organiser of the event - this must be signed, dated with address to be considered.

The decision of the organiser along with the Chair of Adjudicators is final on all matters.

DPA/BDF National League

Ballroom & Latin

1. The DPA/BDF National League (See NL Document) will operate for a 12-month period starting with the 1st event after the DPA Summer Festival and ending on the last day of the following DPA Summer Festival.
2. The DPA/BDF National League in all Pre-Champ, Intermediate, will be Under 35 & Over 35. The Beginners and Novice will be an open adult age category & will operate for a 12-month period starting with the 1st event after the DPA Summer Festival and ending on the last day of the following DPA Summer Festival.
3. Points will be totalled in each category, and the best 15 results will be used to ascertain the league positions in each event. You must have danced in at least 15 events to be rewarded for a cash prize or trophy where applicable.
4. In the event of a tie for first place of the DPA/BDF National League the results of the UK Closed Championships (held at the DPA Summer Festival) will decide the position. For non-Championship events the result of the DPA UK Closed Title (held at the DPA Summer Festival) will decide the position.
5. In the adult categories for U35, O35, Pre-Champ, Intermediate and the Open Beginners & Open Novice; the couples currently placing in the top 12 of the DPA/BDF National League on the 31st May each year will be invited to dance for the Dancer of the Year Title in that category at the Grand Finals held at the DPA Summer Festival.
6. The National League Couples events are open to any dancer within their own age group. (Date of their actual birthday.)
7. Juvenile Dancers to comply with the current DPA/BDF National League Juvenile Rules for syllabus & dress code.
8. Juvenile, Junior, Adult Beginners & Novice to comply with the current DPA/BDF National League Rules for syllabus.
9. If a couple split during the year their points cannot be transferred to a new partnership. At the point of which their partnership is terminated their current total of points will be frozen

10. If a dancer who has accrued points in the Solo Chart subsequently forms a partnership and competes as part of a couple, the points previously earned in the Solo Chart shall be frozen. These points shall remain recorded in the Solo Chart; however, no additional points may be accrued in the Solo Chart while the dancer is competing as part of a partnership. All results achieved thereafter as a couple shall be recorded exclusively in the Couples Chart.

11. Change of Grade or Age Group
 - A. In the event that a couple or solo dancer changes grade or age group during the course of the competition year (as a result of a split partnership or birthday,) any points previously earned shall be frozen in the original grade or age group.
 - B. From the date of the change, the couple or solo dancer must begin accruing points in the new grade or age group.
 - C. If the couple or solo dancer has already accrued sufficient points in the previous grade or age group to secure first place in that category, the title shall still be awarded accordingly.
 - D. Points are not transferrable.
 - E. This rule applies to both couples and solo dancers.

12. In a Final of more than 6 couples or solo dancers, each couple/solo dancer from 7th position onwards will receive the same points as 7th place.

13. If a dancer participates in a DPA/BDF National League event they will automatically appear in the charts.

Rising Star Rules

1. A promoter is fully authorized to organize Rising Star events for any age category.
2. The promoter may establish specific guidelines, rules, and eligibility criteria for participation in Rising Star divisions.
3. Notwithstanding the above, no dancer, solo dancer, or couple shall be restricted or prevented from competing in any National League category for which they are otherwise eligible.

Sequence Rules

National League events (**National League Document**)

8. Both Children & Adult National leagues will run in a 12 monthly cycle from 1st May to the 30th April each year.

9. Points will be totalled in each category, and the best 15 results will be used to ascertain the winner. You must have danced in 15 events to be rewarded for a position in the final league.

Juvenile Dress Rules

Make Up

- should look natural & suitable for the age group

Sponsorship Logos

- Sponsor logos are permitted, with a combined maximum size of 40cm

Jewellery & accessories

- Only jewellery of a religious nature maybe worn. This should be around the neck and inside the clothing.
- Stud earrings not exceeding 2cm can be worn.
- A flower or bow not exceeding 10cm can be worn in the hair
- Decorative bracelets & armbands are NOT permitted.
- Dress rings and wristwatches are NOT permitted.
- Headbands, armbands & gloves are NOT permitted.
- Tiaras or diamond decorations are NOT permitted.

BOYS

Trousers.

- Colour; Black only
- High Waist optional.
- Underfoot Strap optional.
- Satin side stripes are allowed.

Shirts.

- Plain white (no wing collars).
- No pleats or ribbing.
- Sleeves to be worn at wrist length.

Tie Must Be Worn

- Black colour only, may be either straight or bow style.

Socks

- Black only

Shoes

- Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches (must be black).

Materials

- Fabrics must be plain. i.e.: cotton, polyester, cotton/polyester blend, wool blend. No satin or shiny fabrics.
- No rhinestones, glitter, metallic thread, patterns or sequins allowed.

GIRLS

Girls are permitted to wear.

- A simple dress with an attached undergarment
- Leotard top with a skirt.

Skirts.

- A plain or pleated skirt with a minimum of x1 to maximum of x3 half circles is allowed.
- One plain, simple underskirt is allowed but this must be no fuller or longer than the top layer. The underskirts must be the same or of a similar colour to the top skirt.
- No godets or extra panels may be inserted into the skirt.
- No uneven hem lines, frills, splits, openings, lace, or sequins.
- Horsehair/Crinoline may be used as part of the construction but not as a trim.
- Length of skirt must not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee cap and no longer than 3 inches below the knee cap.
- A least one of the layers of the skirts must be a solid colour. (Not sheer.)

Necklines.

- Neck lines & keyhole back should not be lower than the top of underarm
- One frill or simple collar

Belting.

- Gathering or shirring is permissible from the waist down for a maximum of two inches, provided it is part of the dress itself and not an accessory.

Materials.

- Fabrics must be one constant colour throughout.
- No rhinestones, glitter, metallic thread, pearls, patterns, sequins, or similar materials allowed.
- No use of feathers, fringes, bows, belts, frills or sequins.
- No flesh colour fabric.
- Fabric must not be see through for the body of the dress

Shoes

- Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches and must be block heel style if a dance shoe. If the shoe comes with rhinestones on the buckle, then they are allowed.

Socks

- White ankle socks (these may have a small amount of lace) Must be worn.
- No Fishnet Tights.