



DPA Promoters' Information Guide for 2026 – 2027

- DPA Championships
- DPA Platinum Points
- DPA/BDF National League

Enhancing opportunity, prestige and participation across the National League for Promoters and Dancers.



Building Opportunities for Promoters and Competitors

The Dance Promoters' Association seeks to provide meaningful opportunities for promoters, competitors and spectators whilst maintaining fairness and consistency within the DPA/BDF National League structure.

This guide has been produced to provide promoters with a clear understanding of the opportunities available through DPA Championships, DPA Platinum Points and the DPA/BDF National League.

The introduction of DPA Championship categories alongside DPA Platinum Points enables promoters to create exciting programmes which reward excellence, encourage participation and enhance the prestige of their events.

The structure has been designed to offer promoters greater flexibility whilst maintaining a fair and balanced DPA/BDF National League system for all competitors.

The DPA's Objectives:

- Promote excellence.
- Reward achievement.
- Encourage participation.
- Enhance event prestige.
- Support promoter creativity.
- Maintain a safe and fair competitive environment.
- Provide meaningful progression pathways.
- Strengthen the DPA/BDF National League.

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DPA Competition Structures at a Glance

Category	Maximum Points	Maximum Categories	Price Per Individual Category	Price For Maximum Categories
DPA Championships Points	22 League Points	13 Categories	£35.00	£400.00
DPA Platinum Points	18 League Points	15 Categories	£25.00	£300.00
DPA/BDF National League Points	12 League Points	Unlimited	N/A	N/A

Please note: Applications for Ballroom, Latin and Sequence may be submitted independently or as a combined package, using any of the event structures outlined above. For example: a maximum allocation for Ballroom & Latin is permitted alongside a maximum allocation for Sequence.

DPA/BDF National League Charts:

The DPA/BDF National League remains one single national chart, accumulating points from DPA Championships, DPA Platinum Point events and DPA/BDF National League competitions. The latest DPA/BDF National League standings and results can be viewed on the DPA website: www.dpaonline.co.uk/chart-results/

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DPA/BDF National League Charts Points Structure

DPA UK Closed Championships, British National Championships, BDF Star Titles, British Sequence Festival & Junior Sequence Dance Festival											
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 th	9th	Semi Final	Quarter Final	Earlier Rounds
26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4
DPA Championship Points											
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 th	9th	Semi Final	Quarter Final	Earlier Rounds
22	21	20	19	18	17	16	16	16	10	6	3
DPA Platinum Points											
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 th	9th	Semi Final	Quarter Final	Earlier Rounds
18	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	12	8	4	2
DPA/BDF National League Points											
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 th	9th	Semi Final	Quarter Final	Earlier Rounds
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	4	2	1

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DPA Championships

DPA Championships represent the highest level of recognition available within the Dance Promoters' Association competition structure. DPA promoters can now apply for Championship status as part of their competition programmes, creating prestigious title events that enhance both the profile of their competition and the competitor experience. Championships can be attached to any DPA/BDF National League category. Other categories can be applied for.

Championship events provide promoters with the opportunity to elevate the status of their competitions whilst offering competitors the chance to compete for DPA registered titles carrying the highest DPA/BDF National League points allocation.

DPA Championship status provides increased prestige, additional marketing opportunities and greater visibility throughout the dance community.

DPA Promoters are encouraged to use DPA Championship categories strategically to enhance their programmes and create aspirational opportunities for competitors.

Promoters granted Championship status may benefit from:

- Highest Tier of DPA/BDF National League Points:
- Enhanced event profile, prestige and spectator appeal.
- Increased competitor engagement.
- Priority recognition through DPA social media and greater marketing opportunities.
- Inclusion within DPA Championship Reports.
- DPA Championship Branding
- Announce "Championships Granted by the Dance Promoters' Association®"

Promoters wishing to be granted Championship status are required to:

- Apply to the Dance Promoters' Association Executive Committee for Championship status.
- Obtain DPA approval prior to advertising Championship status.
- Comply with all current DPA Rules and Regulations.
- Appoint a minimum of seven adjudicators (recommended).
- Advertise Championship status and adjudicators in advance of the event.
- Submit a Championship Report following the event.
- Announce "Championships Granted by the Dance Promoters' Association®"

Please Note: Championship categories and status are subject to application and approval by the Dance Promoters' Association and are not automatically granted.

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DPA Platinum Points

DPA Platinum Points represent an established and valuable component of the Dance Promoters' Association competition structure, providing promoters with the opportunity to enhance the breadth and appeal of their events whilst continuing to support competitor development.

DPA Platinum Point categories allow promoters to create flexible and engaging competition programmes, offering competitors additional opportunities to earn significant DPA/BDF National League points within a fair and transparent framework.

The DPA Platinum Points structure has been revised to now work alongside the DPA Championships, and been adjusted to provide greater programme versatility, enabling promoters to tailor their events to the needs of their competitors whilst maintaining consistency throughout the DPA/BDF National League.

Promoters are encouraged to utilise DPA Platinum Point categories strategically to diversify their programmes, attract wider participation and enhance the overall competitor experience.

Promoters who purchase DPA Platinum Points may benefit from:

- Second Highest Tier of DPA/BDF National League Points
- Better competitor engagement.
- Increased Marketing opportunities.
- Recognition through DPA social media.
- Potential Inclusion within DPA Reports.
- DPA Platinum Points Branding.

Please Note: Promoters are not required to purchase the maximum allocation of DPA Platinum Points and may choose the number of DPA Platinum Point categories most appropriate for their event.

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Programme Design Principles and Rules

To maintain fairness across the National League, a category may only appear once on a programme.

Promoters retain complete freedom when deciding whether a category is designated as a DPA Championship or DPA Platinum Point competition.

However, the same age group and discipline combination may not appear twice on the same day.

This prevents multiple scoring opportunities being created within the same class whilst ensuring a level playing field for all competitors.

✓ Allowed	✗ Not Allowed
Juvenile Latin Championship Juvenile Ballroom Platinum Points Different disciplines	Juvenile Ballroom Championship Juvenile Ballroom Platinum Points <i>Same age group and discipline</i>
Junior Ballroom Championship Junior Latin Platinum Points Different disciplines	Under 21 Latin Championship Under 21 Latin Platinum Points <i>Same age group and discipline</i>

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Event Structure Options

Promoters may structure their competitions in a variety of ways to suit their competitors, venue capacity and target audience. Below are some examples of event structures and costs:

 Flagship Structure	 Championship Structure	 Balanced Structure	 Platinum Structure
13 x DPA Championships	13 x DPA Championships	8 x DPA Championships	
15 x DPA Platinum Points		10 x DPA Platinum Points	15 x DPA Platinum Points
National League Categories	National League Categories	National League Categories	National League Categories
TOTAL COST = £700.00	TOTAL COST = £400.00	TOTAL COST = £530.00	TOTAL COST = £300.00

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DPA/BDF National League Ballroom & Latin Categories

Beginner's

- Juvenile/Junior/Adult Solo Ballroom/Latin/ CI Sequence
- Juvenile/Junior/Adult Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Juvenile/Junior Couples Classical Sequence

Novice

- Juvenile/Junior/Adult Solo Ballroom/Latin/CI Sequence
- Juvenile/Junior/Adult Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Juvenile/Junior Couples Classical Sequence

Under 10's

- Solo Ballroom/Latin
- Solo Classical/Modern Sequence
- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical Sequence

Juvenile (Under 12's)

- Solo Ballroom/Latin
- Solo Classical/Modern Sequence
- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical/Modern Sequence
- Couples All Girls Ballroom/Latin/Classical Sequence
- Couples Boy/Girl Classical Sequence

Intermediate

- Under 35 Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Over 35 Couples Ballroom/Latin

Pre-Championship

- Adult Couples Modern Sequence
- Under 35 Couples Ballroom/Latin/Classical Sequence
- Over 35 Couples Ballroom/Latin/ Classical Sequence

Under 14's

- Solo Ballroom/Latin
- Solo Classical/Modern Sequence
- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical Sequence

Junior (Under 16's)

- Solo Ballroom/Latin
- Solo Classical/Modern Sequence
- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical/Modern Sequence
- Couples All Girls Ballroom/Latin/Classical Sequence
- Couples Boy/Girl Classical Sequence

Adult Open

- Solo Ballroom/Latin/Classical/Modern Sequence

Over 50's

- Couples Ballroom/Latin

Over 60's

- Couples Ballroom/Latin

Senior

- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical/Modern Sequence

Under 21

- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical/Modern Sequence

Amateur

- Couples Ballroom/Latin
- Couples Classical/Modern Sequence

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Application Process

①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥
Determine Categories	Submit Application	Approval	Advertise Status	Conduct Event	Submit Reports
Select your categories	Submit to the DPA	Await confirmation	Promote your event	Run the competition	Submit reports

For further information, application forms and National League charts, please visit the DPA website at www.dpaonline.co.uk



Supporting Promoters

Rewarding Competitors

Building the Future Together

The Dance Promoters' Association remains committed to supporting promoters and competitors through innovation, collaboration and continued development.

We look forward to working alongside our promoters to strengthen the DPA/BDF National League and provide exciting opportunities for dancers across the United Kingdom.

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