



## BRITISH COMPETITORS DANCESPORT CORPORATION

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## **B.C.D.C. Rules**

### **1. NAME**

The name of the organisation will be registered as BC Dancesport corporation and know as the British Competitors Dance sport Corporation or B.C.D.C.

### **2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- (i) To protect and further the rights and interest of its members.
- (ii) To uphold and advance the quality and standards of the British competitive dancing.
- (iii) B.C.D.C. will seek to co-operate with all International and National bodies to further the successful organisation of competitive dance events that are held in a free and open manner.
- (iv) To oppose any restrictive practices or regulations which seek to place barriers in the way of participation in open International and/ or Domestic competitions and towards British Competitors.
- (v) B.C.D.C. will defend and seek to widen the access of its members to their business markets and networks.
- (vi) B.C.D.C. will be a non-profit making organisation registered at companies house (British government company formations).

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- (i) New membership of the B.C.D.C will be open to any person who is currently competing in professional or amateur (amateur with non-voting membership) dance competitions and who is registered as a professional or amateur competitor with the British Dance Council (B.D.C.).
- (ii) Cessation of Membership - Full Membership will be deemed to have ceased upon notification of official retirement from professional competitions. Any member who has not competed for over one year may be required to substantiate his/her status as a current competitor to the Executive if voting rights are to be maintained. Any E.C. member will upon retirement be invited to complete their term of office and be able to stand for reelection for a further two year period.

### **4. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All members shall pay on admission to the B.C.D.C. an annual subscription Of £20.00 per person, which shall be due on the 1st day of January each year. Voting rights will only extended to those members currently up to date with their subscriptions.

## **5. MANAGEMENT OF THE B.C.D.C**

- (i) The management of the B.C.D.C. shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Executive Committee shall consist of 7 members to be elected at an Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) In the event of the resignation or retirement of an elected member of the Executive Committee, Rules 6.3 will apply.
- (iv) A sub committee of up to 9 B.C.D.C members will be made that will not require any previous term of membership to help assist the EC. These roles will be voting into position at the AGM.

## **6. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Executive Committee will be appointing the following officers:
  - 1. Chairman (Director of NFP Company)
  - 2. Vice-Chairman (Director of NFP Company)
  - 3. Secretary
  - 4. Event Co-Ordinator
  - 5. Treasurer
  - 6. EC Member
  - 7. EC Member

These appointments are to be made within one month of the Annual General Meeting.

An individual would be eligible for a Committee Membership position after being a Member of the BCDC organisation for one whole calendar year (January to January). A Member can be put forward for an Executive Committee Membership position after one year of being a Sub Committee Member.

- (ii) The Executive Committee will have the power to amend or delete any of these rules as an emergency measure. Any amendments must then be carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) The Executive Committee may, if the need arises, co-opt members to serve on the Executive Committee to fill any vacancy caused by the retirement or resignation of one of the elected members of the Executive Committee Meetings.

## **6. (Continued)**

- (iv) In addition to the members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may co-opt additional specialist members, either financial or advisory, the number to be decided by the Executive Committee, who shall be non-voting. Such persons need not necessarily be members of the Corporation and shall be required to relinquish such position on the request of the Executive Committee.
- (v) Having exhausted all other alternatives the Executive Committee have the power to undertake disciplinary actions against any member who has broken B.C.D.C. rules or agreed policies or who has behaved in such a manner as to have brought the B.C.D.C. into disrepute. Disciplinary action may take the form of suspension of membership, expulsion, or the imposition of a fine or any other action the E.C. deems necessary. Any disciplinary action must be ratified at an Annual General Meeting or an extra-ordinary General Meeting. Any member who is the subject of disciplinary action must be given written notice by the Secretary of the complaints against him/her. The member then, if he/she has provided written notice within 21 days to the secretary, has the right to appear before the Executive Committee to defend the complaints against them. If the Executive Committee then decides on disciplinary action, an extra-ordinary General Meeting must be called within 21 days for ratification.

## **7. MEETINGS**

- (i) The Annual General Meeting of the B.C.D.C. should be aimed to be held in Blackpool each year to coincide with the British National Dance Festival. If for any reason this is not possible then the AGM should be held within two weeks of the conclusion of the festival by way of a virtual or physical meeting. The following business shall be conducted: -
  - 1. Chairperson's Report
  - 2. Statement of Accounts
  - 3. Election of Executive Committee members (5)
  - 4. Any other business that has been sent to the Secretary in writing and included in the Agenda and notice of meeting sent to all members.
- (ii) Any proposition from members for inclusion on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting (including the nomination of members for the election to the Executive Committee) must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by October 1st prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) An extra-ordinary general meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee

- (iv) The Secretary shall at least 7 days prior to an extra-ordinary general meeting inform every member in writing of the date, place and time of the meeting and the business to be conducted
- (v) Any proposal made at an open meeting cannot be voted upon and can be only considered at the next Annual General Meeting.

## **8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- (i) All Executive Committee members must be notified at least 48 hours prior to any Executive Committee meeting and given the agenda for that meeting.
- (ii) A quorum of five Executive Committee members is required for any Executive Committee meeting.
- (iii) A valid reason for non-attendance at any Executive Committee meeting must be given to the Secretary. In the event that an Executive Committee member fails to attend 50% of the meetings without valid reasons; the Executive Committee will ask him/her to reconsider their position.

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

A statement of accounts shall be presented by the Treasurer for consideration by the members at each Annual General Meeting.

## **10. CHANGE OF RULES**

Any proposed amendment or alteration to these rules must be sent in writing to the Secretary by October 1st prior to the Annual General Meeting.