

Dear Athletes/Officials,

The current COVID-19 pandemic is a great challenge for all of us and the situation in Europe and around the world remains unpredictable and uncertain.

The WDSF has decided to restart the WDSF Competition System and allow organisers to hold WDSF DanceSport Events despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In principle WDSF World Open, International Open and Open competitions can therefore be carried out by organisers. 2020 WDSF World and European Championships will only be partially resumed. This is mainly for two reasons. On one hand, the restrictions still in force in various countries do not allow for the realization of such WDSF DanceSport Events. On the other hand, to hold a World and European Championships in which only a small part of the athletes of our NMB can participate would not be representative. Furthermore, it would be unfair to those who cannot participate.

Since the organization of a WDSF DanceSport Event can lead to an increased risk of infection, all WDSF DanceSport Events are only approved with special safety measures. This applies to organizers as well as to athletes and officials. In order to avoid an excessive financial risk for the organizers, the WDSF has decided to only allow athletes to participate in competitions during the COVID-19 pandemic if they sign a declaration for each WDSF DanceSport Event (e.g. with their registration), that:

- a) In case of sudden cancellation of the competition, they bear all their travel, accommodation, and similar expenses and;
- b) They bear their own responsibility in case they become infected with the virus COVID-19 whether during the competition or in the three weeks after they return from the competition.

In order to keep the financial risks for you as low as possible, the WDSF recommends you to take out appropriate travel cancellation insurance before registration. The clauses to be accepted are listed for information in the annex of this letter.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support. The WDSF Presidium fully understand the desire of the DanceSport community to resume competing as soon as possible but once again underscores the necessity of each participant to take every precaution to ensure the safety of all concerned.

Do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

With Kind Regards,

COVID-19 – Declaration for Athletes

Understanding that my registration and acceptance of this declaration does not in any way reduce or limit the responsibility of the WDSF DanceSport Event organizer with respect to the security measures according to the current COVID-19 Situation, I hereby make the following declaration:

I am fully aware and conscious of the dangers involved in participating at the WDSF DanceSport Event for which I am registered or registering for and of the dangers that may be caused by a COVID-19 infection. I have informed myself and I have read the documents (the documents can be downloaded by clicking on [this link](#)) provided by the WDSF and the Organiser concerning the risks and responsibilities when participating in the WDSF DanceSport Event for which I am registering. I know and accept that by participating in the WDSF DanceSport Event my life and physical safety could be endangered.

I acknowledge that it is up to me personally to assess my individual risks in participating at the WDSF DanceSport Event. I agree that I will immediately notify the organizer of any safety concerns I may have. By participating in the WDSF DanceSport Event, I agree that I am responsible for the choice of my own safety measures and the choice of the safety equipment that I use.

I understand and accept that I may be found personally liable to third parties for infections, if I intentionally and or by negligent do not respect the safety regulations of the WDSF, the local authorities and the organizer.

I understand and accept that the WDSF DanceSport Event can be cancelled at any time due to Force Majeur events. By registering for this WDSF DanceSport Event I accept that I bear the full financial risk of the cancellation of the WDSF DanceSport Event for costs which are incurred by me (such as but not limited to travel costs, accommodation costs, cancellation costs), as the organiser of the WDSF DanceSport Event has excluded any liability to the legally possible extent for a cancellation of the WDSF DanceSport Event due to a Force Majeur event.

I shall hold the WDSF, the Organiser and its affiliates, and each entities' officials, employees and agents harmless from and against and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of the realization or cancellation of the WDSF DanceSport Event.

This declaration is also binding on any relatives, personal representatives, heirs, successors, beneficiaries, next of kin or assigns who might pursue any legal action.

I have read the above COVID-19 – Declaration:

Yes/No: _____		
Location	Date	Signature
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For Athletes of minority age (according to national laws):

This is to certify that, as parent/guardian of this participant, I do consent to his/her agreement to be bound by each of the terms and conditions identified above.

Yes/ No: _____			
Name – Parent/Guardian	Date	Relationship	Signature of Parent/Guardian
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