

2015 DanceSport Council Conference Call Notes:

2015-01-13 Email Motion: Wayne/2nd Todd--to accept Genadi Kijnyer with the following certification: National Certified Adjudicator: certified at the A+, B+, C+ and D+ classifications.
Motion Approved: Unanimous

1. DSC Conference Call—25 February 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Taras Savitsky

Motion: Stan/2nd Todd—During the August 2014 DSC meeting the DSC approved a motion to revise rule 5.6.2 to prevent NQE organizers from publishing the name of their adjudicating panel until the start of their NQE competition. This was done to for several reasons including following WDSF guidelines. After the DSC meeting, the NDCA took action against their member adjudicators, so several NDCA adjudicators cancelled their NQE contracts. With not publishing our adjudicating panel names, several USA Dance members felt that NQE organizers were “hiding” their adjudicating panel names because of hiring “inferior” adjudicators. This motion reverses the motion approved by the DSC in August 2014, so that rule 5.6.2 would remain the same and NQE organizers could publish their Adjudication panel members. Motion approved: Unanimous

2. DSC Conference Call—8 April 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Todd Kirrane

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ray Kaufman, Wayne Crowder

Motion: Roger/2nd Stan—To delete rule 4.7.3.7.4, this will allow athletes to compete in more than 2 consecutive age categories at NQE competitions. Current rules allow for athletes to dance two consecutive proficiency levels based on the dance style, i.e. Standard, Latin, Smooth or Rhythm. Deleting rule 4.7.3.7.4 will allow athletes to dance two consecutive age categories in a particular dance style. Athletes can now dance more than two consecutive age categories at any one competition. Motion approve: Unanimous

3. DSC Conference Call—15 April 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer

4. DSC Conference Call—22 April 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder

Add Mixed Proficiency back to the Rulebook.

Add to 3.8-Mixed Proficiency: unjudged partner can be male or female, regardless of the sex of the athlete.

Add Showdance to scholarship section.

Reference “Syllabus Guide Book” in the invigilation penalty section of the rulebook.
Discussed athletes must use the on-line membership system prior to the start of an NQE competition or they will not qualify for Nationals, regardless of their placement at the NQE competition.

5. DSC Conference Call—29 April 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Amanda Ashcraft, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Ray Kaufman

Discussion on final edits to the 2015A Rulebook:

Edit 5.9.2—delete open age and add all Championship events...

Approve wording on defining 30% practice dance floor, i.e. at least 30% of the square footage of the competition dance floor.....

Applicants to be WDSF judges must be approved by the DSC before names are submitted to the WDSF.
(Inna Brayer was excused from the DSC meeting and did not vote on the following motion)

Motion: Wayne/2nd Todd—To approve the following applications to be forwarded to WDSF for approval to be WDSF certified judges:

Inna Brayer

Stanley McCalla

Sandra Fortuna

Steve Mesh

Motion approved: Unanimous (Inna Brayer was excused for this vote)

6. DSC Conference Call—6 May 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Ken Richards, Todd Kirrane

- Discussion on Summary of 2015 Rulebook changes to send to all athletes—Stan to prepare, note Same Sex events are optional for organizers and Wayne to do a summary of invigilation changes to send with the summary of rulebook changes.

7. DSC Conference Call—13 May 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Ken Richards, Todd Kirrane

- Discussion on WDSF certified adjudicators available for the Summer sizzler.

Motion: Stan/2nd Ray—Grant Summer Sizzler NQE a waiver from the 50% certified WDSF adjudicator requirement on panel of adjudicators.

Motion approved: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain—Wayne

8. DSC Conference Call—20 May 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Inna Brayer, Amanda Ashcraft, Wayne Crowder, Ray Kaufman, Scott Coates

Absent: Todd Kirrane

- Discussion on residency requirements—Stan to reword rule 4.3.6 to require the current residency documents be specific to those Athletes/Couples that dance Championship events with the potential of that couple becoming eligible to represent the USA in WDSF World Championships or other International Championships. All Athletes/Couples must meet all other requirements for qualifying to enter Nationals.
- Discussion on procedure for former pros to be reinstated as DanceSport Athletes—reinstatement committee (Ray, Stan, Scott) to make recommendation to DSC for approval.

9. DSC Conference Call –27 May 2015

Present: Stan Andrews, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Wayne Crowder, Ray Kaufman, Todd Kirrane, Scott Coates

Absent: Inna Brayer, Amanda Ashcraft

- Roger—only has received one response on bid to host Sr. 4 National Championships—response was from Mid-Atlantic. Roger to check with other organizers to make sure another bid was lost in the mail.
- Next DSC conference call will be scheduled when above documents are ready and distributed to DSC.

10. DSC Conference Call—3 June 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman, Scott Coates, Amanda Ashcraft, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder, Yang Chen

Absent: Inna Brayer

- Yang—discussion on 2021 World Games in Birmingham, AL and possible having Nationals or NQE in Birmingham in 2019 &/or 2020
- Roger & Stan volunteered to form a committee to respond to questions by group in Birmingham.
- Concerns:
 - ✓ General travel to Birmingham
 - ✓ How many athlete couples do we think will attend the World Games?
 - ✓ We should not under estimate the enthusiasm for ballroom in the Olympic Games.
 - ✓ If we will not hold our Nationals in Louisville, why go to Birmingham?
 - ✓ Will Birmingham help fund the competition—where is the money?

Motion: Todd/2nd Stan to fast track reinstatement application of Joshua Brownlie so he can compete in mixed proficiency at the Summer Sizzler.

Motion Approved: Unanimous

Motion: Ray/2nd Stan to approve reinstatement of John & Lauren Springli as of 1 September 2015.

Motion Approve: Unanimous

- Discussion on adjudicators applying to be USA Dance approved adjudicators/WDSF certified adjudicators.

11. DSC Conference Call—10 June 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Ray Kaufman, Scott Coates, Amanda Ashcraft, Roger Greenawalt, Inna Brayer

Absent: Ken Richards, Wayne Crowder, Todd Kirrane

Motion: Roger/2nd Todd to approve Mid-Atlantic NQE to host Senior 4 National Championships for 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Motion Approved: Unanimous

12. DSC Conference Call—17 June 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Todd Kirrane

• Discussion:

- ✓ Roger—2016 Summer Sizzler NQE.
- ✓ Stan—proposing that Pre-Teen I & II events not accrue proficiency points.

13. DSC Conference Call—24 June 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder, Todd Kirrane

Absent: Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman

• Discussion:

- ✓ Rule 2.2.10.3.3—Edit to include WDSF certified adjudicators as National Adjudicators if they are only A+ & B+ (Standard & Latin).
- ✓ Rule 3.11.8.5—Todd to revise wording concerning Teacher Dress regulation in Teacher/Student events.

Motion: Stan/Scott 2nd: Effective immediately, Pre-Teen I & II events will not accrue proficiency points.

Motion Approved: Unanimous

14. DSC Conference Call—1 July 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder, Todd Kirrane

Absent: Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman

• Discussion:

- ✓ Rule 2.2.10.3.3—Edit to include WDSF certified adjudicators as National Adjudicators if they are only A+ & B+ (Standard & Latin).
- ✓ Rule 3.11.8.5—Todd to revise wording concerning Teacher Dress regulation in Teacher/Student events.

15. DSC Conference Call—8 July 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman, Scott Coates, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Inna Brayer, Edward Golbert, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane

• Discussion:

- ✓ T/S motions need to be reword and brought back to the DSC.
- ✓ Update on status of on-line proficiency points discussed.
- ✓ Review of rules concerning residency and passport requirements for those athletes participating in events at Nationals with the potential of representing the USA in WDSF World Championships.

- ✓ Review of rule 2.2.1.3.3 concerning National Certified Adjudicators and WDSF licensed adjudicators being considered National Adjudicators in those dance styles with “+” certification.
- ✓ Review of rule 5.8.9 concerning not allowing organizers to promote or feature athletes that are competing in their competition.

16. DSC Conference Call—15 July 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Edward Golbert, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Todd Kirrane

Absent: Ray Kaufman, Wayne Crowder

- Discussion:
 - ✓ DSC approve wording on rules 2.2.10.3.3 and 5.8.9.
 - ✓ Amanda—status of National Collegiate competition in Columbus, same time as Ohio Star Ball—have had 1 meeting of the organizing group.

17. DSC Conference Call—22 July 2015 (20:00 Central time)

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Edward Golbert, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ray Kaufman

- Discussion:
 - ✓ Proficiency point release is ready as soon as I review qualified competitions on O2CM—should go to all athletes early next week.

Motion: Todd/2nd Stan—Edit rule 3.11.8.5 and add rule 3.11.8.6 as follows:

3.11.8.5 In Teacher Student and Mixed Proficiency events, the judged Athlete must follow dress regulation requirements for the age category and dance style in which they are competing.

3.11.8.6 The Teacher or unjudged partner, in Teacher Student and Mixed Proficiency events must follow Youth or lower age syllabus dress requirements per dance style, when competing with Pre-Teen, Junior or Youth partners in syllabus events. In all other events, they may wear open proficiency level costumes.

Motion approved: Unanimous

- ✓ Next DSC conference call will be on 26 August.

5 August 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/Roger 2nd—Phillip Stephens be approved as a National Certified Adjudicator A+, B+, C+, D+ and approved as a USA Dance Invigilator. Motion Approved: Yes-Wayne, Roger, Ken, Inna Amanda, Todd, Stan (Against-0; Abstain-0)

19 August 2015 Email Motion: Stan/Ray 2nd—to approve Jessica Makowski request for reinstatement as a DanceSport Athlete. Motion approve: Unanimous

18. DSC Conference Call—26 August 2015 (20:00 Central)

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Edward Golbert, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Scott Coates, Ray Kaufman, Wayne Crowder (Todd Kirrane joined late)

Absent: None

- Discussion: Teacher/Student Motions:

Motion 1: Ken/Stan 2nd—Judges may compete in T/S events at any competition in which they are not serving in the capacity of adjudicator. Motion Approved: Unanimous (Todd not present)

Motion 2: Ken/Stan 2nd-- T/S events can be scheduled concurrently or separately at the discretion of the organizer. Motion Approved—Todd Abstained

Motion 3: Ken/Scott 2nd—To compete in T/S events, each participant must be a DanceSport member of USA Dance, which gives each member full privileges, including a vote. Motion Approved: Unanimous

Motion 4: Ken/Todd 2nd—At a minimum, organizers must offer the main six levels (bronze, silver, gold, novice, Pre-Champ, open) for T/S competition. At the organizer’s discretion, more sub-level (events) may be added (ex: newcomer, pre-bronze, intermediate silver). Motion Failed: Unanimous

Motion 5: Concerning proficiency point accumulation for T/S events—Tabled

Motion 6: Redundant/Scratch

Motion 7: At any given competition, a Student may not compete as a Teacher at a higher level in the same discipline. Tabled

Motion 8: Ken/Stan 2nd—At any given competition, a Teacher may dance as a Student with their Teacher Partner at a higher level within the same discipline (dance style). Motion Approve: Unanimous

Motion 9: Ken/Wayne 2nd--Organizers have the discretion to offer any levels and sublevels (such as **newcomer, pre-bronze, intermediate silver, etc.**) of T/S events. Motion Approved: Unanimous

- Conference call adjourned some additional discussions.
- Next DSC Conference Call will be on 1 October 2015

2September 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/Ken 2nd—move to approve Andrea Zaramella as a Championship Certified Adjudicator with A+, B+ credentials. Motion approved: Unanimous

3 September 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/Todd 2nd—move to approve Tadas & Heather Jonyla as a Competition Certified Adjudicator with A+, B+ credentials. Motion approved: Unanimous

3 September 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/Stan 2nd--move to approve Irina Trebunskaya has a National Certified Adjudicator with A+,B+,C+,D+ credentials. Motion approved: Unanimous

22 September 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/Ken 2nd—move to approve Mandy Ball as a National Certified Adjudicator and Invigilator (A++, B+, C+, D++) for USA Dance. Motion Approved—Unanimous

1 October 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/Stan 2nd—I move to accept Didi von Deck as a Championship Certified Adjudicator A+. Motion Approved

19. DSC Conference Call—1 October 2015 (20:00 Central)

- Did not have a quorum—

15 October 2015 Email Motion: Wayne/2nd Todd—move to approve upgrade of Dana Edwards to A+, B+, C+, D+, E+, USA Dance National Certified Adjudicator.
Motion Approved: Unanimous

20. DSC Conference Call—21 October 2015 @ 20:00 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Edward Golbert, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Wayne Crowder, Ray Kaufman, Todd Kirrane
Absent: None

- Meeting Agenda
 - ✓ NorCal Waiver

Motion: Roger/Todd 2nd—to approve waiver requested by NorCal to accept their currently contracted panel (fewer than required WDSF & C+, D+ certified adjudicators—some Smooth & Rhythm events will be allowed to use A+ & B+ adjudicators to fill out the required judging panels). Motion Approved: No—0, Abstain—1 (Todd), Yes—7

- ✓ Westlake Grievance—No action taken.
- ✓ New DS Delegate—Discussion.
- ✓ Inactive Adjudicators—Discussion.
- ✓ Proficiency Points—Update by Stan on activities of Proficiency Point Committee (Carlie Coats, Kevin Payne, Leland Whitney and Leslie Whitney)
- ✓ Invigilation Manual—Discussion tabled until next DSC meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 21:45 Central—Next DSC Conference Call will be on Wednesday, 4 November 2015

26 October 2015 Email Motion: Stan/Todd 2nd—to approve petition from Lisa-Anice Sutphen to be a USA Dance Adjudicator with certification License with A+, B+, C+, D+. Motion Approved: Yes-Stan, Todd, Roger, Ken, Inna & Wayne

27 October 2015 Email Motion: Stan/Ken 2nd--To allow Sami & Karita Yli-Piipari to judge American style events as required by Chair Renata Shvarts at the 2015 Chicago NQE.
Motion Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Abstain – 2 (Todd & Edward)

28 October 2015 Email Motion: Stan/Wayne 2nd—To approve Igor Nikon to adjudicate American style at the 2015 Chicago NQE. Motion Approved: Yes – 6 (Stan, Wayne, Roger, Inna, Ken & Ray); No – 0; Abstain – 0; not voting – 3

21. DSC Conference Call—4 November 2015 @ 20:00 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Edward Golbert, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Wayne Crowder, Ray Kaufman

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Todd Kirrane

Motion: Inna/2nd Stan—for the 2015 National Colligate DanceSport Championships in Columbus, waiver so that WDSF adjudicators do not have to follow the WDSF dress regulations.
Motion Approved: Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Edward)

- ✓ Discussion—Teacher dress regulations—concerning teachers in T/S events, to wear acceptable costumes when Standard/Smooth/Latin/Rhythm events are scheduled back to back with Students.
- ✓ Reviewed rule 3.11.8.6.
- Next DSC conference call will be on Wednesday, 2 December at 20:00 Central.
- Meeting adjourned at 20:45 Central.

22. DSC Conference Call—2 December 2015 @ 20:00 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Edward Golbert, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Ray Kaufman, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder

Absent: None

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Collegiate Championship—same sex couple (male/male) in Pre-Champ event. Chair placed couple last (couple was marked 2nd) and did not notify the couple after the event. This has now become a Facebook issue. Registration information allowed for same sex at all proficiency levels. Couple should have been placed 2nd and will be contacted and sent award for 2nd place.
 - ✓ Westlake grievance—DSC followed rule 4.11.2 & 4.11.3.

- ✓ 2016 Nationals organization committee recommends not having an Under-21 10 Dance event to allow time for Silver bonus events. DSC approved.
- ✓ Recommend revising rules for National Adjudicators for 2016 rulebook to allow for National Adjudicators to one or more, but not necessarily all dance styles “+”.
- ✓ Ways to reduce the cost of organizing NQE competitions.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on 13 January 2016.

2015-12-07 Email Motion: Ken/2nd Todd—To approve Ruslan Wilder and Katusha Wilder to be USA Dance Adjudicators (National Certified). Upon acceptance they will added to the database with the credentials of A+, B+, C+, D+. Both have become Professional Members of USA Dance on December 1, 2015 for the year 2016.

Motion Approved: Yes—8; No—0; Abstain—0; (Ray did not vote)

2015-12-28 Email Motion: Wayne/2nd Todd—To approve Jeffrey Garza as a National Certified Adjudicator with A+, B+, C+, D+ qualifications.