

The Presidium

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LAUSANNE, JUNE 17, 2018

Presidium's Motion To Amend the WDSF Competition Rules 2.2.3

PROPOSAL BY the WDSF Athletes' Commission

MOVED, effective immediately, at the request of the WDSF Athletes' Commission, ***THAT*** the ***WDSF Competition Rules 2.2.3*** be amended by correcting punctuation and adding the following words and punctuation at the end of that paragraph:

“, provided always that this rule does not apply when an athlete who does not hold the passport of the country which she or he previously represented changes countries as part of changing partners within the WDSF system.”

so that the new rule 2.2.3 would then read as follows:

2.2.3 A competitor who has represented one country in any WDSF Championship or any WDSF Cup or any World Championship or cup in a different DanceSport System, is not permitted to represent any other country in any WDSF World or Continental Championship, any WDSF Cup competition, any WDSF Grand Slam competition, the Asian Games, the Asian Indoor Games, any WDSF Games, the World Games or any future Olympic-level Games, until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the last representation, **provided always that this rule does not apply when an athlete who does not hold the passport of the country which she or he previously represented changes countries as part of changing partners within the WDSF system.**

REASONS:

The Athletes' Commission have received many complaints over the years about the destructive effects on athlete's careers with this rule. If a dancer changes partner and does not carry a passport of the previous country in which they represented; they are required to wait 12 months to compete in any Championship, through no fault of their own.

In the lower age categories this can have huge effects on their careers where they only have for example; 2 years in junior, 3 years in youth, 2 years in Under 21.

Clear Example:

Male dancer has English passport. Female dancer has Swedish passport. They represent Sweden...

They split.

Male dancer finds Russian Partner. They can not compete for 12 months through no fault of their own. Female dancer finds Russian partner and can compete the next day for Sweden.

The Athletes' Commission has a duty to improve the rights of the athletes and has agreed that the addition of this sentence will achieve better rights for athletes without harming the WDSF system.

We urge that the Delegates to the 2018 WDSF AGM support this motion.

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