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Background

The National Champions League (NCL) Series was established in 2019 to keep a record of nationally competing Championship and Professional athletes/couples and to award points to those athletes/couples for the purpose of the National Rankings as well as International Representation.

Moreover, the NCL Rules were established with the primary objective to ensure that the rankings and representation are simple, fair, transparent and are professionally presented. These rules are put in place as a tool to ascertain, out of the National Rankings, those athletes who are eligible to represent the country internationally by meeting the set criteria in the rules to qualify for representation.

1.1. National Champions League Series

The NCL is comprised of the three (3) national Championship competitions with a status for competing Championship and Professional couples to accumulate points in order to form part of the National Rankings and qualify for International Representation in a single Dance Sport calendar/season.

1.2. National Rankings

The National Rankings refer to a record of participating in the recognized national Championships for 'log ladder' points as well as how couples/athletes performed throughout the Dance Sport season/calendar. Rankings take into account all athletes/couples who have participated in the National Champions League series and rank them, in their age categories, according to points accumulated (calculated as per 1.7 below) from largest to smallest. Accumulated points shall be recorded from the three (3) National Champions League Series events and shall be cumulatively recorded and published after every National Champions League.

1.3. International Representation

International Representation refers to a process of selecting athletes/couples who meet the eligibility criteria taking into consideration all rules applicable for representation including but not limited to age category, partner changes etc. International representation takes into account national rankings and other recognized methods for selecting qualifying candidates – including



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but not limited to competing in the National Championships. This is achieved by applying the set eligibility criteria as per 1.4. below as well as considering various other applicable rules of the Federation, SASCO and WDSF that affect selection for international representation.

1.4. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection to represent the country at the WDSF World Championships/ International/ World Open/ Grand Slam, the following criteria must be adhered to:

- 1.4.1. All athletes/couples participating in the Champions League Series and the National Championships MUST be registered members with their PABs by the 31st of March each year.
- 1.4.2. All athletes/couples participating in the Champions League Series and the National Championships MUST be registered members with WDSF. First time entrants must make sure they are registered members before the National Champions League 1, while those who are already registered members MUST make sure to renew their membership annually upon receipt of a reminder from the WDSF.
- 1.4.3. Athletes/couples participating in the Champions League Series MUST attend ALL three (3) National Champions League Series events viz; National Champions League 1, 2, & 3 for the running season. Couples/athletes who are, in anyway, unable to or incapable to participate in all 3 National Champions Leagues, even though they may be included in the rankings, are not eligible for international representation unless there is a valid reason e.g.:
 - 1.4.3.1. **Presentation of a valid doctor's note**
 - where a couple who produces a valid doctor's note shall be exonerated for not attending the relevant leg of the National Champions League but
 - shall not accumulate any points for that leg of the National Champions League and therefore shall be awarded 0 points on the standings.
 - 1.4.3.2. **International participation**
 - prior provision of proof to participate in a recognized international competition including WDSF International, Open, Grand Slam, World Championships competitions for either having qualified to represent South Africa and/or for accumulation of international ranking points; where a couple who participated in a recognized international competition shall be exonerated for not attending



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- the relevant leg of the National Champions League but
- o shall not accumulate any points for that leg of the Champions League and therefore shall be awarded zero (0) points on the standings.

1.5. Selection of Representatives and National Dance Sport Team South Africa

The Federation of Dance Sport South Africa as a National Member Body of the WDSF is permitted, by WDSF, to select and send two (2) representatives to the various WDSF World Championships in each age category (junior II, youth, under 21, adult, senior I, II, III, IV, V) in Standard/Latin American.

In order to select the two representatives, the Federation established the National Champions League series as one method of selection as well as the National Championships as the other selection method – in a single Dance Sport calendar/season such that:

- i. The **first representative** to the WDSF World Championships is a couple/athlete topping the National Rankings in their relevant age category for that season – taking into consideration all rules applicable for representation including but not limited to age category, partner changes, full participation etc.
- ii. The **second representative** is a couple/athlete winning the National Championships in their relevant age category in that season – taking into consideration all rules applicable for representation including but not limited to age category, partner changes etc.
- iii. In case the **winner of the rankings becomes the winner of the National Championships**, the second representative will be considered **up to 6th place from the National Rankings** – taking into consideration all rules applicable for representation including but not limited to age category, partner changes, participation etc.

The top six (6) couples in every age category (junior II, youth, under 21, adult, senior I, II, III, IV, V) on the National Rankings, who meet the criteria as per 1.4. of these rules, as well as considering various other applicable rules of the Federation, SASCO and WDSF that affect selection for international representation, are eligible for selection to be part of Dance Sport Team South Africa and may represent the country at the various WDSF World Championships/International/World Open/Grand Slam taking into consideration that **ONLY** the couple ranked first automatically qualifies as the first representative to the WDSF World Championships in their age category.



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1.6. Partnership Changes

In case of a partnership change, accumulated points shall be forfeited, the new partnership shall accumulate points from zero.

- 1.6.1. Changing a partner in the middle of the season shall result in forfeiting all ranking points already accumulated with that partner.
- 1.6.2. changing a partner after selection for representation shall disqualify a couple from representation until the next representation year/season.

1.7. Allocation of National Ranking Points

1.7.1. Every couple competing in a National Champions League competition shall be allocated points in the following order:

- a) Couples from Rounds: 2 points each
- b) Couples from Quarter-Final: 3 points each
- c) Couples from Semi-Final: 5 points each

1.7.2. Each couple who would have made the final shall be allocated one (1) point for every couple they have beaten plus one (1) point for their position per dance.

Example 1.7.2 a) A couple – from Rounds to Quarter-Finals to Semi-Finals – who placed 1st in all 5 dances in a final with six (6) couples will be awarded a total of 40 points calculated as follows:

Rounds + QF + SF = [2 + 3 + 5 = 10]

Final = [6+6+6+6+6 = 30]

Overall Points: [10 + 30 = 40]

Table 1.7.1 a1: Placings of Couples in a Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	Overall Placing
110	1	1	1	1	1	1
120	5	5	5	4	4	5
130	3	4	4	5	6	4
140	2	2	2	3	3	2
150	4	3	3	2	2	3
160	6	6	6	6	5	6



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Table 1.7.1 a2: Points Accumulated by Couples in a Final from Rounds to QF to SF

CLOTH NUMBER	Rounds	Quarter -Final	Semi-Final	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	TOTAL
110	2	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	40
120	2	3	5	2	2	2	3	3	22
130	2	3	5	4	3	3	2	1	23
140	2	3	5	5	5	5	4	4	33
150	2	3	5	3	4	4	5	5	31
160	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	2	16

Example 1.7.1 b) A couple – from Quarter-Finals to Semi-Finals – who placed 1st in all 5 dances in a final with six (6) couples will be awarded a total of 38 points calculated as follows:

QF + SF = [3 + 5 = 8]

Final = [6+6+6+6+6 = 30]

Overall Points: [8 + 30 = 38]

Table 1.7.1 b1: Placings of Couples in a Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	Overall Placing
110	1	1	1	1	1	1
120	5	5	5	4	4	5
130	3	4	4	5	6	4
140	2	2	2	3	3	2
150	4	3	3	2	2	3
160	6	6	6	6	5	6

Table 1.7.1 b2: Points Accumulated by Couples in a Final from QF to SF

CLOTH NUMBER	Rounds	Quarter -Finals	Semi-Finals	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	TOTAL
110	0	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	38
120	0	3	5	2	2	2	3	3	20
130	0	3	5	4	3	3	2	1	21
140	0	3	5	5	5	5	4	4	31
150	0	3	5	3	4	4	5	5	29
160	0	3	5	1	1	1	1	2	14



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Example 1.7.1 c) A couple – from Semi-Finals – who placed 1st in all 5 dances in a final with six (6) couples will be awarded a total of 35 points calculated as follows:

SF = [5 = 5]

Final = [6+6+6+6+6 = 30]

Overall Points: [5 + 30 = 35]

Table 1.7.1 c1: Placings of Couples in a Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	Overall Placing
110	1	1	1	1	1	1
120	5	5	5	4	4	5
130	3	4	4	5	6	4
140	2	2	2	3	3	2
150	4	3	3	2	2	3
160	6	6	6	6	5	6

Table 1.7.1 c2: Points Accumulated by Couples in a Final from SF

CLOTH NUMBER	Rounds	Quarter -Final	Semi-Final	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	TOTAL
110	0	0	5	6	6	6	6	6	35
120	0	0	5	2	2	2	3	3	17
130	0	0	5	4	3	3	2	1	18
140	0	0	5	5	5	5	4	4	28
150	0	0	5	3	4	4	5	5	26
160	0	0	5	1	1	1	1	2	11

Example 1.7.2.1: A couple placed 1st in all 5 dances in a straight final with six (6) couples will be awarded a total of 30 points calculated as follows: [6+6+6+6+6 = 30]

Table 1.7.2.1a: Placings of Couples in a Straight Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	Overall Placing
110	1	1	1	1	1	1
120	5	5	5	4	4	5
130	3	4	4	5	6	4
140	2	2	2	3	3	2
150	4	3	3	2	2	3
160	6	6	6	6	5	6



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Table 1.7.2.1b: Points Accumulated by Couples in a Straight Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	TOTAL
110	6	6	6	6	6	30
120	2	2	2	3	3	12
130	4	3	3	2	1	13
140	5	5	5	4	4	23
150	3	4	4	5	5	21
160	1	1	1	1	2	6

Example 1.7.2.2: A couple placed 1st in all 5 dances in a straight final with three (3) couples will be awarded a total of 15 points calculated as follows: $[3+3+3+3+3 = 15]$

Table 1.7.2.2a: Placings of Couples in a Straight Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	Overall Placing
110	1	1	1	1	1	1
140	2	2	2	3	3	2
150	3	3	3	2	2	3

Table 1.7.2.2b: Points Accumulated by Couples in a Straight Final

CLOTH NUMBER	Dance1	Dance2	Dance3	Dance4	Dance5	TOTAL
110	3	3	3	3	3	15
140	2	2	2	1	1	8
150	1	1	1	2	2	7