



Ontario DanceSport

ODS SELECTION POLICY

10.3 CLOSED COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.3.1. QUALIFICATION FOR THE CANADIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

No couple may participate in any category at the Canadian Closed Championship in a calendar year unless both members of the couple competed, in the exact same category, with each other in the DanceSport Competition designated by their Regional Board as the Official Regional Qualifying Competition, with that Official Regional Qualifying Competition being held in the same calendar year as the Canadian Closed Championship. Only one Official Regional Qualifying competition can be designated by each Regional Board. All couples from that Region must compete in this one Official Regional Qualifying Competition in order to qualify to compete in the Canadian Closed Championships. Each Regional Board shall provide to the promoter of any Canadian Closed Championship a list of competing couples, who are eligible to compete under this Rule, a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the event. An Athlete can only compete in one Official Regional Qualifying Competition per year.

The Regional Board must submit the name and date of the Official Regional Qualifying Competition for the Canadian Closed Championship to the CDS Board no later than September 1st of the year prior to the next Canadian Closed Championship. The date of each Regional's Association Official Qualifying Competition for the Canadian Closed Championship must be held a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the Canadian Closed Championship. The date of each Regional's Association Official Qualifying Competition for the Canadian Closed Championship will be published on the CDS and Regional Association web sites.

Notwithstanding this requirement, the CDS Board may waive the application of this Rule in an exceptional case where a couple has not competed in the Official Regional Qualifying Competition. An application for a waiver must be filed with the CDS Board by the Regional Board prior to their Official Regional Qualifying Competition or no later than 5 days after their Official Regional Qualifying Competition. The CDS Board may add certain conditions which must be met in order to grant such a waiver. A waiver may be granted if a couple's CCC Regional Qualifier is the same weekend as a WDSF World Championship that they are competing in. In such cases the couple must compete at a subsequent CDS recognized Canadian Closed or Canadian Open Championship prior to competing in any subsequent WDSF World Championship or World Cup. No waiver will be granted for a new partnership that was created after the Official Regional Qualifying Competition of their Regional Association.

The Statement on the Entry Form, which must be completed and signed by all Canadian Closed Competitors, shall read as follows:

[I competed or will be competing with the same partner in the Official Regional Qualifying Competition in the exact same category for which we wish to enter these Canadian Closed Championships] followed by a "Yes" and a "No" box for a response and both their signatures. {effective March 20, 2017}

The promoter shall not accept any such entry form unless the Statement above is completed.



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10.3.2. PROVINCIAL AND AREA EVENTS (Closed Competitions)

Entries shall be restricted to competitors where both must be ODS members a minimum of one month prior to the Championship deadline if they wish to compete in it. For CCC Qualifier, provided that they meet the requirements of Rule 3.6.1 additional requirements could be applied.

10.4 OPEN COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.4.1. Any bona fide athlete may dance in an open contest provided he or she does not infringe the rules and regulations of CDS.

10.4.2. Competitors from outside Ontario will be eligible to compete in any open competition by either reciprocal or affiliated recognition or if both members of a competing couple meet the requirements and rules of CDS.

10.5 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

In International contests ODS will recognize CDS rules.

10.6 QUALIFYING

In order to qualify for the final of any competition, competitors must dance in all rounds. It is not permissible for a dancer to pass into later rounds of any competition unless the partnership competes in the first and each subsequent round of the contest.

11.0 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

11.1 Rules and regulations covering competitors and competitions for championships will be as in Schedule B of the National Board (CDS) "Championship Rules". These will apply to all dancers and competitions within the jurisdiction of ODS.

11.2 Provincial and National Championship events will be run in accordance with CDS's rules governing recognition, judging and conditions applicable to closed and open competitions (See CDS Schedule B - Championship Rules).

11.3 All dancers entering a championship must be members in good standing of ODS or with other member Associations within CDS or recognized by CDS.

12.0 SELECTION OF THE ONTARIO CHAMPIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES

12.1 The Association will register all Ontario DanceSport competitors so that recognition may be accorded reigning champions and bring order to the competitive field.

12.2 ODS will use the **Ontario Closed Championship** to choose Ontario's official representatives for the National Interprovincial Competitions and team matches. The semi-final and/or final rounds of the championships (Standard & Latin) may be split into two heats.

12.3 The couples will be placed first to sixth, in both Standard & Latin American categories, and from these positions will be selected the Ontario representatives, depending upon availability, in order of merit. The 10 Dance representatives will be the highest placed couple in both categories, in order of merit.

12.4 In the event that none of the qualified competitors are available, the Executive may at their discretion nominate the competitor to fulfil the needs from the general register of competitors.

12.5 Any athlete chosen to represent Ontario must be a member in good standing of the Association. In Canadian Closed Championships or the Ontario Closed Championships, one member of a partnership must be a Canadian Citizen. The second member, if not a Canadian citizen, must satisfy the Board that:

a) Under Canadian law he/she is permitted to travel out of and back into Canada;



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- b) He/she has elected in writing his or her intention to compete in DanceSport exclusively for Canada during the calendar year prior to the said Championships; and
 - c) He/she has not represented another country in a DanceSport competition during the 8 months prior to the said Championships except when the competitor has received consent in writing to the change in representation from each of the two relevant WDSF Members, and then the competitor may immediately represent Canada. A competitor having represented one country in any WDSF World Championship or any WDSF World Cup is not permitted to represent Canada in any WDSF Championship or WDSF Cup competition until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the last representation. Therefore they would not be eligible to compete in the Canadian Closed Championships or its qualifiers until the one year has elapsed.
- 12.6 Athletes chosen to represent Ontario at the Closed Canadian Championship with a view to representing Canada at an international event must be members of ODS as evidenced by a current membership card and entry in the Official Master Register