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Recognition of National Championships

We wish to clarify a few misconceptions circulating around the New Zealand dance and dancesport community concerning national championships and recognition.

We have attached an information sheet entitled “What is DanceSport?” to clarify what it means to be a legitimately recognised sport.

On 1 May 2011, DanceSport New Zealand, the former Amateur Council within the New Zealand Dance & DanceSport Council resigned. This step was not taken lightly but was the only viable way to move forward. We appreciate that in the short term this may be a difficult and disconcerting process of change. Nevertheless, if we develop the industry in the very best interests of its athletes and coaches a bright future awaits this remarkable artistic sport.

An important part of any sport system is a national championship recognised by the New Zealand Olympic Committee consistent with the ethical principles of the Olympic Charter. Clearly, we are not in a position to ensure the highest standards are applied to national championships run under the rules and authority of the New Zealand Dance & DanceSport Council and have therefore developed our own national championships.

We recognise the right of the New Zealand Dance and DanceSport Council to run a competition system complete with its own recognised national championships. In this regard, the national championships organised by the NZFDT, NZFATD and SATDNZ retain their status within that system.

Shortly, we will be in a position to provide a set of Competition Rules for New Zealand dancesport fully aligned with our trans-Tasman neighbour. Every organiser of dancesport competitions will be welcome to join our system. We fully appreciate the important place the NZFDT, NZFATD and SATDNZ national events have held during our time as the Amateur Council within the New Zealand Dance and DanceSport Council. For this reason, we fully recognise all national titles won under this jurisdiction prior to 2011 as if they were national titles in our new system. The champions are fully deserving of the continued recognition of their achievements.

We also are prepared to provide a place within our system for NZD&DC recognised national championships as championships of national significance. This would ensure a bright future and the ongoing traditions of these Professional Societies should they desire to secure their future as an internationally recognised sport.

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