



National Member of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
Associate member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) • Affiliate member of Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ)

What is DanceSport?

DanceSport is the competitive form of dance that adheres to recognised sporting principles and practices. The Olympic Charter is the guiding document for sport governance and principles recognised by the United Nations and most governments including our New Zealand Government.

The World has one recognised governing body for dancesport

The International Olympic Committee recognises one International Federation for each sport. For dancesport, it is the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF). The IDSF is the member federation for dancesport with Sportaccord, the world governing body for international sports federations. The IDSF is also the sole recognised governing body for dancesport by the World Anti-doping Agency.

Each country has one recognised governing body for dancesport

The International DanceSport Federation recognises one National Federation for each country as the World recognised national governing body for dancesport. For New Zealand, the world recognised governing body is DanceSport New Zealand and for Australia it is DanceSport Australia. DanceSport New Zealand is an associate member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee.

National Federation rights and obligations

As the New Zealand governing body for dancesport, DanceSport New Zealand is responsible for:

1. Licensing New Zealand dance athletes to compete abroad;
2. Selecting New Zealand's representatives to Games, and World and Continental Championships;
3. Governing dancesport nationally within New Zealand; and
4. Granting New Zealand national dancesport championship titles.

What is the NZD&DC?

It is a trade organisation that falls outside the recognised world of sport. It trades in its own competitions and national championships.

What does this mean for New Zealand?

Since 1 May 2011, DanceSport New Zealand has begun the process of putting in place a dancesport registration and competition framework recognised by the world of sport consistent with the articles of the Olympic Charter. The first step has been to officially recognise the championships for conferring national dancesport titles for New Zealand:

New Zealand National DanceSport Championships
New Zealand & IDSF International Open DanceSport Championships
24 & 25 September 2011, CBS Canterbury Arena, Christchurch

What does this mean for NZD&DC national title events?

These events fall outside of the recognised world of sport and do not confer any officially recognised dancesport national titles in the world of sport. However, DanceSport New Zealand does wish to recognise the past and provision will be made for organisers to seek recognition of these events as championships of national significance.