

**EUROPEAN DANCE SPORT UNION
(EDSU)**

STATUTES

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PREAMBULE

Fundamental Principals.

1. The European DanceSport Union (EDSU) is an international continental organization of European Members of the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF), as per October 24th, 2013.
2. The *Fundamental Principals* of relationship between the EDSU and the WDSF are as follows:
 - a) The EDSU in its sports activities shall be guided by the Rules and Regulations of the WDSF, in particular Competition Rules, Rules for Adjudication, Dress Regulations, Syllabus, Regulations for Television, Advertising and Sponsorship, Anti-Doping Code, Adjudicators Code of Conduct, Disciplinary Council Code, Financial Regulations.
 - b) The EDSU Presidium will deal with WDSF to overtake Continental Championships and Cups in Europe under Articles E.4.3. E.4.4, E.4.8 of WDSF Competition Rules.
 - c) The EDSU Presidium shall grant European Continental and Sub-Continental Championships/Cups in other Age Groups and to fix Granting Fees for these new closed event.

The purpose of these STATUTES is:

1. to ensure that EDSU' s affairs are based on clear, sound principles and a strict democratic process, and not on other factors;
2. to ensure fairness, openness and principles in the conduct of EDSU' s affairs;
3. to assure the free and effective participation of Members in the General Assembly;
4. to ensure accountability by the Presidium to the General Assembly;
5. to ensure the improvement and popularization of Dance Sport;
6. to ensure a sound legal basis and modern principles of business administration in EDSU' s affairs;
7. to ensure the clear and effective operation of the Presidium as the EDSU' s political and strategic organ between General Assemblies;
8. to ensure effective management of EDSU by the Presidium;
9. to ensure the financial success of EDSU;
10. to ensure that Dance Sport is admitted to and remains in the Medal Programme of the Olympic Games.

Article 1 **Name and Registered Address**

1. Name: **European DanceSport Union**
Abbreviation: **EDSU**

2. EDSU is a separate legal person constituted as the international non-governmental organization under the provisions of § 3, par. 1, a) of Act No. 116/1985, on the conditions of the activities of the international element in the Czech Republic as amended. Its seat is Czech Republic, Brno, U Lípy Svobody 440/1,

Article 2 **General Aims**

1. The EDSU is an international non-government, non-political and non-profit making body.
2. The general aims of EDSU are:
 - 2.1. to pursue the World DanceSport Federation policy on European Continent;
 - 2.2. to promote the idea of Dance Sport based on universal sporting principles and in the best interests of Dance Sport;
 - 2.3. to support and promote Olympism in Dance Sport and in Europe and to support the objectives of the European Olympic Committee;
 - 2.4. to represent its Members' interests in, to establish and maintain closer cooperation with European governmental and non-governmental sport organizations, in particular the Association of European Olympic Committees (AEOC);
3. to organize, govern, represent, produce and promote Dance Sport in Europe; to intensify Dance Sport activities on the European Continent by organizing more closed and open competitions;
 - 3.1. to improve coordination of planning activities between Members in order to create more balanced and realistic medium term Competition Calendar;
 - 3.2. to administer licenses on behalf of WDSF for Continental and Sub-Continental Championships, and to arrange, promote, register or organize as it may see fit Dance Sport competitions, exhibitions, trials and matches;
 - 3.3. to provide standardized Rules of Organizing Dance Sport Competitions based on WDSF Competition Rules to which all international competitions in Europe organized by its Members shall be subject;
 - 3.4. to promote bilateral and multilateral exchanges of experience between members in the field of organizing competitions, education of trainers and adjudicators;
 - 3.5. to advise and assist its Members with their work in their own countries.

Article 3 **Financial year**

The financial year shall be the calendar year.

Article 4 **Membership**

1. The EDSU shall consist of national Dance Sport Federations in European nations, which are Full Members or Provisional Members of WDSF by October 24th, 2013 and these nations are represented in the United Nations or whose national Olympic committees are Members of the European Olympic Committee (EOC).
2. Full WDSF Members, which took part in the EDSU establishing meeting with the right to vote, shall be automatically granted full membership in EDSU. Full WDSF Members, which took part in the EDSU establishing meeting without the right to vote and which did not take part , in the EDSU establishing meeting shall be granted full membership in EDSU only if they apply for membership.
3. Provisional members of WDSF, which took part in the EDSU establishing meeting with the right to vote, shall be automatically admitted as provisional members of EDSU. Provisional WDSF Members, which took part in the EDSU establishing meeting without the right to vote and which did not take part , in the EDSU establishing meeting shall be granted provisional membership in EDSU only if they apply for membership.
4. Other International Associations/Federations in Europe, which have aims and objectives to promote Dance Sport, may be admitted, as non-voting Associate Members, subject to the approval of General Assembly.
5. Any federation/association, which ceases to be a member of WDSF, shall no longer be eligible for membership of the EDSU. However such federation/association may re-apply for membership under the appropriate category.

Article 5 **Admission of New Members**

1. New Member shall firstly apply for membership in the EDSU. If the applicant does not meet all the conditions, it becomes the Provisional Member. When all the conditions to become a Full Member.
2. Applications for New Members must be submitted in writing to the EDSU General Secretary and should be accompanied by:
 - a) copy of the applicant's Constitution;
 - b) a list of the applicant's members;
 - c) the names and addresses of the applicant's Executive body;
 - d) a copy of the applicant's latest financial statement; and
 - e) the following statement: "we agree to abide by the EDSU' s STATUTES, Rules and Regulations, and to abide by decisions of the EDSU' s General Assembly and Presidium."
3. Admission is decided by the Presidium.
4. Only one Federation from any nation may become a member unless the EDSU Presidium agrees to the admission of a second Federation from the same nation. The Presidium must consult with the existing member before a decision is made. If such agreement is denied, the unsuccessful applicant has the right to have the application submitted to the next Annual General Assembly, the two-thirds majority decision of which shall be final.

5. Admission occurs when an applicant's application for membership has been accepted by the Presidium.
6. Admission to membership, and renewal of membership by payment of the annual Membership fee, constitutes a contract between the EDSU and the Member. The terms of that contract include the term that in return for membership in EDSU, Members agree to abide by the EDSU' s STATUTES, Rules and regulations, and to abide by decisions of the EDSU' s General Assembly and Presidium, and to comply with the World Anti-Doping Code, the WDSF Anti-Doping Code, including requiring all athletes and support personnel within their jurisdiction to recognize and be bound by the World Anti-Doping Code and the WDSF Anti-Doping Code.
7. All members must be notified in writing of any new admission and of any change in membership. It is a condition of membership of the EDSU that the policies, rules, STATUTES and programs of the member comply with World Anti-Doping Code (WADC).
8. Members may renew their Membership annually by payment of the annual Membership Fee on or before March 31st. A Member against any other debt or claim may not set off membership Fees.
9. Individuals who have rendered outstanding services to international Dance Sport in Europe may be elected to Honorary Membership. The Presidium may propose such nomination to and for decision by the Annual General Assembly. Honorary Members have no rights or obligations under these STATUTES. At the request of the President, they may perform advisory and ceremonial functions.

Article 6 Termination of Membership

1. A member may resign from the EDSU at any time by registered letter addressed to the General Secretary. Such resignation does not affect the Members financial obligations for the current calendar year.
2. A Member may be expelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly. A Motion to expel a Member is not in Order unless the proposer has given the Member at least one month's notice of the proposer's motion to expel, by registered letter.

Article 7 Disputes

1. In view of the international composition of the EDSU and the resultant difficulties in settling disputes judicially, where problems arise between Members or between Members and the EDSU, Members waive the right to take such disputes to law.
2. Members agree that such disputes shall be solely and finally subject to the binding decision of the Annual General Assembly or the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Article 8 Membership fees

1. Members are required to pay an annual fee to renew their Membership, according to the Financial Regulations.
2. The amount of the fee shall be decided or amended by simple majority by the Annual General

Assembly and subject to amendment at any times by the Annual General Assembly.

3. The Membership Fee for any year is due on January 1st of that year.
4. Membership Fees paid after March 31st of any year are overdue.

Article 9 Duties of Members

1. to abide by the EDSU' s STATUTES, Rules and Regulations, and to abide by decisions of the EDSU' s General Assembly and Presidium;
2. to pursue the General Aims set out in Article 2;
3. to promote Dance Sport and sports cooperation in Europe;
4. to pay an annual fee to renew their Membership;
5. to select competitors to compete in the European Dance Sport Championships and to participate in and support various activities organized by the EDSU.

Article 10 Rights of Members

1. to select competitors to compete in the European Dance Sport; Championships and to participate in and support various activities organized by the EDSU;
2. to apply for and host EDSU granted Championships/Cups and Open events; to nominate Delegates to the EDSU Annual General Assembly;
3. to submit motions to the EDSU Annual General Assembly and the Presidium;
4. to propose candidates for election of the EDSU Presidium;
5. to ask for advice and information from EDSU Presidium.

Article 11 Structure of the EDSU

The powers of administration to achieve the General Aims and specific tasks of the EDSU will be vested in the following organs:

- a) The Annual General Assembly
- b) The Presidium
- c) The Disciplinary Council

Article 12 Annual General Assembly.

1. The Annual General Assembly is the principal organ of EDSU and consists of the Member's Delegates and the Members of the Presidium. Each Full, Provisional and Associate Member is entitled to send two Delegates to the Annual General Assembly.
2. Each Full Member must provide one of its Delegates with written power of attorney, which

constitutes the authority to vote, signed by the President of the Member Federation, which they represent, which must specify the name of the Delegate who will have the right to vote. Delegate who does not have such power of attorney may neither speak nor vote. The power of attorney is not necessary if its President represents the Member Federation as voting Delegate. Only one Delegate per Full Member may vote (Voting Delegate).

3. A Delegate must be a member of the organization he or she represents as a Delegate and must be at least 18 years of age and legally capable of managing all of his or her personal and business affairs, and may not be:

- a) a corporation;
- b) an undercharged bankrupt;
- c) someone convicted anywhere of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a corporation, or involving fraud, or whose registration to trade in the stock of corporations has been revoked, within five (5) years of the date of the General Meeting at which he or she proposes to serve as a Delegate.

4. Assignment of votes by proxy is permitted, but only in the following written form:

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EUROPEAN DANCE SPORT UNION

FORM OF PROXY

*FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MEMBERS OF
EUROPEAN DANCE SPORT UNION
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON (DATE OF ASSEMBLY)
AT (PLACE OF ASSEMBLY).*

The undersigned signatory of (NAME OF EDSU MEMBER) hereby appoints (PROXY HOLDER'S NAME), or in his absence (ALTERNATE PROXY HOLDER'S NAME) as the proxy holder for and on behalf of (NAME OF EDSU MEMBER) to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of (NAME OF EDSU MEMBER) at the above meeting and at any adjournments thereof, to the same extent and with the same powers as if the authorized Delegate of (NAME OF EDSU MEMBER) were present at the said meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Printed Name

Address

Date

Proxies are not valid and may not be used unless they are assigned to a duly authorized Delegate to the Assembly, completed and signed in this form, and delivered to the General Secretary or the fax number or address permitted by the General Secretary at least twelve (12) hours before the scheduled time of the Assembly, provided always that if the General Secretary

is not satisfied with any form of proxy submitted to him or her then the General Secretary shall submit the proxy for the approval of the Assembly as the first order of business of the Assembly after ascertainment of Members present, and the decision of the Assembly on the question shall be final.

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5. No Voting Delegate or Presidium Member may represent more than one further Member by proxy in addition to his or her two or one votes.
6. Presidium Members may serve as Delegates. Presidium Members may receive and vote proxy.
7. At the Annual General Assembly each Full Member has two votes.
8. If more than one Member represents one nation, then these together shall have a total of no more than two votes.
9. Each Member of the Presidium has - but not in elections - one vote.
10. Provisional, Associate and Honorary Members do not have a vote but have right to speak.
11. An ordinary Annual General Assembly must be held in every fiscal year.

Article 13 Convocation of the Annual General Assembly.

1. The General Secretary convenes the Annual General Assembly as instructed by the (previous) Annual General Assembly or by the Presidium.
2. Date, venue, final agenda and motions on notice for the Annual General Assembly must be communicated in writing to all Members at least six weeks in advance.
3. Motions for the agenda except motions for the elections must be submitted to the General Secretary in writing not later than eight weeks before the Annual General Assembly and accompanied by a brief background.

Article 14 Annual General Assembly Procedure.

1. The Annual General Assembly shall be chaired by the President, or alternatively the Vice-President, or alternatively a Delegate appointed by the Assembly for the whole or any part of the Assembly.
2. The Annual General Assembly is duly constituted if at least one quarter of the voting Members is represented by Delegates or proxies. If the Annual General Assembly is not duly constituted, then a new Annual General Assembly may be convened according to Article 13 with the same agenda, and this Annual General Assembly will be duly constituted and competent regardless of the number of the Members present or represented.
3. In order to ensure a fair and democratic process and the efficient conduct of business, the proceedings of the General Assembly shall be governed by the following Rules of Order:
 - a) motions may be made by any Delegate, Presidium Member, or Honorary Member;
 - b) the following take precedence over all other matters before the Assembly, in the following order: Points of Order (i.e. questions or objections regarding the proper

order to be followed in the Assembly, including motions to close debate on any question), Points of Privilege (i.e. questions or objections touching on the privileges of a Delegate or a Member), and Points of Information (i.e. questions seeking further and better information and explanation of any matter before the Assembly);

- c) every Member of the Presidium may speak at the General Assembly, and in the event of a dispute, the following is the order of precedence for speaking and proposing motions:
 - i. the Chairman;
 - ii. Presidium Members;
 - iii. Delegates;
 - iv. Honorary Members; and
 - v. guests
- d) the Chair shall recognize Delegates in order of their request to speak;
- e) subject to the vote of the Assembly, the Chair may impose time limits on debate and on proposers making and speaking to motions, and may impose equal time limits on any speaker wishing to speak to any matter;
- f) motions may only be tabled, amended, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of by vote of the Assembly as required in these STATUTES, called by asking "who is in favour of this motion?";
- g) debate may only be closed by majority vote of the Assembly on a Point of Order; and
- h) other Rules of Order adopted by the General Assembly on Points of Order, provided always that in the event of a dispute over any Rule of Order, the General Assembly may submit the dispute to the ruling of the Chairman, whose decision shall be final.

4. The Annual General Assembly passes its resolutions by simple majority of votes of the voting Members who are present or represented by proxies. Resolutions to amend the STATUTES require a two-third majority. In establishing the result of each vote, abstentions and invalid votes are disregarded. If there is an equality of votes, the motion is regarded as lost.

5. Voting is carried out by a show of hands, unless one-third of the Members present or represented request a secret ballot.

6. Each Member Federation, whose language is not the official language, may have their own interpreter on their own expense in order to assist them. One of requirements for the Member Federation, which is granted to host the Annual General Assembly, shall be providing of simultaneous translation in English, Italian, German and Russian languages.

7. The Annual General Assembly elects the Presidium according to Article 17 and the Auditor according to Article 21.

8. Minutes must be taken at every Annual General Assembly. The President must sign them and another Member of the Presidium and a copy shall be sent out to all Members within 8 weeks.

9. Each Member Federation and the Presidium may submit motions of urgency to the Annual General Assembly without prior notice only with the approval of a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 15 Extraordinary General Assembly

1. An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by a decision of the Presidium and

must be convened if at least one third of the Members entitled to vote requests such a meeting in writing, stating their reasons.

2. The extraordinary General Assembly must be convened immediately as set out in Article 13.

3. The extraordinary General Assembly is a General Assembly and is subject to the same requirements as an ordinary Annual General Assembly.

Article 16 Postal ballots.

1. In isolated cases the Presidium may elicit written opinions from Members. This procedure is called 'postal ballots'.

2. This procedure does not apply to amendments to the STATUTES.

3. Failure to reply is regarded as abstention. If there is equality in voting, the motion is regarded as lost.

4. A postal ballot is valid provided that one quarter of the Membership has voted.

5. A minimum of one month will be allowed for response.

6. A postal ballot is valid provided that 50% of the membership has voted at the end of the period, which the Presidium orders for voting.

Article 17 Presidium.

1. The Presidium is the secondary political organ of the EDSU and is subordinate to the General Assembly.

2. The Presidium is empowered to govern EDSU's affairs between General Assemblies and to represent EDSU in any manner, in the best interests of Dance Sport.

3. The Presidium consists of:

- a) The President
- b) The First Vice-President
- c) The Second Vice-President
- d) The General Secretary
- e) The Managing Director; and
- f) six Ordinary Members. The Ordinary Members are responsible to undertake various functional activities as directed by the President or the Presidium.

4. The Presidium is elected by open or secret ballot at the Annual General Assembly every fourth year. The first Annual General Assembly including the election has to be organized till six months after the establishing meeting. Till this time the members elected by the establishing meeting act as the Presidium.

5. Successful candidates to the Presidium shall be those obtaining the greatest number of votes. If there is a tie between two or more candidates a second election shall be held. If the tie persists, lots will be drawn to decide the successful candidate.

6. If the office of any Presidium Member becomes vacant the Presidium may appoint a successor to that office to hold that office until the next Annual General Assembly, at which time an election must be held to fill that position for the balance of the three-year term.

7. Only person who is Member of his or her own national Member Federation can be elected to the Presidium. Such person must be legally capable of managing all of his or her personal and business affairs, and is not:

- a) a corporation or
- b) an undercharged bankrupt or
- c) someone convicted anywhere of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a corporation, or involving fraud, or whose registration to trade in the stock of corporations has been revoked within five (5) years of the date of the General Assembly at which he or she is nominated for election to the Presidium,

may be elected to the Presidium, whether or not he or she is a Delegate or Presidium Member, provided always that no one may be elected to the Presidium unless she or he is present at the General Assembly where such elections are held or unless she or he has previously consented in writing to election to the Presidium.

Article 18 Powers of the Presidium

1. When the General Assembly is not in session, the Presidium possesses all of the powers which are not specifically reserved to the General Assembly by law or under these STATUTES, and is empowered to make any decision which is not specifically reserved for the Presidium under these STATUTES, including taking action against Members, athletes or other persons who violate or may violate the STATUTES or the Rules, or harm or may harm EDSU. In such cases the Presidium may take any action within its powers, including but not limited to:

- a) prohibit the organizing or production of international competitions or the participation of a Member's athletes in any competition,
- b) reprimand a Member,
- c) suspend some or all of the membership privileges of any Member,
- d) revoke the membership of a Member;
- e) enforce any appropriate sanctions against individuals.

2. Appeals against such decisions by the Presidium may be brought by the member to the attention of the General Assembly, the decision of which shall be final, subject to the provisions of Article 7. An appeal by a member must be made in writing and delivered either to the General Secretary within two (2) months of receiving notice of the Presidium's decision. The appeal must be reasonably clear. For further clarity, filing an appeal of such a decision does not suspend or affect the Presidium's decision, which shall remain in full force until the next formal decision of the competent body has been taken unless that decision is varied by the Presidium.

3. The Presidium may adopt its own Operating Policies in order to ensure the more democratic, collegiate and efficient conduct of EDSU' s affairs.

4. The Presidium shall have the authority to make decisions on matters not covered by these STATUTES.

Article 19 **Work of the Presidium**

1. The work of the Presidium shall be carried out by correspondence. Meetings of the Presidium shall only be convened if more than half the Members can attend. Traveling expenses for such meetings will be paid as far as possible from EDSU funds.
2. In order to be valid, decisions of the Presidium require a simple majority.
3. The President shall have a casting vote in any tied vote of the Presidium.
4. The result of any vote must be made known to all Members of the Presidium without delay.
5. The activities of the Members of the Presidium shall be performed on an honorary basis.
6. Minutes must be taken at every Presidium meeting. The President must sign them and the General Secretary and a copy shall be sent out to all Presidium Members within 4 weeks.

Article 20 **Management and Representation**

1. The President is the chief political representative of EDSU and has the duty and authority to lead and to try to build consensus within EDSU.
2. The Vice-Presidents are the deputy chief political representative of EDSU and, subject to the President's directions, has the duty and authority to lead and to try to build consensus. The Vice-Presidents are also the Assistant Executive Officers of EDSU and, subject to the President's directions, has authority to manage the day-to-day business of EDSU. In the event of the resignation, termination, death or incapacity of the President, the First Vice-President has the duty and authority to fully assume.
3. The General Secretary is in charge of the EDSU's office and its World Wide Web site, and acts according to the President's instructions.
4. The Managing Director is the Chief Executive Officer of EDSU and has full authority to manage the day-to-day business, financial and sport affairs of EDSU. The Managing Director has the duty to report to the General Assembly and the Presidium regarding EDSU's accounts and financial affairs and sports affairs.
5. EDSU is represented by its Presidium.
6. The Presidium has the right to appoint Directors (Chief Officers) for special functions (Sport, Financial, ...).

Article 21 **Finances, Property and Assets.**

1. Property and assets of the EDSU shall be as follows:
 - a) Membership Fees;
 - b) Fees For Granting the Right to Organize NEW International Competition in Europe;
 - c) Sponsorship;
 - d) Donations;
 - e) Advertising, TV Rights, sponsorship owned by the EDSU;

2. The Managing Director, or the Financial Director (if appointed by Art. 21.6) shall administer the property and assets of the EDSU; the cash thereof shall be taken into the custody of the Managing Director, through either bank deposits or other securities as deemed necessary by the Presidium.
3. The Managing Director, or the Financial Director (if appointed by Art. 21.6) who must keep the books in respect of all receipts and payments and in keeping with good commercial procedures will manage the accounts.
4. The Managing Director, or the Financial Director (if appointed by Art. 21.6) must present the financial report every ordinary Annual General Assembly.
5. This report must be approved and signed by an Auditor.
6. Every fourth ordinary Annual General Assembly will appoint an Auditor.

Article 22 Rules and Regulations.

1. The EDSU shall have:
 - a) Rules of Organizing Competitions based on the WDSF Competition Rules
 - b) Financial Regulations.
2. These Rules and Regulations may not contradict in principal the WDSF Rules and Regulations.
3. These Rules and Regulations are not an integral part of the STATUTES. They require ratification by an ordinary Annual General Assembly, by a simple majority.
4. Amendments may be made in writing according to Article 16 or by a simple majority vote at an Annual General Assembly.
5. EDSU recognizes and is bound by WDSF Competition Rules, Rules for Adjudication, Dress Regulations, Syllabus, Regulations for Television, Advertising and Sponsorship, Anti-Doping Code, Adjudicators Code of Conduct, Disciplinary Council Code.

Article 23 Dissolution of the EDSU

1. The dissolution of the EDSU may be decided only by a Annual General Assembly called specifically for the purpose and requires a two-third majority, subject to at least two-thirds of the Members being present or represented.
2. If these requirements are not met a new Annual General Assembly must be convened for the same purpose and can validly decide on dissolution by a simple majority vote, regardless of the number of Members present or represented.
3. In the event of the EDSU being dissolved or of its objects becoming invalid, its assets will be assigned to the WDSF, the IOC or to any other internationally recognized sports Federation.
4. There can be no question of monies being paid to Members of the EDSU.

Article 24 **Official Languages**

1. The official languages of EDSU are English, Italian, German and Russian.
2. In any question of interpretation of the STATUTES, Rules and Regulations of the European DanceSport Union (EDSU) the English version should be binding.

Article 25 **Professional Division**

The European DanceSport Union (EDSU) has a right to have its own Professional Division.

Article 26 **Final Provision**

Subsidiary for all not here regulated cases have to be valid the STATUTES of the World DanceSport Federation.