

**Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK)
Or
WDSA (UK)**

FAIR PLAY CHARTER



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INTRODUCTION

The Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK), its committees, officers, groups, officials, competitors and spectators, are perceived by the public as representatives of the sport Wheelchair Dance Sport, and must always attempt to set a good example of sportsmanship and fair play, especially to the younger generation, by the way they carry out their responsibilities both on and off the Floor.

THE WDSA (UK) FAIR PLAY CHARTER

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- Will ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by competitors and officials, and correctly enforced;
- Will make every effort to ensure that these rules are applied consistently and with absolute impartiality;
- Will impress upon competitors and officials the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship in the organisation and within Wheelchair Dance Sport.

COMPETITORS

- Must abide by the rules and spirit of the competition;
- Must accept the decisions of the judges without question or complaint; Right of appeal, at competition, is to be made to the Official Appeals Panel member, either in person or in writing, together with £25 (refundable if appeal is upheld).
- Must never cheat and, in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs;
- Must exercise self-control at all times;
- Must learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity, and without excessive emotional displays;
- Must treat their fellow competitors with respect, both on and off the floor.

TEAM LEADERS

- Must insist that competitors understand and abide by the principles of good sportsmanship;
- Must never countenance the use of non-permissible drugs or medicines by a competitor;
- Must never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however slight, to the long term health or physical development of their competitors;
- Must not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their competitors or their opponents;
- These codes of conduct are intended as guidelines appropriate for all participants in the sport of Wheelchair Dance Sport. These codes are guides within which each participating group should endeavour to operate to improve the Wheelchair Dance Sport experience for all participants in general.

GROUP OFFICIALS

- Must respect the regulations and authority of the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association and its member organisations, and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations;
- Must recognise the special role that they have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times;
- Must respect the rights of other Groups and not deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of any other Group;
- Must respect the rights of competitors, team leaders and officials, and not exploit nor deliberately act in a manner intended to be to their detriment;
- Must not endeavour to influence the result of a competition by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fair play.

SPONSORS AND PROMOTERS OF WHEELCHAIR DANCE SPORT;

1. Must not seek to unduly or improperly influence the outcome of competitions by financial inducements;
2. Must understand and agree that the administration and organisation of all Wheelchair Dance Sport competitions and events is the exclusive responsibility of the appropriate Wheelchair Dance sport authorities.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

As a National Governing body of sport, the Wheelchair dance Sport Association (UK) is responsible for ensuring that all those who wish to participate in the sport of Wheelchair Dance Sport are treated fairly and on an equal basis.

In this policy "Discrimination" means discrimination where a person is treated less favourably on grounds of age, gender, marital status, ethnic origin, disability or religious persuasion.

All participants in the sport of Wheelchair Dance Sport will be given equal opportunity irrespective of age, gender, marital status, ethnic origin, disability or religious persuasion in all aspects of participation in the sport of Wheelchair Dance Sport.

All personnel involved in management of Wheelchair Dance Sport and dealing with the public shall, where necessary, be assisted with training and guidance relating to law and organisation and advice as to their own personal liability under the law and the nature of discrimination.

The Wheelchair Dance Sport Association insists that there be open access by all providing bodies to its competitions and schemes and that the assessment of the performance of those entered shall ensure, wherever feasible, equality of opportunity regardless of a candidate's age, gender, ethnic origin, marital status, disability or religious persuasion.

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The Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK) will ensure avoidance of inequality:

- in the selection, recruitment and training of all those working or volunteering for or on behalf of the WDSA (UK);
- in the rules of its affiliated groups and organisations;
- in the preparation, production and distribution of all material;
- through the monitoring of practices, procedures and the operations of its affiliated groups and organisations;
- in the preparation, production and distribution of all material by the WDSA (UK).

The Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK) and its member clubs and organisation reserve the right to limit competitions to persons of specific age, gender or disability to provide opportunity for equal competition.

Literature shall not imply that there is a preference for one group of applicants (e.g. use of photograph of only members of one gender) unless there is a genuine limit to the participation of the one gender in or at an event.

It is the policy of the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK) that it will not discriminate in the provision of training courses or in the assessment of candidate for various awards provided by the WDSA (UK).

One of the Board members of the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association will be nominated as the person responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Equal Opportunity Policy and ensuring that the policy is adhered to by all members of staff, volunteers, trustees, leaders and members and that the effectiveness of the policy is monitored on a regular basis.

In formulating its competitions, developmental and technical schemes, the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK) will seek to ensure that for its part every reasonable effort is made to:

- avoid a format, language or approach which, in relation to a competitor's age, gender, ethnic origin, religious persuasion, or disability;
- is offensive to members of particular groups;
- implies stereotyped or biased attitudes;
- Includes terms or concepts or forms of presentation which are unfamiliar to some groups.

In furtherance of this policy, the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK) will work in co-operation with all appropriate national and local organisations and agencies to develop means of identifying and preventing unequal opportunity in relation to participation in Wheelchair Dance Sport.

The Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (UK) fully supports the principles of equal opportunities and is committed to satisfying these principles in all its activities and in its published material.