

World Dance Council

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MEMO TO ALL WDC MEMBERS, COMPETITORS, ADJUDICATORS AND COACHES

START OF WDC WADA TESTING – WDC WADA OUTREACH EVENTS FOR COMPETITORS AND COACHES

Dear WDC Members, Competitors and Adjudicators and Coaches,

I would, as the WADA Commissioner of the World Dance Council like to make some important announcements regarding the WADA activities of the World Dance Council.

1.) WADA Anti-Doping Testing

The first and most important announcement is regarding the commencement of WADA testing from the 1st January 2012. This means that Professional Competitors can be tested at any WDC Granted Title, Recognised WDC Event or WDC Championship from that day onwards.

The implication is the following: According to the WADA rules, which are now part of the WDC Articles of Association ALL competitors that compete in those events must be registered with the Council and have signed a WADA acceptance form when applying for their registration and when entering each event.

To quote from the WDC WADA Rules:

"These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to WDC, each National Federation of WDC, and each Participant in the activities of WDC or any of its National Federations by virtue of the Participant's membership, accreditation, or participation in WDC, its National Federations, or their activities or Events.

[To be eligible for participation in WDC events, a competitor must have a WDC licence. The WDC licence will only be issued to competitors who have personally signed a consent form, in the actual form approved by the WDC Executive. All forms from under-age applicants must be counter-signed by their legal guardians. The National Federation must guarantee that all competitors registered for a WDC Licence accept the Rules of the WDC, including these WDC Anti-Doping Rules."

We will issue a Consent form to all National Federations and WDC NCD Member, and it is their responsibility to ensure that couples are aware of the WDC Anti Doping Rules and have signed the consent forms when applying for their WDC licenses for 2012.

The consent form will also be available on the WDC Website under the WADA menu in the Documents Archive.

Also on the WDC Website under this menu you can find links to the Prohibited Substance List for 2011, and shortly for 2012, also you can find an Iphone WADA Prohibited Substance App in the Itunes store.

Competitors must apply for a Therapeutic Usage Exception to the WADA TUE Commission and WDC WADA doctor, contact details to be found on the WDC Website under WADA – WADA Commissions, if they are taking any medication on the prohibited list before competing in any of the above events.

2.) WADA OUTREACH EVENTS RUN BY THE WDC WADA COMMISSION

The WDC WADA Commission will run WADA Outreach events, which are principally informational and educational events open for primarily all competitors and coaches to inform and educate about the reason for the WADA Anti-Doping rules and all related matter such as testing etc.

These events will take place during:

Dutch Open 2011 Assen, Holland 10th – 13th November 2011

WDC AL Open World Championships & Disney Cup Eurodisney, Paris $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ December 2011

UK Championships Bournemouth, UK 17th – 19th January 2012

Exact dates, times and venues will be posted very shortly on the WDC Website.

These events will be free to attend and offer vital information on all WDC WADA activities.

For any query regarding WADA, do not hesitate to email me or the WADA Commission on wada@wdcdance.com.

Yours sincerely,

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