



# World Dance Council

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Dear members, organizers and registrants,

The recent disclaimer form sent out by the Competitive Dance Executive Board has raised some questions and we would like to offer some clarification as to why this has become necessary for all who choose to apply for a WDC licenses; Competitors, adjudicators and organizers.

The past 6 months have been a disaster for all of us in the dance business. Studios, organizers, competitors, teachers and judges, all have been affected by COVID-19.

It is our sincere hope that some relief and recovery will come soon for all of our WDC family.

COVID - 19 made us aware that when we grant a license to an organizer or a competitor or adjudicator we need to have those individuals take responsibility for the health and well-being of all involved in a WDC event. Organizers need to ensure that they comply with all government issues related to health and sanitation. This is to ensure the safety and health of all WDC participants.

All involved need to make sure that they are aware of the travel advice from their own country of residence prior to attending any event. This is the main reason for the disclaimer form.

To make it convenient for everybody we added to the disclaimer areas regarding rules (arbitration). We wish to emphasize this point: these rules and the arbitration are not new and have not been adopted nor changed by the current administration of the WDC, nor the Board of Directors.

In fact, they have been in place and therefore effective for over 30 years going back before the times when Mr. Leonard Morgan was president of the WDC. And during all subsequent administrations thereafter.

We are sure that all are well aware of the many new requirements when you wish to enter a store, an amusement park, a movie theater, even a restaurant to enjoy a meal these days. We are trying to have the same conditions for all when they submit their application for registration.

We care passionately about our dance world and all stakeholders involved and rather than restrict the regeneration of competitions starting off again, we wanted to encourage this to be done in a manner which addresses health, safety and sanitary issues which any responsible organization of repute would wish to do. It is also essential to have the same conditions for all in a uniform manner when submissions or applications for registration are received.

No one could argue that we are in uncharted territory here. Equally so no one would argue that past and current contracts did not address the possibility of a pandemic and the newly implemented additions do just that. It really is, as we hope you can see and agree, this straightforward.

Finally, we hope you all agree that competitors enjoy the quality provided by WDC organizers; great music, super dance floor and the most highly qualified judges in the dance world. Organizers who seek the endorsement of the WDC are fortunate to have the best competitors and the support from the WDC through the use of trademarks, Logo, and rules.

We are convinced you will all understand that this pandemic can only be contained by our mutual recognition and approach. Therefore, we ask each and every one to take their responsibility.

Kindest regards,  
The Board of Directors.