



DanceSport Wales

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DanceSport Wales Newsletter

At the July meeting of the BDC the directors voted to approve the proposed change to rule 15 despite opposition from the Amateur National Governing Bodies (Wales and Scotland) who are represented at the BDC.

This Rule change means that all competing dancers must obtain a "License to compete" directly from the BDC, in order to compete in all competitions run under BDC rules, instead of being **automatically licensed** as members of their Amateur National Governing Body who are recognised and supported by their respective Governments.

The BDC Charge for the 2015 license is a flat rate of £16 per dancer, regardless of age (a £1 increase over 2014). For this fee each dancer will get a BDC Rules book every year, even though the rules are only changed every three years. This means that over the three year period, each couple will receive SIX duplicate rule books.

TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION,

THIS LICENSE DOES NOT QUALIFY YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE BDC.

THE ONLY MEMBERS OF THE BDC ARE THE DANCE ORGANISATIONS (AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL) WHO PURCHASE A DIRECTORSHIP EACH YEAR.

The following question was asked at the March meeting of the BDC:

WHAT DOES THE BRITISH DANCE COUNCIL DO FOR DANCING IN THE UK?

ANSWER:

The British Dance Council provides financial support for professional dance competitors who represent Great Britain in European and world professional competitions but

IT DOES NOTHING FOR AMATEUR DANCERS.

This new arrangement can only be to the detriment of the Amateur National Governing Bodies and Amateur dancing in the UK.

If you object to this new arrangement and want amateur dancers to continue to have an independent voice you should contact.

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Membership of DanceSport Wales will entitle you to the following benefits:

- Subsidised Personal Accident Insurance** while dancing in the UK or abroad, and while travelling to and from DanceSport Wales approved practice and competitions in the UK.
- Subsidised training and workshops** with top professionals
- Subsidised weekly practice** held every Tuesday at Sport Wales National Training Centre, Sophia Gardens Cardiff. 8:30p.m till 10:30p.m. **Only £2.50 per person.**
- Chart System** to select couples to represent Wales Internationally.
- Financial support** available for couples selected, where applicable.
- Welsh Amateur Representation** at the BDC and WDSF and DPA
- Discounts from selected dance retailers**
- DanceSport Wales** is the only Governing Body for Dancesport in Wales recognised and supported by Sport Wales and the Welsh Government.

NEW for 2015

Discount off entry to the July 19th Welsh Open Championships for members taking part in the DanceSport Wales selection charts.

In View of the change to BDC rule 15 we have reduced our 2015 membership to:

£10 for Adult members

£8 for Junior and Juveniles

DanceSport Wales will continue to be the Independent Voice of the Welsh Amateur Dancer .