

## RULECHANGES 2010 World Country Dance Federation

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The following are the rule changes for 2010 as voted at the Fall Meeting 2009 and the Spring Meeting 2010. These changes will take place immediately.

- **Dispensation**

A new form is added to the website for all future dispensation requests.

Dispensation to dance at Worlds will only be granted on medical grounds and a medical certificate must be provided.

If there are any extreme circumstances, the rules board are willing to consider these requests.

A majority of the rules board members is required to approve each dispensation request.

An exception will be granted for one year to any new dancer in a continent where there are no WCDF events available.

- **Across All Divisions**

All competitors, except those in their first years membership to the WCDF, are required to compete at three (3) events for each division entered to qualify for Worlds entry in that division. A minimum of one of these entries must be for overall placement, where overall is applicable.

- **Preliminary Rounds**

Maximum of 10 dancers

Cut from 16 to 8 (7 if tie)

Cut from 17+ to 10 (9 if tie)

- **Penalty Record**

To keep a record of all penalties issued at an event, the contest coordinator will keep a log at the scrutineers table.

- **(Change of wording) New Paying Competitors**

'New' paying competitors to the WCDF organisation are required to dance at one (1) event to qualify for entry to Worlds, but only in the first year of becoming a WCDF member.

- **Newcomer division costume (effective 2011)**

'No sequins or crystals' is added to the Newcomer division costume rule to clarify the restrictions.

- **Line solo medley**

Line solo medley dancers must hand in a copy of their resume to the DJ for use by the judges. This must show what motions and characters are being declared by the competitor.

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The line solo medley will be reduced to 4 minutes with a maximum of 5 minutes.

- **Star Division**

The wording of the star division will be clarified to:

**'one of which must be a full programme to include dance A, dance B and Solo Medley.'**

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- **Choreography**  
Every choreography entry must be on an individual CD.
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It is the choreographer's responsibility to check the lyrics of the music selected. Penalties will be awarded for offensive and vulgar lyrics.
- **ABC choreography**  
The ABC choreography division must provide a copy of their choreography with their entry form. This will be copied and issued to the judges to show the dance sequence.
- **Dance change date**  
The Funky and Novelty line dance change dates are to return to their original dates.
- **Exact Change Date**  
The two (2) week change window for new dances is removed. In future an exact change date will be used for the new competition dances.
- **Couple Advanced Division Graduation**  
All advanced couples are required to gain points in **both** Classic **and** Showcase to qualify for the star champion division.  
They will earn  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , full point, dependant on the number of competitors competing at the event.
- **Couple Solo Medley**  
The solo medley is shortened to a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.
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Couples solo medley dancers must hand in a copy of their resume to the DJ for use by the judges. This must show what motions and characters are being declared by the competitor.
- **New Classic Couple Teen/Open Division**  
A new couple division will be added to allow Teens to dance with Open dancers.
- **Classic Couple Open Divisions**  
This division has been moved to the Adult Age-Restricted Divisions
- **Contest Coordinator**  
Only the following persons can hold the position of Contest Coordinator:  
WorldCDF Director, Fully Certified Judge, Rules Board Member.  
They must complete a minimum of one (1) year training with Dorsey Napier.
- **Worlds Judging Panel**  
A team consisting on the World Contest Coordinator, The Judge Education Board and a member of the Management Team will select the judging panels for the Worlds Championships.