

# RULES ADDITIONS 2008

## **'BOOTS ARE REQUIRED IN ALL DANCES'**

**Every competitor must be a registered WCDF member before they compete.**

**Graduation shall take place the day after the World Championships ends.**

**The newcomer and novice division may self graduate at any time.**

**The intermediate dancer cannot self graduate into the advanced division.**

**The dancer is allowed to use a 3 dancing year timescale (current year plus the previous two years) in which to accumulate their graduation points. They may remain in their current division until after Worlds.**

**The Intermediate dancer will not earn points in the Showcase Division. Only the Advanced dancer will earn points towards the Star Divisions.**

**If a competitor does not compete in any WCDF competition for a continuous 2 dancing year period, they may re-enter at a lower lever, except to the newcomer division. You may not compete in the newcomer division if you have competed at a higher level at any time.**

**After each world championships, an announcement is to be placed on the wcdf website, to congratulate each individual dancer who has graduated to a higher division.**

**When the 'confirmation of registration letter' is sent to the dancer, it will advise them of any graduation to a higher division. It will also state that they may continue to dance in the lower division until after the world championships.**

**After Worlds 2009, a letter will be sent to each competitor stating into which division they are allowed to compete using the 2006/7 ranking system.**

**All classic line dance divisions – Remove from movement limitations – “throws and carries”**

**Novice upward classic line dance divisions - Remove from movement limitations– “counter-balance moves”**

**If an a-b-c dance is being used, a full vanilla pattern must be danced the first time the a, b or c section is being danced. Each time an a, b or c section is repeated, you must dance the first 8 counts vanilla pattern.**

**Alex Boone and the Music Board will make the final decision on what is country music. Their decision will be final.**

**The star solo medley is to remain 50% country and 50% non country music.**

**The results of the World Championships will not be counted in the ranking.**

**If there are 2 or less dancers in any division at Worlds, the dancer will not be forced to graduate to the higher division. This includes the 2007/8 Worlds.**

**In Pro-am, but only if the amateur agrees, the music can be cut to one minute when only one couple is on the floor.**

**Couples Open 18> – to be removed –**

**(Includes 1 partner 18 or above and other partner teen).**

**Any partnership already dancing under this rule, will be grandfathered in and may continue dancing with their current partner until either the partnership is dissolved or the teen reaches the age of 18 years. No new partnerships will be allowed under this old rule.**

**In 2009 the following rule change will apply:**

**The Star A&B dances will no longer allow any variations. Only full vanilla will be danced throughout.**

### Choreography:

Section music requirements: The music for Choreography will be played for 2 minutes, except for Tag and A.B.C. which will be played for 3 minutes. The Choreographer may request that the music be played longer if needed, within reason.

### Classic Line Advanced / Showcase Graduation Criteria:

Points will only be earned or determined by the number Dancers dancing for overall. If there are dancers dancing less than 5 dances they will not be counted for the awarding of points.

### Social Linedance:

Male and Female Dancers will not compete against each other. Female against Female and Male against Males