



RULES FOR TEACHER STUDENT EVENTS

Under advisement of the USA DanceSport Council and the acceptance by the USA Dance Governing Council, in an effort to provide DanceSport for all, under the guise of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Sports-For-All initiative; USA Dance has replaced the competitive category of *Mixed Proficiency* with the competitive category known as *Teacher Student (T/S)*.

During the refinement of the complete set of rules and sanctioning rights of this new category, the DanceSport Council grants sanctioning rights as a Special Project whereby organizers are permitted to establish sporting rules in keeping with the principles of USA Dance and the US Olympic Committee.

The following definitions and rules apply for Teacher Student couples in the 2015 USA Dance Gumbo DanceSport Championships:

Student: The Student must be a USA Dance Athlete member in good standing and may be of any age and either sex. The Student is the only partner judged.

Teacher: The Teacher may be of any age and either sex, regardless of the age and sex of the Student. The Teacher is not judged. The Teacher must be either a USA Dance Athlete or Professional Athlete member in good standing.

A Teacher may partner with multiple Students in multiple age divisions, levels and disciplines, but not the same event with more than one student, per the rules of entry and registration.

Eligible Events: The event eligibility rules apply only to the age, sex, and proficiency level of the Student. The Student will be judged against other Students in the same age, sex, and level categories that are also dancing with Teacher partners. Otherwise, all the eligibility rules of the Gumbo Championships apply to entries by T/S couples.

A T/S couple may not compete in other events as a non-T/S couple. However, the Student may enter other events with other amateur partners that are not dancing as a Teacher, and the Gumbo's standard rules will apply to those entries. If the Teacher Partner is an amateur DanceSport Athlete, then they have all the options available to them as any other amateur DanceSport Athlete, with their regular partner.



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USA DANCE – TEACHER/STUDENT DIVISION INITIAL STATEMENT ON RULES

In order to provide guidance to event organizers who are interested in running events which include the new Teacher/Student Division, the DanceSport Council of USA Dance is releasing this guidance on required rules that must be adhered to during these events over the next year. We do so with the understanding that this is a new division within USA Dance and we expect to work with organizers and other professionals in the industry to develop a full set of rules by April 2016.

Rules from the 2015(A) Rulebook which must be adhered to include:

- Article 3.4.5 Music Length
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- Article 3.8 Teacher/Student Events
- Article 3.10 Dress Regulations
- Article 4.2 Registration Requirements (both teacher and student)
- Article 4.7.4 Age Classification (only for Pre-teen through Youth)
- Article 4.11 Rule Violations
- Articles 5.6.6, 5.6.7, 5.6.8 Required Minimum # of Officials and Qualifications
- Article 6 Rules for Competition Officials
- Appendix 8 USA Dance Syllabus
- Appendix 9 USA Dance Adjudicators' Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics