



**INTERNATIONAL
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International Dance Federation Disciplinary Regulations

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Chapter I

The Disciplinary Committee

§ 1

The Disciplinary Committee is a body within the International Dance Federation (IDF) appointed to adjudicate disciplinary issues in the second instance. Adjudications made by the IDF Disciplinary Committee are specified by the IDF Disciplinary Regulations and concern the following issues:

- 1.1** To ensure the legal and ethical norms are followed by Presidents, coaches, trainers and instructors, adjudicators, competitors and other active members of the IDF;
- 1.2** To ensure the regulations and resolutions made by the IDF Presidium are followed;
- 1.3** To obey the IDF Statute;
- 1.4** To investigate and adjudicate appeals that concern both sport regulations and general guidance regarding principles made by the IDF Presidium.

§ 2

- 2.1** The Disciplinary Committee consists of three (3) permanent members, including the Chairman (IDF President) and two (2) members of the IDF Directive Council, appointed for the duration of the office of the Presidium of the IDF.

§ 3

- 3.1** The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and its members are appointed by the IDF Directive Council;
- 3.2** It is the Chairman's duty to maintain and be responsible for all documentation concerning the Disciplinary Committee's activities, especially all disciplinary actions.

§ 4

- 4.1** Being a disciplinary body within the IDF, the Committee makes its decisions by majority vote. In case of the even number of votes, the vote of the Committee's Chairman is decisive.

§ 5

- 5.1** The Disciplinary Committee acts as a disciplinary body within the IDF and its verdicts have the characteristics of disciplinary verdicts. The verdicts are delivered as detailed by the procedures specified in the items of the Regulations.

§ 6

- 6.1** The resolutions made by the Disciplinary Committee that concern its competencies are presented to the IDF Directive Council. They are executed after being ratified by the Directive Council.

§ 7

- 7.1** The Disciplinary Committee's competencies are as follows:

- To investigate cases of Presidents, coaches, trainers and instructors, adjudicators, competitors and other active members of the Federation accused of violation of either ethical norms, IDF statute or IDF regulations and resolutions made by the IDF Presidium that do not directly concern violation of sport regulations;
- To investigate appeals concerning decisions on violation of the sport rules defined by IDF sport regulations.

Chapter II

The areas in which the disciplinary regulations apply.

§ 1

- 1.2** The following people come under the IDF Disciplinary Regulations:
- Members of IDF Presidium;
 - All other people engaged in the Federation's activities including competitors, trainers and instructors, adjudicators and any people who, at any capacity, represent the Federation.

§ 2

- 2.1** According to the Disciplinary Regulations, the Disciplinary authorities are:
- IDF Competition Director during the competition organised by IDF;
 - IDF Disciplinary Committee.

§ 3

- 3.1** The following authorities have the right to conduct disciplinary proceedings and to penalize:
- 3.2** IDF Competition Director, in the first instance, for violations and offences committed by:
- Competitors having their IDF technical cards, if the violation concerns their participation in the IDF competition;
 - The IDF official adjudicators;
 - Trainers and coaches of the competitors taking part in the IDF competition;
 - All the people who participate in the IDF competition and whose functions and duties had been regulated by suitable IDF regulations;
- 3.3** The IDF Disciplinary Committee, in the second instance, in all the cases mentioned in (point 4.1, §4).

§ 4

- 4.1** An individual can appeal against the verdicts brought by the IDF Competition Director to the IDF Disciplinary Committee.

§ 5

- 5.1** The penalties that apply to all persons who fall under the IDF Disciplinary Regulations are as follows:
- a) Reprimand;**
 - b) exclusion from participation in the competition;**
 - c) exclusion from being a member of the adjudicating board during the competition;**
 - d) prohibition of fulfilling one's duties during the IDF competition (in regards people whose functions and duties had been regulated by suitable IDF regulations);**
 - e) exclusion from being a member of the Federation.**

Chapter III

Disciplinary proceedings

§ 1

- 1.1 Once the violation that falls under the Disciplinary Regulations has been discovered, the IDF Competition Director makes a decision about the level of punishment;
- 1.2 The Competition Director's decision may be announced to the public or privately to the individual concerned;
- 1.3 The IDF Competition Director's decision may be announced in writing or verbally. The Competition Director decides how his decision will be announced.

§ 2

- 2.1 Every person that had been accused (called 'the applicant' in the further regulations) has a right to appeal against the accusation made by the IDF Competition Director;
- 2.2 **The appeal may be lodged to the IDF Competition Director only by a Team Leader during official pauses in the competition. The appeal must be lodged in writing in English. If the appeal is not accepted the IDF Competition Director is obliged to give the applicant an explanation about the reasons why the appeal had been rejected. The explanation must be released in writing in English within seven (7) days from the date of the competition;**
- 2.3 The applicant has the right to re-appeal the explanation given by the IDF Competition Director to the Disciplinary Committee. The re-appeal should be lodged in writing in English within fourteen (14) days from the date when the explanation from the IDF Competition Director was received.

§ 3

- 3.1 The Disciplinary Committee should launch its inquiry within fourteen (14) days from the date when the re-appeal has been received;
- 3.2 The inquiry should be completed within forty five (45) days of being launched.

§ 4

- 4.1 When adjudicating the IDF Disciplinary Committee should be composed of three (3) individuals including its Chairman and two (2) members of the Committee;
- 4.2 After the inquiry has been completed the Chairman presents his answer for the re-appeal (in English) to the two other members of the IDF Disciplinary Committee. The proposal is voted;
- 4.3 If none of the two (2) members of the IDF Disciplinary Committee accepts the Chairman's proposal they are obliged to express their reservations about the proposal in writing.

§ 5

- 5.1** The IDF Disciplinary Committee's adjudication comes into force after it has been ratified by the IDF Directive Council. The IDF Disciplinary Committee's adjudication is definitive.

Chapter IV

Final regulations

§ 1

- 1.1** The following documents can serve as evidence in cases investigated by the IDF Disciplinary Committee:
- Authentic appeals lodged to the IDF Competition Director or authenticated copies of those appeals;
 - Authentic explanation made by the IDF Competition Director regarding the reasons why the appeal had been rejected or copies of those explanations that have been authenticated;
 - IDF Regulations (English version);
 - Other evidence, as long as they were properly secured and could not have been manipulated (eg. CD with IDF Competition Director's signature).

§ 2

- 2.1** All documents and evidences used during the disciplinary proceedings must be written in English;
- 2.2** E-mails cannot be used either as official documents or as evidences in any inquiries or proceedings conducted by the IDF Disciplinary Committee.

§ 3

- 3.1** The IDF Disciplinary Committee is situated in the country of the Chairman of the IDF Disciplinary Committee. The official address of Dance Sport Organisation that represents this country in IDF is the same as the official address of the IDF Disciplinary Committee.

§ 4

- 4.1** This document comes into force on the day when it has been ratified by the IDF Directive Council.