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Minutes: WRRC Presidium meeting 15.10.2026

Present: Marina Eskolin (ME), Denis Lilih (DL), Jiri Hais (JH), Patrice de la Torre (PdlT), Senad Softić (SS), Leo Beck (LB), Oleksandr Geifman (OG), Daria O'Brien (DOB)

Minutes: Daria O'Brien

The President opened the meeting on October 15, 2026, at 09.00.
The agenda was approved.

1. Privacy Policy, GDPR and New Consent Forms

LB presented the revised Privacy Policy, GDPR and consent forms for athletes and coaches, including the treatment of photographs, video, live streaming and promotional use. The discussion covered the need to explain the personal data collected through registration, including contact details and identity documents, and the purposes for which those details are processed.

The revised policy and forms are intended to be finalised and published by 31 October 2026. The WRRC Office and LB will make the remaining clarifications and ensure that the registration process and operational practice are consistent with the approved documents.

Reminder, that all the participants by taking part in the events agree to waive any remuneration resulting from the television transmission or similar.

> **(55) The Presidium approves the revised privacy policy and athlete/coach consent-form package in principle, subject to the clarifications discussed during the meeting, and sets 31 October 2026 as the publication deadline to be valid from 2027.**

It was recommended that **organisers ensure that appropriate notices are displayed at the competition venue, informing attendees that the event may be photographed, filmed and recorded**, in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy regulations.

2. Regulatory Framework

2.1. Tournament Rules, Administrative regulatory documents and related documents

LB presented the revised Administrative, Sporting and Governance documents, together with related ranking-list provisions and the new World Cup Final Regulations. The Presidium reviewed the structure and wording, with particular attention to consistency between the

Tournament Rules, ranking regulations, category definitions, World Cup Final format, eligibility, qualification, seeding and operational procedures.

LB will incorporate the comments raised during the meeting and circulate the corrected controlled versions. The regulatory package is intended for publication by 31 October 2026, with the applicable effective dates stated in the relevant documents.

The following documents were reviewed and/or revised as part of the WRRC regulatory package on 15 October 2026.

1. Administrative Regulations

1. AR_0002 – Fee Scale
2. AR_0005 – Tournament Organisation
3. AR_0006 – Officials' Duties
4. AR_0012 – Membership
5. AR_0014 – Anti-Doping
6. AR_0015 – Officials Licensing

2. Sporting Regulations

7. SR_0001 – Tournament Rules, Version 3.0
8. SR_0011 – Ranking Regulations
9. SR_0003 – World Cup Final Regulations, Version 2.0

3. Governance documents

10. AR_0011, Version 1.4 Rules of procedure of the WRRC Presidium

11. AR_0010 - Policy on restricted Organisations, External Events and reintegration

(56) The Presidium approved the revised changes in the presented documents, subject to LB incorporating the corrections and consistency amendments recorded during the meeting and completing the final controlled versions for publication by 31 October 2026.

2.2. Ranking Lists for all categories

The ranking-list system was discussed as part of the Tournament Rules package. LB explained the proposal to keep general principles in the Tournament Rules and provide detailed ranking-list provisions in a separate regulation so that technical details can be amended without reopening the full Tournament Rules. The ranking-list provisions will be corrected and aligned with the Tournament Rules.

2.3. Red-card

The Presidium discussed change of the value of the red card and its application, including how the rules should address violations identified during BW slow and fast rounds/RR footwork and acrobatics, and the observer's responsibilities. DL/LB will prepare the proposed judging-related wording and provide the relevant information for further review. LB will incorporate the agreed

clarification into the Tournament Rules where appropriate. The wording will be finalised as part of the regulatory package.

2.4. Acro criteria for Girls' and Ladies' Formations / judging panel

The Presidium discussed the proposal to increase the number of acrobatic elements for Girls' and Ladies' Formations to bring the requirements into line with Small Formations, and the related proposal to include acrobatic criteria in the formation judging interface. The matters require further sporting and technical coordination as part of the New Judging System (NJS).
The technical changes and the precise criteria will be coordinated by DL with the relevant Sport Commission and IT.

2.5. NJS – acrobatic verification procedure

The Presidium discussed the need for documented procedures and timelines for verification of acrobatic elements, including how federations should submit video material, who reviews the element, how decisions are recorded and how approved interpretations are communicated. This work forms part of the NJS development planned for implementation in 2028.

DL and the Sport Commission will continue developing the procedure, including the relevant review steps and timelines.

3. World Cup Final Regulations and Prize Money

The Presidium reviewed the financial and operational model previously used for the 2024 World Cup Final, including the absence of a competition fee, trophies, the organiser lump sum of €5,000, prize money of €20,475 and payment of officials by the organiser according to the Fee Scale. Members discussed which arrangements should be reflected in the new World Cup Final Regulations and which relate to the specific event or year.

The Presidium also reviewed the Boogie Woogie World Cup Final format and the need to ensure consistency with the General Meeting decision on the championship format. LB will revise the World Cup Final Regulations accordingly and coordinate any required system updates with the relevant technical provider.

The precise financial arrangements and the treatment of trophies and officials' costs are to be reflected clearly in the final event regulations and relevant event agreements.

The Presidium clarified the need to distinguish between the arrangements applicable to the 2026 World Cup Finals and the revised World Cup Final Regulations, which will apply from 2027.
The existing arrangements approved in 2024 were considered for continuation in 2026, while the new regulations will govern future editions from 2027 onwards.

(57) The Presidium decided that, for 2026, the financial and organisational arrangements approved in 2024 for the World Cup Finals shall remain applicable. These include a €5,000 lump-sum contribution, the provision of trophies for the World Cup Finals winners by the WRRC, and trophies for the World Cup organiser, in accordance with the arrangements established in 2024.

LB will finalize the new World Cup Final Regulations in time for publication.
The changes for BW are detailed separately below.

3.1 Boogie Woogie - World Championship Format in Jihlava, CZE

3.1.1 For all Boogie Woogie categories included in the World Cup Final, the Spider System formerly provided by Version 1.3 shall not apply.

3.1.2 Following General Meeting 2026 Motion M03 and the subsequent Presidium implementation decision, Boogie Woogie shall be conducted according to the competition format applicable to the respective category at a WRRC World Championship, without a Slow Round.

3.1.3 Boogie Woogie at the World Cup Final shall therefore follow the classification of rounds applicable to a World Championship / competition without seeded couples. The general World Cup Final seeding rule in Article 1.4 and SR_0001 Section 9.9 does not apply to Boogie Woogie for as long as Article 3.1.3 remains in force.

3.1.4 The detailed number of rounds and couples advancing shall follow the binding classification of rounds applicable to the relevant Boogie Woogie World Championship format under SR_0004 - Classification of the Rounds. If an event-specific classification is approved for the World Cup Final under SR_0001, it shall be communicated within the notice period required there.

3.1.5 The maximum number of couples dancing simultaneously, music speed and dance duration shall follow the current WRRC Boogie Woogie Regulation for the respective category. Under the current technical format, up to three (3) couples may dance simultaneously in the early qualification rounds, up to two (2) couples from the Quarter-final stage, and couples dance individually in the Final.

3.1.6 Only the Fast programme shall be danced at the World Cup Final. Any Slow programme otherwise applicable to Boogie Woogie Main Class or Seniors at a World Championship is omitted.

3.1.7 The applicable Fast music speeds are those prescribed by the current WRRC Boogie Woogie Regulation for the respective category. The current framework provides 48-50 BPM for Juniors, 50-51 BPM for Main Class and 46-48 BPM for Seniors. The duration of the Fast Round shall be 1:30 in all rounds.

3.1.8 Except for the specific modifications in Articles 3.3.1-3.3.7, all other applicable competition, judging, music, qualification and technical provisions of the current WRRC Boogie Woogie Regulation, SR_0004 - Classification of the Rounds and SR_0001 - Tournament Rules remain applicable.

3.1.9 If the World Championship format or the underlying Boogie Woogie technical rules are materially amended, WRRC shall verify the effect on the World Cup Final before the amended format is applied. Any material event-specific departure shall be approved and communicated in accordance with the applicable WRRC rules.

Finalists' Celebration Dance
The Finalists' Celebration Dance shall apply exclusively to the Boogie Woogie Main Class at the World Cup Final and replaces the former Grand Final and Small Final. The final ranking of all

seven (7) finalist couples shall be determined by the judged competitive Final conducted under the World Championship format pursuant to Articles 3.3.1–3.3.9 and the applicable WRRC regulations, before the Celebration Dance begins.

Following completion of the competitive Final, all seven (7) Boogie Woogie Main Class finalist couples shall take part in a non-competitive Finalists' Celebration Dance. The couples shall enter the dance floor successively in the order of their final placement, beginning with the first-placed couple and continuing through to the seventh-placed couple. Each couple shall be given a short individual opportunity to dance before the next couple joins. After all seven finalist couples have entered the dance floor, the Celebration Dance shall continue as a joint and spontaneous celebration. During this part, dancers may change partners and dance freely together. The Finalists' Celebration Dance is intended solely as a spontaneous and celebratory conclusion to the Boogie Woogie Main Class World Cup Final. It is not a separately prepared or pre-choreographed showcase programme, shall not be judged and shall have no effect on the competition result or final ranking. It does not apply to Boogie Woogie Juniors or Seniors.

4. Boogie Woogie Guidelines and Judges

The Presidium discussed the publication and communication of the Boogie Woogie guidelines for judges, coaches and dancers. Members emphasised the importance of ensuring that the same information is available to all relevant groups and that the timing of publication is coordinated with the planned judges' and coaches' meetings.
A coaches' meeting was discussed, with a preference to hold it after the World Cup Final if practicable.

Appointment of Boogie Woogie Judges – World Cup Wuppertal

In view of the upcoming implementation of the new Boogie Woogie Guidelines, the Presidium agreed that the judges for the Boogie Woogie World Cup in Wuppertal shall exceptionally be appointed by the WRRC Presidium instead of following the usual nomination procedure through the National Member Federations.

The Boogie Woogie Commission shall submit a proposal for the composition of the judging panel to the Vice-President for Sports, who shall forward it to the Presidium for approval by circular procedure.

Any remaining arrangements will be handled by the responsible officials.

5. Music Commission and Music related issues

5.1. Intro-time for Couples and Small Formations

PdlT raised the ambiguity between the intro-time table and the definition of dance duration in the current Rock'n'Roll rules., which had already been highlighted in the proposals submitted to the Presidium by the Music Commission in October 29th, 2025. The Music Commission has been rejecting personal music where the intro exceeds 15 seconds for Couples and Small Formations, although the interpretation of the relevant provisions is not entirely clear. Members discussed the distinction between measuring from the start of the music and measuring from the first movement.

(58) The Presidium agreed that, as an interim measure, musical pieces with an intro exceeding 15 seconds would be permitted for Couples and Small Formations until the relevant RR Rules are revised and consistency across the rules is ensured. This clarification is intended to address potential differing interpretations of Section 1.3 during the transitional period. The wording of the revised rules and associated guidelines must be clear, unambiguous, and understandable to all.

5.2. Feedback on rejected music

The Presidium discussed the need for the Music Commission to provide clear and specific reasons when music is rejected and to explain what changes are required for resubmission. PdlT confirmed that he is working on a procedure so that comments are communicated consistently and coaches understand the requirements.

The Music Commission should ensure that its feedback is sufficiently clear to allow a meaningful correction and resubmission.

5.3. ClicknClear music rights

PdlT and DL reported on discussions with ClicknClear regarding music-rights clearance for WRRC competitions. The scope of the proposal was discussed, including the use of music in preliminary rounds and the separate responsibility for music used in finals or other uses not covered by the proposed licence. The Presidium discussed the need to explain clearly to dancers and organisers when additional clearance or payment is required.

The Presidium supported proceeding with the ClicknClear arrangement on the basis presented, with the scope, participating countries and applicable uses to be clearly documented and communicated. The WRRC Office and responsible representatives will ensure that the final information explains what is covered and what remains the responsibility of dancers or organisers.

(59) The Presidium approved proceeding with the ClicknClear music-rights arrangement as presented, subject to confirmation and clear communication of the licence scope, covered territories and any music uses requiring separate clearance.

6. Social Media and Communication

SS reported that the new social-media agency had started posting content, including material from Geneva. A trial period of three months is planned while the contract and proposed website/social-media design, content plan etc are finalised. A further meeting with the agency was scheduled, after which a proposal for the new visual direction would be available.

SS will continue coordinating the agency arrangement and share the contract and design proposal with the Presidium when available. Cooperation with WDSF and local content providers for upcoming competitions will also be explored.

7. Expansion – Financial Support for Sierra Leone and Mexico

PdlT updated the Presidium on efforts to enable couples from Sierra Leone and Mexico to attend the Klagenfurt competition. The discussion noted that Fee Scale support is subject to the applicable category and membership requirements.

OG clarified that the Fee Scale amounts apply under the conditions set out in the rules and that any additional support outside those provisions requires a separate decision. PdlT will clarify the situation with the Mexican contact and report back.

The Presidium noted the importance of supporting participation from outside Europe while ensuring that commitments are transparent, authorised and properly charged to the expansion budget where approved.

8. Klagenfurt 2026 – Children Category

The Presidium reviewed the request to add the Children category to the upcoming Klagenfurt competition on Sunday. Members considered the expected number of couples and the impact on the timetable and agreed that the addition would not significantly affect the schedule.

> **(60) The Presidium approves the request to add the Children category to the Klagenfurt 2026 competition on Sunday. The organiser is to confirm the change and update the published competition information.**

The request was approved. Final change is the subject to confirmation with the organizer. The organizer will send all the related information to all National Federations after the final confirmation.

9. RR Judges' Meeting Timetable Change – Jihlava Competition

JH informed that, due to a typo, the date of the November meeting before Jihlava competition was listed incorrectly. The correct date is **Sunday, November 29th, at 8:30 PM**.

10. New Calculation System

DL reported on the work with the technical provider concerning the proposed new calculation system. Parallel calculations have been carried out using competition data, including Geneva competition, to compare results under the proposed values and calculation approach.

The Presidium discussed the need to test the system against real competition results and review any differences before deciding whether to proceed. Further testing and comparison are required; no final implementation decision was made.

11. Reports

Brief reports were presented by:

- Finance (OG)
- Sport (DL)
- Legal (LB)
- Marketing & Expansion (PdlT)
- Communication (SS)
- Education (JH)

12. Tasks

- LB: Incorporate the comments made during the meeting into the presented documents; complete the controlled documents for publication by 31 October 2026.

- WRRC Office: Publish the amended rules and regulations by 31 October 2026.
- LB / WRRC Office: Confirm the privacy policy and athlete/coach consent forms for publication by 31 October 2026.
- DL / Sport Commission: Develop the procedure and timelines for verification of acrobatic elements under the NJS, including submissions, review and documentation.
- LB / DL: Finalize the proposed red-card regulation and definition to be implemented from 2027.
- PdlT / Music Commission: Submit a complete proposal concerning music approval limits and continue developing clear feedback procedures for rejected music.
- SS: Continue the social-media agency trial and circulate the contract and proposed design when available.
- DL / IT: Continue testing the new calculation system against past competition data and report the comparison results to the Presidium.

The next online Presidium meeting is planned for November 17, 2026.

The meeting was closed at 13:30.

Minutes: Approved by WRRC Presidium

WRRC President
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