



Administrative Rules

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WRRC ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS

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## 1 Preamble

A good reputation is the foundation of every sport and should be preserved by its federations. In order to continue to enhance the good reputation of the Boogie Woogie, Rock'n'Roll, Lindy Hop and other Swing dances, and its athletes as well as the World Rock'n'Roll Confederation (hereinafter referred to as "WRRC"), the WRRC Presidium has adopted this Code of Conduct for WRRC Athletes and Officials, and it shall be binding on all athletes, coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors and any other officials, in the WRRC system around the World.

Each dancer or official of, affiliated with or registered with the World Rock'n'Roll Confederation (WRRC) Member body, is allowed to participate in competitions which are authorized, granted or sanctioned by WRRC, on the following terms:

## 2 General code of conduct

WRRC competition is a pleasure and a privilege, and is based on the Olympic principle of joy through effort. It can be practiced by people of all ages and backgrounds.

2.1 Athletes, coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors, organizers and any other officials occupy a position of trust and are significant role models to their peers and to the world generally. A high standard of good conduct before, during and after any WRRC competition is required of anyone who participate in WRRC competitions.

2.2 Athletes, coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors, organizers and any other officials conduct both on and off the dance floor must be consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. An athlete participating in WRRC competitions:

- will always give his or her best performance regardless of any other considerations
- will always be gracious and conduct himself/herself in a sportsman like manner, whether in victory or defeat, and in a way that inspires fellow competitors and future competitors to attain the highest level of sportsmanship
- will always compete or officiate without the use of prohibited substances and will actively fight against doping, respect WADA and act in the spirit of fair play
- will always respect the property of others, whether it is private property or public property
- will always respect all athletes, coaches, spectators, organizers, and officials
- will not engage in discriminatory conduct
- will not engage in violent or abusive conduct whether verbal or physical or in sexual harassment or abuse of any kind
- will comply with the rules, regulations, policies and decisions of WRRC, the WRRC Presidium and WRRC's Commissions
- will at all times act as an exemplary ambassador for Boogie Woogie, Rock'n'Roll, Lindy Hop and other Swing dances, WRRC, and his or her own country

2.3 Athletes, coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors, organizers and any other officials must not behave in a questionable or unseemly manner in public or at any WRRC competition or WRRC-related function or occasion where members of the public (including athletes, spectators and the media) are present in any capacity.

2.4 Athletes, coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors, organizers and any other officials must never threaten any person immediately before, immediately after, or during any competition, including by using body language, facial expressions, orally or in writing, in order to improperly affect the outcome of a competition.

2.5 Athletes, coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors, organizers and any other officials must never seek by any means to improperly influence, or to intimidate, any judge, observer, athlete or other person involved in any way in a competition.

2.6 Athletes and coaches and organizers must not publicly question judges or observers' judgement, honesty or good faith, except in writing addressed in good faith to authorities of competent jurisdiction.

2.7 Subject only to exceptions permitted by law, or innocent accident or mistake, athletes and coaches, judges, observers, scrutineers, supervisors, organizers and any other officials must not cause damage to property, or take property without lawful excuse, or injure any person, before, during or after a competition.

2.8 All members of the WRRRC Community, whether coaches, organizers, fellow athletes or others, have an obligation to encourage high standards of good conduct, and discourage unacceptable conduct, by anyone.

### 3 WRRRC Rules, Regulations and Procedures

3.1 The participation in WRRRC Competitions is subject to the total acceptance of the Statutes of WRRRC and all WRRRC rules, regulations and procedures including, without limitation, the Anti-Doping Rules, the Athlete Consent Form, the Financial Rules, the WRRRC Rules of Competition Rules, and all decision notified in the General Meeting and Presidium Meeting minutes.

3.2 Everyone is subject to the WRRRC Rules and Regulations and to the jurisdiction of the bodies which are in charge of applying them, including, without limitation, the jurisdiction of the WRRRC Presidium and the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne ("CAS"), where provided for by the WRRRC Rules and Regulations.

3.3 For greater clarity, any violation of any part of the WRRRC Rules and Regulations may be subject to the disciplinary penalties set out in such rules and regulations, including suspension from WRRRC competitions.

3.4 The Anti-Doping Code must be respected without limitation, and everyone must comply to provide samples of urine, or blood, or both of them, when requested in accordance with such code and that any such sample may be analyzed to determine whether it discloses the presence of any substances prohibited under the Anti-Doping Code.

### 4 Use of Image, Name and Likeness

4.1 The WRRRC and /or the event organizer of a WRRRC Competition (or any third party acting on behalf or with the authorization of such aforementioned parties) may film, photograph or otherwise record and use the name of everyone, likeness, appearance, voice and actions during and in connection with the WRRRC Competitions (such films, photographs or recordings being the "Materials"), without limitation to the foregoing, broadcast, transmit, publicize, disseminate or otherwise exploit the Materials in whole or in part, on a live or non-live basis in any and all media (whether existing at the present time or not and including, for the avoidance of doubt, print media and fixed media) for the purpose of promoting Boogie Woogie and Rock'n'Roll, the WRRRC and WRRRC Competitions.

4.2 The abovementioned use of the Materials shall be without charge and without any requirement for further consent, approval or waiver.

## 5 Acknowledgment of Risks/Release of Liability

5.1 Everyone is personally and solely responsible to ensure that he has the required health and level of fitness to participate in any WRRRC Competition. Furthermore, everyone is fully aware of the risks involved in competition activities (including to physical integrity) and that it is the responsibility of everyone to decide whether or not to participate, bearing in mind those risks and health and fitness.

5.2 To the full extent permissible under the applicable laws, the WRRRC, the relevant event organizers and their respective members, directors, officers, volunteers, contractors and agents are released from any liability for loss, injury or damage suffered in relation to the participation in WRRRC Competitions.

## 6 International competition organized by any other international federation or subjects, in the disciplines governed by WRRRC

6.1 The competition must be organized under the auspices of a federation which is not in contradiction with the purpose and aims of the WRRRC, the WDSF and the IOC, and the applicant must provide proof on this.

6.2 The competition must be organized in a territory not subject to any sanction and restriction from an international institutional organization like IOC, United Nations, etc ...

6.3 The competition must be organized in accordance with the international sports code.

6.4 The competition must not be supported by any religious, ideological, political terrorist, radical extremist organization, or a government at war or committing aggression against another country.

6.5 The competition must respect the principles of non-discrimination, equal treatment, equal opportunities, sporting merit and fair play.

6.6 The competition must respect international antidoping rules (WADA Code).

6.7 The competition shall host participants selected by their national federation recognized by the country's national Olympic committee.

6.8 The organizer must be financially supported by non-obscure public or private organizations that respect international financial laws.

6.9 The organizer must have made public and accessible to, by all possible means, all allocation rules and payment procedures for prize money or performance bonuses (if applicable).

6.10 A Request for consent to participate in a Non-WRRRC Event (which is not a Specified Event) must be sent in writing to the WRRRC office no later than two months before the date of this event.

6.11 The decision will be taken by the WRRRC Presidium by a simple majority of its members. Consultations and votes can be made in any way. The grant or refusal of such consent shall be within the absolute discretion of the WRRRC and grounds need not be given in the event of refusal; for the avoidance of doubt, the WRRRC may decide to refuse consent for reasons unrelated to Anti-doping and/or the disruption of an event listed on the official WRRRC Competition Calendar. In the event that the WRRRC does not respond to a given request, it shall be deemed that such request for consent has been refused.

6.12 No registration or participation will be possible without having received a written and positive response from the WRRRC office.

6.13 Athletes and officials must sign an acknowledgement of WRRC's jurisdiction over them if they are asked to do so.

6.14 In case of non-compliance with these rules, any WRRC member (athlete, coach, judge, observer, scrutineer, supervisor or any other official) is exposed to sanctions ranging from a simple warning to non-suspensive suspension, exclusion of the WRRC not being applicable. The sanctions will be decided by the WRRC Presidium and the appeal procedures will be applicable according to the WRRC statutes.

## 7 Sanctions

7.1 Any athlete, coach, judge, observer, scrutineer, supervisor, organizer and any other official, whose conduct is determined by the WRRC Presidium to be contrary to this Code, is subject to penalties, including but not limited to one or more of the following penalties:

7.1.1 an order for compensation (if property is damaged or destroyed and the costs should be reimbursed);

7.1.2 disqualification from a competition;

7.1.3 a temporary suspension from the right to compete as dancer or coach, to officiate in or to organize a WRRC competition;

7.1.4 and in case of recurrent or very serious misconduct a permanent suspension from the right to compete as dancer or coach, to officiate in or to organize a WRRC competition.

7.2 The minimum penalty considered by the WRRC Presidium will usually be a 3-month suspension from the right to compete as dancer or coach, to officiate in or to organize a WRRC competition.

7.3 In general, the first sanction of any conduct contrary to this Code will be a letter of reprimand. In more serious cases the Presidium may apply a more severe level of sanction, even for a first offence or act of misconduct. For example, participation by an athlete in a Non-WRRC event without obtaining the requisite consent shall constitute a serious case.

## 8 Dispute Resolution

Without limitation to the jurisdiction of any body or competent jurisdiction in connection with the application of the WRRC Rules and Regulations (to which everyone submits as a consequence and condition of the participation at WRRC Competitions), everyone agrees that any dispute which is not to be adjudicated in application of procedures provided for by the WRRC Rules and Regulations, but which arises between a registered the person concerned and WRRC shall be governed by Swiss law and shall be exclusively settled by arbitration before CAS in accordance with the CAS rules then in effect.

## 9 Personal Information

9.1 Everyone undertakes to ensure that the information provided with the WRRC Registration Software is correct, and to expressly inform the WRRC of any changes that may occur.

9.2 All of the submitted information, except the email address, postal address and date of birth, will form part of everyone's public profile within the WRRC database.

9.3 With respect to everyone's email address, postal address and date of birth, whereas this information will not be made publicly available in the absence of further consent, the WRRC may use such information and transfer the same to third parties (in particular, its member federations and event organizers), in each case as is reasonably necessary in connection with the conduct of Boogie Woogie & Rock'n'Roll affairs and, in particular, the staging of Boogie Woogie & Rock'n'Roll competitions.



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