



Newsletter 11

Dear Member,

You are a registered Amateur Member of the DPA and we are sending you the eleventh of several important DPA announcements regarding the competition scene in the UK, so that you are fully informed. If you have missed any of previous Newsletter's then please visit our web site.

www.dpaonline.co.uk

Or you if you have any questions the please email us at

dpaenquiry@gmail.com

The DPA/BDF National League for 2012/2013 ended on the 28th February and once again the support received from you the competitors has been fantastic, some 3049 couples danced across all of the charts and for this Executive Committee wish to say a huge 'Thank you' for the support you have given events this season.

As per last year we are asking couples to please check the charts and notify us at dpaenquiry@gmail.com if you can see anything that you think is not correct and then we can look into this and make any necessary changes needed.

Once this has been completed we will then be able to notify and invite those couples that have qualified to compete at the 'Grand Finals' at the Bournemouth Summer Festival on Thursday 25th July 2013.



Following a recent Executive Committee Meeting changes have been made for the 2013/2014 season which we hope you will be pleased with.

It has been decided to extend the 'Prize Money' to couples who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all Ballroom & Latin events in the Juvenile, Junior, Youth, Amateur, Senior I,II, III (Senior III Ballroom only) during the coming season.

Those lucky enough to finish in one of these positions will then be invited to a presentation at Bournemouth to receive their prize money, so we hope you will welcome the additional prize money and the best of luck in the coming events.

Entries for the Bournemouth Summer Festival are NOW open and this can be done on line at www.dpaonline.co.uk There is a strict closing date which will be adhered too and NO entries will be taken at the Festival so please make sure you enter in good time.

We have published the DPA/BDF National League Rules for 2013/2014 below and would ask you to take a moment to have a look at these so you know how the league works and may answer some queries that crop up at the office.

We are aware of some comments being made about the National League and understand there may be some confusion on some points which we would like to clarify.

'Split Partnerships'

It was decided by the Executive Committee to NOT remove any couples unless we are notified that a couple have terminated their partnership, this decision was made due to a situation of being told a couple had split so we removed their results only to be contacted by the couple to say they had in fact not split so we then had to input their results back into the league. So we ask you again if your partnership splits please inform us at dpaenquiry@gmail.com so we can remove the couple.



Again if you read the rules it explains why couples that move age group during the season may be shown in two or more leagues, this does not mean the points gained in one league will be moved up into the new league, again we hope this may clear any issues that may have made on public web pages.

We finish this newsletter wishing you every success in your future competitions and if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact any Executive Committee Member listed below.

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DPA/BDF National League Rules 2013-2014

Ballroom & Latin American

1. The DPA/BDF National League in Amateur, Senior I,II,III [Senior III Ballroom only], Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1st March each year.
2. The DPA/BDF National League in all Pre-Champ, Intermediate, Novices and Beginners events will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1st March each year.
3. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 10 results will be used to ascertain the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. (For competitors in the Amateur, Senior I,II,III [Senior III Ballroom only], Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections only)
4. In the Adult Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre Championship events, the couples finishing in the Top 12 places of the DPA/BDF National League, will Qualify and be invited to dance for the United Kingdom Title in that category at the Grand Finals to be held at the Bournemouth Summer Festival.
5. In the event of a couple tying for 1st place, the result of the United Kingdom Closed Championships [Bournemouth Summer Festival] will decide the position. (For competitors in the Amateur, Senior I,II,III [Senior III Ballroom only], Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections only)
6. Adult Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre Championship events. When couples dance in Open, Under 35s or Senior events, the best result from a competition day in each grade will be taken and used towards qualifying points in the National League Charts.

Classical & Modern Sequence

7. The DPA/BDF National League in Juvenile Open Classical & Modern Sequence, Juvenile Boy/Girl Classical, Juvenile All Girl Classical, Junior Open Events Classical & Modern Sequence, Junior Boy/Girl Classical, Junior All Girls Classical, Youth Open Classical, Amateur Open Classical & Modern Sequence, Senior Open Classical & Modern Sequence and Social Open Classical & Modern Sequence will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1st October each year.

(Please note for 2012-2013 ONLY, The DPA/BDF National Sequence League will run from the 1st May 2012 until 30th September 2013)



- 8. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 8 results will be used to ascertain the winner.
- 9. In the event of a couple tying for 1st place, the result of the United Kingdom Open Championships [DPA Midland Area Championship Event] will decide the position.
- 10. Adult Social events. When couples dance in Open, Under 35s or Senior event, the best result from a competition day in each grade will be taken and used towards points in the National League Charts

General Rules

- 11. All age groups are as set out in British Dance Council Rules
- 12. If a couple splits during the year their points will become null and void and they will not be allowed to transfer their points to a new partnership.
- 13. In the event of couples changing groups mid-year the points they have earned will be frozen in that grade/age group and points will need to be earned in the new grade/age group. If a couple have already gained enough points to win their previous grade/age group they will still win.
- 14. All DPA Members will qualify for National League status, unless they ask not to be included.
- 15. In the event of an 8 couple final the 8th couple will receive the same points as the 7th couple.

Points Structure All Open Competitions [B/L/Seq]											
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Points Structure for All BDC Closed Championships [B/L/Seq]											
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	2	1	1
Points Structure for All Open BDC Registered Championships [B/L/Seq]											
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Ballroom and Latin American Points Structure for:											



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United Kingdom Closed Championships [Bournemouth Summer Festival]											
British National Championships & Star Championships											
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
24	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7
<p>Classical & Modern Sequence Points Structure for:</p> <p>Adult British National Championships [October]</p> <p>Junior British Championships [Easter]</p> <p>United Kingdom Open Sequence Championships [DPA Midland Area]</p>											
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
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