



DPA Newsletter 19 February 2017.

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2017 DPA Newsletter, number 19. Information that you will find informative & relevant to you, whether you're a Competitor, Parent, Teacher, Amateur Dance Club or a Competition Promoter - there is something in this edition for you all!

National League.

Just a few more weeks before the current National League reaches its conclusion. Don't forget that there will be increased prize money to the first six couples in the top 13 categories that constitute the National League. Following the discussion at a recent Management Committee meeting the prize money figures for each place were decided and will be awarded as follows:

1st £500, 2nd £250, 3rd £150, 4th £100, 5th £100, 6th £100.

The National League for 2016/17 comes to an end on 28th February 2017. The announcement of the various National League winners along with the presentation to the couples will take place at the 2017 Bournemouth Summer Dance Festival.

Keeping to the rules.

Could we please remind couples taking part in all National and Super League events that they must adhere to the rules especially those referring to moving up through the grades. If you are unsure, then refer to the DPA website - it's all there.



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Point structure for National and Super League will be as follows;

Major Events - (United Kingdom Closed, British Nationals, Star & European)

PLACE	POINTS
1ST	26
2ND	24
3RD	22
4TH	20
5TH	18
6TH	16
Semi Final	12
$\frac{1}{4}$ Final	10
Previous Round	8
Previous Round	6

Super League Events ;

PLACE	POINTS
1ST	18
2ND	17
3RD	16
4TH	15
5TH	14
6TH	13
Semi Final	11
$\frac{1}{4}$ Final	10
Previous Round	8
Previous Round	6

National League Events ;

The point structure has not changed for these events.



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Advertising of all League Points

All promoters must inform the DPA of their intention to run any league point events and advertise the necessary competition in all required media outlets.

League Events - some explanations

Please note that National League points will only be awarded to the following age groups and levels - U/35 and O/35 Beginner/Novice/Intermediate/Pre Champ. No other age categories at these levels will carry points - Promoters, please be aware for your forthcoming competition programmes & would all competitors please take notice. Any DPA member wishing to add a Super League event to their programme then please download the application form from the website, duly complete, sign and forward to Committee Member David Douglass with the appropriate fee.

WDC/Amateur League European Championships - Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday 15th & 16th April 2017.

Once again will be held in the fabulous Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens Blackpool. The DPA are extremely proud to present in association with the Blackpool Entertainment Company Limited the 2017 presentation of the WDC Amateur League Open European Championships. In addition to the array of Ballroom and Latin - American European Championships, the 2017 programme will also feature The DPA Open to the World Professional Ballroom & Latin - American Grand Prix events, The DPA Open to the World Professional over 40's Ballroom Grand Prix & The WDC/AL European Adult Formation Team Championship. Entries for ALL events is now being taken at www.dpaonline.co.uk. The CLOSING DATE for ALL entries is FRIDAY 10th MARCH 2017. No late entries will be accepted and no entries will be taken on the day. So don't delay, enter today!

For your tickets & seating please apply to TICKETMASTER. As in previous years a limited number of Front Row seating will once again be available for both days. These premium seats are priced at £43pp and are obtainable from DPA treasurer, Jackie Conway. Due to the recent high demand for these front row seats, it is advised to submit your ticket application for these seats to Jackie



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Conway as soon as possible to avoid any potential disappointment. Black tie/Dinner Suit is preferred for all front row seating spectators on both evenings.

Any couples who will be participating in the WDC European Professional Championship (Latin American division) & are also entering the DPA Open to the World Professional Grand Prix events, may we let you know that your 1st round in Blackpool will not take place before 4pm, in order to allow you plenty of time to arrive from the airport.

Advertisers please note that it will not be long before advertising space closes for the European programme (3rd March 2017) .If you want to advertise your studio, event, dance wear/accessories, or just wish the competitors the best of luck, then get in touch with the DPA treasurer - Jackie Conway - for rates and space availability. Jackie may be contacted by email on; dpatreasurer@gmail.com Could you please forward your advertisement & any artwork directly to Norman Large. The email address is as follows; norman.large@btinternet.com The payment for all advertising must be sent to DPA Treasurer Jackie Conway at 2 Ralston Close, Bloxwich, W.Midlands.

Bournemouth Summer Festival 2017.

Entries for this wonderful 4 day festival are now being taken online. The festival runs from Thursday 27th July until Sunday 30th July. This year's presentation promises to be another unmissable dance festival! NEW COMPETITIONS FOR 2017; The Bournemouth Masters All Ladies Ballroom & Latin American 4 dance events plus The Bournemouth Masters Senior 4 (both over 65's) ballroom 4 dance event. These new competitions will take place on Thursday 27th July. The Annual Festival Dinner Dance takes place on Saturday evening, 29TH July 2017. A fabulous meal, the World renowned Ross Mitchell Band & Singers plus the semi finals & grand finals of some of the festivals "Blue Riband" events. All in all quite an amazing evening. Tickets for this evening are £56 per person and are available directly from the DPA Chairman, Nigel Horrocks.

Plans for 2018 are also currently in hand. It is envisaged that the 2018 festival will also feature events for Pro -am, Solos and teacher/student. Watch this space for further development and information.



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Amateur Registration or DPA Membership.

Anyone considering to enter the competition scene at any level may register with the DPA. Registration/Membership is FREE to all Competitors. To register, simply complete the application form & register online. Your registration/membership cards will follow shortly afterwards. If, however, you are new to promoting, then why not join us and become a member of the DPA. Annual membership is £50 per organisation. An application form is available from Committee Member Gary Foster.

British Dance Council.

As a corporate member of the British Dance Council, the DPA supports the work done by the British Dance Council.

DPA Calendar of Events .

Please refer to the DPA "What's on" Page of the website for all details of all events being held during the oncoming months. If you wish your events to feature, please contact the DPA enquiries e-mail for details.

Rules of the Association.

Following the Annual General Meeting of The DPA in November of 2016, the rule book of The Association has been reviewed and updated. Anyone wishing to familiarise themselves with these updates or view any part of the rules may inspect them on our website.

www.dancepromotersassociation.co.uk/membership/rules

And Finally

Competitors please remember that entries close for the WDC AL European Championships on Friday 10th March 2017. There will be NO LATE ENTRIES.



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