



DPA Newsletter 20 April 2017.

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition of the 2017 DPA Newsletter, number 20. 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.

The 2016/17 National League has now come to an end. The top 14 couples in the Beginners, Novice, Intermediate & Pre - Championship grades have been invited to participate in their Grand Finals at the Bournemouth Summer Festival on Thursday 27th July to ascertain the overall DPA/BDF National League winners. Should there be any couple who finished in the top 14 of the previously mentioned grades and has not yet received their official invitation, then they should contact Committee members Duncan Trever or Gary Foster as soon as possible. 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. The prize money figures for each place in 2017 will be awarded as follows:

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

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



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National League Events ;

The point structure has not changed for these events.

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.

Only a couple of weeks until the eagerly awaited European Championships at 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. All entries are now closed for this wonderful weekend of dance. 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



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Jackie 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 until 5pm, in order to allow you plenty of time to arrive from the airport. The first round times are listed below for everyone to note.

Please arrive in good time & collect your number promptly as we will not be able to wait for you on the day.



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Dance Promoters Association		
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First Round Times WDC AL European Championships Saturday 15th April 2017		
	Round	Event Title
8.30am	Doors Open	
9.30am	First Round	SA08 WDC AL European Senior 2 [45 Years and Over] Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
9.54am	First Round	SA05 WDC AL European Under 21s Youth [16 Years - 20 Years] Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
10.18am	First Round	SA09 WDC AL European Senior 3 [55 Years and Over] Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
10.34am	First Round	SA03 WDC AL European Junior [12 Years - 15 Years] Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
11.14am	First Round	SA01 WDC AL European Juvenile [Under 12 Years] Latin American Championship CSRJ
1.30pm	First Round	SA06 WDA AL European Amateur Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
2.58pm	First Round	SA07 WDC AL European Senior 1 [35 Years and Over] Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
3.38pm	First Round	SA02 WDC AL European Under 14s [12 Years - 13 Years] Ballroom Championship WTFQ
4.02pm	First Round	SA11 WDC AL European Over 35s Pre Amateur [35 Years and Over] Ballroom Championship WTFQ
4.18pm	First Round	SA04 WDC AL European Under 19s Youth [16 Years - 18 Years] Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
6.00pm	First Round	SA10 WDC AL European Under 35s Pre Amateur [16 Years - 34 Years] Latin American Championship CSRJ
6.52pm	First Round	SA06a WDC AL European Over 30s Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
8.02pm	Parade	Parade of all couples
9.02pm	First Round	SA12 DPA Open to the World Professional Ballroom Grand Prix WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
11.12pm		The Queen
First Round Times WDC AL European Championships Sunday 16th April 2017		
8.30am		Formation Team Practice
9.30am	Doors Open	
10.20am	First Round	SU08 WDC AL European Senior 2 [45 Years and Over] Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
10.36am	First Round	SU05 WDC AL European Under 21s Youth [16 Years - 20 Years] Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
11.00am	First Round	SU10 WDC AL European Over 35s Pre Amateur [35 Years and Over] Latin American Championship CSRJ
11.08am	First Round	SU01 WDC AL European Juvenile [Under 12years] Ballroom Championship WTFQ
11.40am	First Round	SU07 WDC AL European Senior 1 [35 Years and Over] Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
12.12pm	First Round	SU02 WDC AL European Under 14s [12 Years - 13 Years] Latin American Championship CSRJ
1.32pm	First Round	SU06 WDC AL European Amateur Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
2.28pm	First Round	SU03 WDC AL European Junior [12 Years - 15 Years] Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
3.08pm	First Round	SU04 WDC AL European Under 19s Youth [16 Years - 18 Years] Ballroom Championship WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
5.00pm	First Round	SU11 DPA Open to the World Professional Latin American Grand Prix CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
5.16pm	First Round	WDC AL European Formation Championship
5.50pm	First Round	SU09 WDC AL European Under 35s Pre Amateur [16 Years - 34 Years] Ballroom Championship WTFQ
6.06pm	First Round	SU12 DPA Open to the World Over 40s [40 years and Over] Professional Ballroom Grand Prix WTFQ Vw Semi & Final
6.52pm	First Round	SU06a WDC AL European Over 30s Latin American Championship CSRJ Jive Semi & Final
8.12pm	Parade	Parade of Couples
8.32pm		Demonstration Winning Formation Team
11.12pm		The Queen

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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. May we remind you that ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON 24TH JUNE 2017. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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.

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.



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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

DPA Sequence Branch.

We are pleased to announce that the DPA Sequence Branch are holding a "Midlands & North of England" Awards Day for Juvenile & Juniors on Sunday 21st May. Bournville College Birmingham is the chosen venue. Super League events, plus competitions in Ballroom, Latin-American & Sequence including Solo events.

And Finally

May we take this opportunity to wish you all the best of luck at this years European Championships & very much look forward to seeing you all in Blackpool over this Easter Weekend ! Have a safe trip.



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