

# Rules of the IPADO Events

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## I. Concept

- Organizer: legal body or individual;
- Leaderships of the competition: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Scrutineer, IPADO Observer.
  - Chairman – selected by the organizer, appointed after approval by the IPADO Board of Directors;
  - Deputy Chairman – selected by the organizer, appointed after approval by the IPADO Board of Directors;
  - Scrutineer – selected by the organizer, appointed after approval by the IPADO Board of the Directors;
  - IPADO Observer – appointed by the IPADO Board of the Directors, after consultation with the organizer.
  
- Competitors: A couple where the first partner is male and the second partner is female. One of the partners is a professional or a teacher, and the other is an amateur or a student.
  - The competitors can be divided into levels: Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold. Levels can be divided into sub-levels, as well as combined, according to the decision of the organizer, in coordination with the Chairman;
  - Competitors can be divided into age groups and sub-ages within their age groups:
    - J (until 17 years);
    - A (until 35 years): A1 (until 25 years), A2 (26-35 years);
    - B (36-50 years): B1 (36-45 years), B2 (46-50 years);
    - C (51-70 years): C1 (51-60 years), C2 (61-70 years);
    - D (71 +).
  - Age categories can be combined by the decision of the organizer, with the approval of the Chairman.
  - Competitors have the right to perform in the same time in several age groups, but not older than their main one. It is

allowed to perform in an age group younger than the main one.

- o Competitors are allowed to participate in the event only after registration and payment for the participation.

**II. Form of the event:**

- Full-time form;
- Online form;
- Mixed form.

**III. Event evaluation form:**

- Full-time form;
- Online form;
- Mixed form.

**IV. Event rank:**

- Events can take place with the support of IPADO, under the auspices of IPADO and organized by IPADO.
- Events can have the status "open" or "by invitation".
- IPADO Title Events:
  - o Championship;
  - o Cup;
  - o Trophy
- The title event can be held as a city event, a country event, a continent event, a world event, or another geographical concept.

**V. Disciplines:**

- Standard;
- Latin;
- 10 dances;
- Show.

**VI. Types of competitive categories for St & La events described in the IPADO Rules:**

- Singles – One dance competition divided into age groups and levels.
- Multi dances – Competition in three, four or five dances of each program, divided into age groups and levels.
  - 3 dances ST: W, T, Q;
  - 4 dances ST: W, T, F, Q;
  - 5 dances ST: W, T, V, F, Q;
  - 3 dances LA: Ch, S, R;
  - 4 dances LA: Ch, S, R, J;
  - 5 dances LA: Ch, S, R, Pd, J.
- Super Cup – competition in ST or LA with division into levels, without division into age groups.
  - ST level Gold: W, T, V, F, Q;
  - ST level Silver plus or bellow: W, T, F, Q;
  - LA level Gold: Ch, S, R, Pd, J;
  - LA level Silver plus or bellow: Ch, S, R, J.
- Scholarship – competition in ST, LA or 10 dances with division into age groups, without division into levels.
- Official Championships, Cups and Trophies can be held in the Scholarship and/or Super Cup format or in a mixed format with closed or open age groups and/or levels.
- Other types of competitions are allowed with the approval of the IPADO Board of Directors.

**VII. Necessary and sufficient conditions for holding IPADO events:**

- IPADO events can only be hosted by IPADO members.
- To hold an IPADO event you must:
  - Submit an Application via the official IPADO website in the prescribed form;
  - Send the event status to the official IPADO email address;
  - Get permission from the IPADO Board of Directors to host an IPADO event.

- Hit lists of registered competitors must be sent to the email addresses specified by competitors during registration no later than 48 hours before the event day.
- The IPADO event must have:
  - Separate dressing rooms for male and female participants;
  - A medical professional who is able to provide first aid and call an ambulance;
  - Make-up specialists in creating images of participants;
  - Specialists in photo and video shooting;
  - MC of the event;
  - Specialist in creating music and video accompaniment for the event;
  - Scrutineer's company approved by the organizer and approved by the IPADO Board of Directors;
  - Award prizes and Diplomas for competitors. IPADO Branded Diplomas for Title Events.
- The size of the dance floor must be at least 200 square meters, except for Show competitions, where the size of the floor is determined by the Position of the competition.
- *The organizer is personally responsible for creating a favorable and positive image of the event.*

#### **VIII. Judges collegium:**

- The panel of judges is formed on the principle of «Freedom to judge»;
- The judge of an IPADO event must have a judicial license of the country from which he judges.

#### **IX. Event results:**

- The organizer must submit the results of the IPADO competition events to the official IPADO email no later than 24 hours after the end of the event in PDF and XLSX formats;
- Minutes of competitive events must be signed by the Chairman and kept for at least 60 days after the end of the event.

**X. Loyalty system:**

- By participating in IPADO events, participants accumulate and receive privileges at future IPADO events;
- By participating in at least three, four, five and more IPADO events in a calendar year, the participant receives a 10%, 20% and 30% discount, respectively, on the IPADO title categories, as part of the IPADO events in the following calendar year.

When organizing an IPADO event, the organizer undertakes to advertise and distribute information about the event using the IPADO logo and symbols, in coordination with the IPADO Board of Directors.

IPADO events can take place as independent events, as well as jointly and/or within the framework of events of other dance organizations.