

# **UCWDC JUDGE REGULATIONS**

## A. Eligibility

1. To be eligible to adjudicate at any UCWDC Event, including the Country Dance World Championship, each judge must be a current UCWDC Associate member in good standing and have satisfied their CEU and any additional required courses.

### B. Certification Regulations

- 1. For all new events (outside of the USA & Europe) applying for Event Sanctioning, UCWDC contests may have three (3) judges, but five (5) are recommended where;
  - a. All First Year Provisionally Sanctioned Events must have a minimum of one (1) dual certified UCWDC Journeyman Level (or above) Judges, current and in good standing on each UCWDC contest panel.
  - b. All Second Year Provisionally Sanctioned Events must have a minimum of two (2) dual certified UCWDC Journeyman Level (or above) Judges, current and in good standing on each UCWDC contact panel.
  - c. For all first & second year provisionally sanctioned events, the remaining judges required on the UCWDC contest panels must have dance judging experience.
- 2. For all fully sanctioned events in Europe, Asia Pacific, North America, Africa or Antarctica, UCWDC contest must have three (3) judges but five (5) are recommended on each panel where all judges must be certified UCWDC Journeyman Level (or above), current and in good standing.
- 3. UCWDC Event Directors must submit to the UCWDC VP Judge Certification a list of each panel of judges per contest session, with a list of divisions judged during that session

### C. Judge Review Board

 The UCWDC Judge Certification Committee has a Board of Inquiry to respond to a written complaint regarding a judge's impartiality and judges' conduct and/or ethics. All request for review must follow the procedure outlined in the UCWDC Code of Conduct policy. For more information, please contact the VP Judge Certification at judgecertification@UCWDC.org

### D. Judges' Regulations

- 1. No competitor, other than a Masters, Superstars or Crown competitor may judge the same Dance Type in which they are competing.
- 2. A judge competing in one Dance Type may judge another Dance Type if so certified.
- 3. A competitor may not judge their own division or any above it without taking four (4) months off from competing.

- 4. A judge who wishes to compete may not do so without taking four (4) months off from judging their division or any above it.
- 5. The Am of a ProAm partnership is not allowed to judge UCWDC Couples.
- 6. No two (2) judges who are members of a partnership; dancing, teaching, business or personal, within the current eligibility period may sit on the same UCWDC panel without pre-approval from judge certification (or the contest coordinator at the event).
- 7. No judges who are members of a partnership (dancing, teaching, business or personal) may judge their partner, a family member, or their partner's family member, without pre-approval from judge certification (or the contest coordinator at the event).
- 8. When an Intermediate or Advanced level dancer is competing at an event, they may not receive judging wages, compensation or inducements in that Dance Type. Such competitors may not have access to UCWDC judges' meetings.
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