

SECTION 6 - JUDGING SYSTEM

6.1 POINTS SYSTEM

The heats, quarter-finals and semi-finals are judged on a points system from 0-10 points. For each category of Timing, Harmony and Variety (up to maximum of 30 points per entry per song) using a minimum of 6 Judges. Each Judge marks each song (1 slower, 1 faster).

The highest scoring competitors proceed to the next round of the competitions, and if necessary a dance off will take place to resolve any tied placing.

- 6.1.1 If a judge sights an inappropriate move (Rule 11.5) points may be deducted.
- 6.1.2 (a) In any stage of the competition preceding a final in Section 10 , 11, 16 and 17 (Restricted) if a Judge sights an illegal move as per 11.5.1 then that Judge will give the couple an "X" and in addition will deduct 2 points for that song. If two or more judges sight an illegal move in a song that couple will be awarded no points for that song. If only one judge sights an illegal move in a song that judge's points will be included in the total points awarded to that couple.
- (b) Restricted Section Final: If two or more judges sight an illegal move as per 11.5.1 in the same song and therefore give an "X" for that song, the scrutineers give the placing, for that song only, of double the number of competitors in the final, therefore ensuring a last place. If only one judge sights an illegal move as per 11.5.1 and therefore gives an 'X' for that song, the scrutineers give the placing, for that song and that judge only, of the number of competitors in the final.
- 6.1.3 Restricted Section Final: Where a couple receives two or more "X"s, the scrutineering for that final will be done as though that couple had been placed last by all judges i.e the placings awarded by each judge that did not mark an "X" will be amended by the scrutineers so that the couple is placed last and other couples' placings are adjusted as required. Judges' sheets will show the original placings given and the "X"s.
- 6.1.4 (a) Where a couple or triples team is disqualified after the judges' points for any stage of the competition preceding a final have been recorded, that couple's or triples team's total will not be considered during scrutineering when determining who will progress towards the final.
- (b) Where a couple, triples team or teams is disqualified after the judges' placings for a final have been recorded, judges' placings awarded by each judge will be amended during the scrutineering process so that the disqualified dancers are excluded and the placings for other couple, triples teams or teams are adjusted as required. Judges sheets will show the original placings given."
- 6.2 **FINALS**
- (a) The finals are judged by 7 Judges.
- (b) The two songs are judged separately as in the heats, quarter-finals and semi-finals.
- (c) The three categories (Timing, Harmony and Variety) are judged together.
- (d) Points are not awarded, each Judge places the competitors from first to last place. Thus the placings are determined by the Scrutineers and if tied a dance off would result.

6.3 TIED POSITIONS

A dance-off will be held to resolve tied positions only where necessary. Competitors in tied positions are eligible to proceed to the next stage of competition up to the final, with a maximum number of 5 couples or 3 triples teams in any quarter-final or semi-final.

- 6.3.1 A dance-off will consist of one song/instrumental being medium.
Only tied competitors/teams will be called on to the competition floor. Competitors/teams will be judged as for finals.

6.4 **JUDGES**

A minimum of seven Judges are appointed by the Executive Committee to judge each National Championship.

The Association Head Judge may invite armchair Judges to participate in judging at the National Championship as per the Association training process, however their sheets must be of another colour to that used for the competition judges. The Armchair sheets will remain separate to the other judges and remain confidential to the Head Judge and the Armchair Judge concerned.

6.5 **SCRUTINEERS**

Scrutineers as appointed by the Executive Committee shall collate the results of the individual judges judging sheets and determine placings at all stages of the competition.