

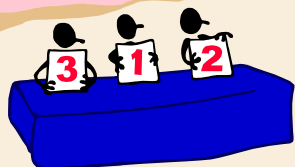


# Dance Flame

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A Quarterly Newsletter : Issue 2

## Adjudicating...



*Dear Readers,*

We hope you have enjoyed the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of our quarterly newsletter, Dance Flame. In the 1<sup>st</sup> issue, we mentioned the importance of having fair judging in a competition. As such, Singapore DanceSport Federation (SGDF) has strict rules in our selection of the panel of adjudicators. In this issue, we aim to provide you with more information on our selection criteria as well as the code of conduct our adjudicators.

SGDF advocates and promote licensed IDSF adjudicators in all sanctioned competitions. As we work towards our goal of becoming an Olympic Program sport, it is now more important than ever that we preserve and enhance the reputation upon which the International DanceSport Federation (which we are a member of) was built. Our reputation demands that we conduct our business ethically and legally, and that our conduct always reflects the values and principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter.

The IDSF developed the *Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics* (“the *Code*”), in recognition of the fundamental and overriding responsibility of all adjudicators to maintain the integrity, competence and effectiveness of judging panels as a whole.

Adherence to the standards reflected in the Code is essential to IDSF’s future success. All SGDF’s adjudicators must become familiar with the contents and are expected to take personal responsibility for complying with the Code and acting in the manner consistent with IDSF and IOC values and principles. For example, an adjudicator judging his/her own son/daughter would be considered having a conflict of interest. SGDF will expect adjudicators to highlight such cases prior to the event so that necessary reshuffling can take place.

Every year SGDF nominates suitable candidates base on their merits, to attend Adjudicator Congresses around the world. Upon attending the congresses, the candidate would then be able to apply for the IDSF license. The approval of the license is then dependent on IDSF.

Last year, we sent a team to attend the Adjudicator’s Congress held in Bratislava in November. It was a very good trip and everyone agreed that it the experience was enriching.

Moving forward, SGDF hopes to organise local Congress for our Adjudicators. We aim to provide more training so as to equip our Singapore Adjudicators with the updated information for adjudicating.

We hope that you will enjoy this issue of *Dance Flame* and we look forward to providing you with more insights.



*Your Editor*

## Ngee Ann Polytechnic DanceSport Club



The year 2001 has seen much growth in the promotion of DanceSport. DanceSport was formally introduced as an Elective module offered in Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Sports and Wellness Programme.

Singapore's National DanceSport Coach, Mr. Shawn Tay, was invited to teach these courses. Not surprisingly, these programmes for the students proved to be extremely successful. And in year April 2002, Ngee Ann Polytechnic DanceSport (NPDS) was founded. It consists of a group of dance enthusiasts keen to compete in the competitive arena. The club has since grown under the wings of SGDF.

The NPDS athletes are avid supporters of the SGDF events. They competed in numerous prestigious competitions, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> ADSA Open Championships 2002, the 4<sup>th</sup> SGDF International DanceSport Championships, and the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Lion City International DanceSport Championships in 2002 and 2003.

In just over a year, the NPDS athletes managed to clinch titles in the Grade E, D and even C events in these prestigious competitions. This is indeed very encouraging to the young dance club.

Recently, they have also participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> SGDF Nationals event in the Polytechnic Closed Event and had performed very well in the category.

Having gained some experience locally, it was a natural progression for the NPDS athletes to participate in overseas International Competitions. This opportunity was presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> A&C International Ballroom Dancing Championships held in Malaysia. It was the first time the NPDS club traveled with the other experienced SGDF's athletes to an overseas competition. The NPDS have done extremely well for this event, defeating several Malaysian athletes to enter the finals.

When asked what their next goal was, the NPDS committee unanimously agreed that they would like to be able to organize and participate in a Singapore Tertiary Open DanceSport Event.

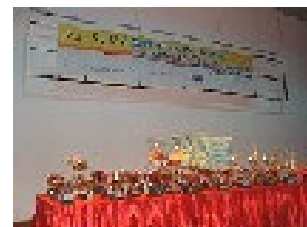




# 1<sup>st</sup> SGDF Nationals 2004



*Overwhelming Success!!*



*Sold Out Tickets!!*

The 1<sup>st</sup> SGDF Nationals was an overwhelming success. This was the first time ever that the Singapore Nationals was brought nearer to the grassroots level. It has always been the prerogative of SGDF to promote the DanceSport to the masses. With the SGDF Nationals series, SGDF aims to provide our members with more opportunities to compete as well as to increase the awareness of the sport amongst Singaporeans.



*Delicious Food!!*

SGDF Nationals is a ranking competition for Grade E to C. All our members are ranked according to their achievements in the competitions. This list is used as bases for selection of representative to the overseas competitions. Just last year, SGDF subsidized our top ranked Grade C Standard and Latin athletes to the Macau DanceSport Championships.



The SGDF Nationals, unlike the traditional DanceSport Championships, provided the audience with a delicious buffet dinner, at very affordable prices. The audiences were seated comfortably around the competition floor, enjoying performances of our athletes.



Our young juvenile athletes brought the house down in their event, the Juvenile Cha Cha Cha. The smiles on the children's faces proves that they were

certainly having fun on the competition floor.



The highlight of the evening was the performance by a pair of young athletes, Deon Chan and Isabelle Tay. They are the current undefeated juvenile champions in Singapore. Deon and Isabelle, both aged 9, have performed internationally over the last year. The audience was wooed over by their delightful rendition

of the Cheeky Cha Cha Cha.



All in all, the 1<sup>st</sup> SGDF Nationals definitely made an impact and set precedence for the rest of the dance fraternity to follow.



## Upcoming DanceSport Events

### **SGDF Registered Local Competitions (April to September 2004)\***

18 April	5th SGDF International DanceSport Championships	Singapore
19 June	2 <sup>nd</sup> SGDF Nationals	Singapore
7 August	17 <sup>th</sup> Lion City International DanceSport Championships	Singapore

### **IDSF Competitions (April to June 2004)\***

17/18 April	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Switzerland, Chiasso
18 April	IDSF International Open Standard	Byelorussia, Minsk
24/25 April	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Sweden, Gothenburg
24 April	<b>IDSF World Cup Standard</b>	Moldavia, Kishinev
24/25 April	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Moldavia, Kishinev
01 May	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Ukraine, Kyiv
01/02 May	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Lithuania, Kaunas
01/02 May	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Israel
08/09 May	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Slovenia, Izola
15/16 May	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Georgia, Tbilisi
15 May	IDSF International Open Latin	Bosnia and Herzeg.
15 May	IDSF International Open Latin	Poland, Zabrze
22 May	IDSF International Open Latin	England, London
05 June	IDSF International Open Latin	Luxembourg
12 June	<b>IDSF World Cup Ten Dance</b>	Hungary, Szombathely
14 June	IDSF International Open Latin	Hungary, Szombathely
12/13 June	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Poland, Olsztyn
20/21 June	IDSF International Open Latin	Italy, Cervia
23/23 June	<b>IDSF Grand Slam Standard</b>	Italy, Cervia
26 June	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Bulgaria, Albena
27 June	IDSF International Open Standard	Italy, Alassio
03 July	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Spain, Lloret de Mar
10 July	IDSF International Open Standard	Spain, Barcelona
11 July	<b>IDSF Grand Slam Latin</b>	Spain, Barcelona
18 July	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Thailand, Bangkok
31 July	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Hong Kong
14 August	IDSF International Open Standard	Germany
18/19 August	<b>IDSF Grand Slam Standard</b>	Germany, Stuttgart
20/21 August	<b>IDSF Grand Slam Latin</b>	Germany, Stuttgart
29 August	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Ukraine, Kyiv
9/10 September	IDSF International Open Standard & Grand Slam Latin	USA, Hollywood (FL)
25/26 September	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Hungary

SGDF competitors who wish to participate in the above events may inform the Secretary by Fax at least 4 weeks in Advance. Participation in IDSF Championships will be through selections based on the SGDF national Ranking Lists and the Asian Ranking Lists. All other DanceSport competitors in Singapore who are not yet members of SGDF are reminded to join the Association immediately to be eligible for participating in the above events.

\*This list is correct at the time of publication. Members are advised to check and confirm the dates and other details either from the IDSF website or with the SGDF Personnel.

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