



# **The English Amateur Dancesport Association Limited ("EADA" or "Association")**

## **Bye-Laws**

These Bye Laws are intended to complement the Articles of Association and provide additional details and guidance for members.

### **1. Membership and Registration**

The membership of the Association is divided into two categories, Competitive and Non-competitive.

**The Competitive category**, which includes Registration to compete in competitions in Great Britain as required under the BDC Rules, shall consist of:

- (a) Full Members
- (b) Juvenile Members
- (c) Junior Members
- (d) Student Members
- (e) Formation Teams
- (f) Disco/Freestyle Members
- (g) Schools Membership

**The Non-competitive category** shall consist of:

- (h) Associate Members
- (i) Honorary Life Members
- (j) Honorary Members
- (k) Full Life Members
- (l) Associate Life Members
- (m) Affiliated Organisations
- (n) Commercial Affiliates

#### ***1.1 Full Membership***

Full Membership shall be open to the following persons who qualify as Amateurs as defined in the BDC Rules.

- (i) Persons sixteen years of age and over who hold a current valid European Union United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Passport or are permanent residents of the United Kingdom.
- (ii) Persons who have reached their fourteenth but not their sixteenth birthday and who have elected to relinquish Junior status in order to compete with a partner who is sixteen years of age or over.

- (iii) Any Foreign National (whether resident in Great Britain or elsewhere) who is sixteen years of age or over or who complies with (ii) above and whose partner is a Full Member of EADA.

### ***1.2 Juvenile Membership***

Juvenile membership shall be open to the following:

- (i) Persons under twelve years of age who reside or hold a current valid European Union United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Passport or are permanent residents of the United Kingdom, excluding those who have elected to relinquish their Juvenile status as provided in Bye-Law 1.3.(ii) below.
- (ii) Any Foreign National under twelve years of age (whether resident in Great Britain or elsewhere) whose partner is a Juvenile Member of EADA.

**NOTE** **Members who have elected to relinquish Juvenile status are not permitted to revert to that status.**

### ***1.3 Junior Membership***

Junior Membership shall be open to the following:

- (i) Persons who have reached their twelfth but not their sixteenth birthday who hold a current valid European Union United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Passport or are permanent residents of the United Kingdom, excluding those who have elected to relinquish their Junior status as provided in Bye-Law 1.1.(ii) above.
- (ii) Persons who have reached their tenth birthday but not their twelfth birthday and who have elected to relinquish Juvenile status in order to compete with a partner who is over twelve years of age.
- (iii) Any Foreign National who have reached their twelfth but not their sixteenth birthday or who complies with (ii) above (whether resident in Great Britain or elsewhere) whose partner is a Junior Member of EADA.

**NOTE** **Members who have elected to relinquish Junior status are not permitted to revert to that status.**

### ***1.4 Student Membership***

Student Membership may be applied for by any adult over 18 year of age at the time of application and in full time education. (Evidence may be required to support this application).

### ***1.5 Formation Teams***

In accordance with BDC Rules, all members of Formation Teams must be registered with EADA as a team. This does not entitle them to compete as individuals and, if they wish to do so, they must register as an individual member.

### ***1.6 Disco/Freestyle Membership***

Disco / Freestyle Membership shall be open to persons nominated for such membership by the Dance School which they currently attend.

### ***1.7 Schools Membership***

Schools Membership shall be available to any bona fide Dance School to enable their Juvenile and Junior students to dance in competitions which the school is attending excluding the Open 4/5 dance Competitions or Championships.

### ***1.8 Associate Membership***

Associated Membership shall be open to the following persons:

- (i) United Kingdom or Foreign Nationals who do not intend to participate in competitions in Great Britain.
- (ii) Persons who do not qualify as Amateurs under BDC Rules.

### ***1.9 Honorary Life Membership and Honorary Membership***

Honorary Life Membership and Honorary Membership shall be conferred by the General Council.

### ***1.10 Full Life Membership and Associate Life Membership***

Full Life Membership and Associate Life Membership shall be conferred by the General Council.

### ***1.11 Affiliated Organisations***

Membership shall be granted to regional Amateur Dancers' Clubs, Clubs associated with the 'Born to Dance' scheme and other dance bodies as agreed from time to time by the General Council.

### ***1.12 Commercial Affiliates***

Membership shall be granted to commercial bodies which may or may not have direct connections with competitive Dancesport. The terms of such affiliation shall be individually agreed with each body by the General Council.

### ***1.13 Other Membership Categories***

Other Membership Categories may be introduced as agreed from time to time by the General Council.

### ***1.14 Right to decline***

The Executive Committee reserves the right in its absolute discretion to decline the nomination of any particular individual or body.

## **2. Application for Membership**

### ***2.1 Full, Juvenile, Junior, Student or Associate Membership***

Application for Full, Juvenile, Junior, Student or Associate membership should be made by completing an EADA Application Membership form which can be obtained from the Membership Secretary or may be downloaded from the Association's website and returning it to the Membership Registration Office together with the appropriate fee.

#### ***2.1.1 Definition of Permanent United Kingdom Residents –***

For the purposes of dancing in EADA NRC events, Permanent Residency is defined in the following categories:

- a) **Nationals from Outside the EEA** – The applicant must hold a passport for the relevant country and be able to demonstrate that the UK Borders Agency has granted them Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) in the UK or by submitting evidence such as P60s/ Income Tax Returns and or NI Contributions receipts for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years.
- b) **Children of Nationals from Outside the EEA**- Providing that one parent has been granted ILR status by the UK Border Agency or they have met the other qualifying

criteria and the child lives permanently with the parent in the UK then the child will be deemed to have the same ILR status as the parent.

- c) **EEA Nationals** – EEA Nationals have the ability to take up permanent residence in the UK without ILR status having to be granted by the UK Borders Agency. Those EEA Nationals that wish to participate in EADA NRCs will still be required to provide proof of permanent residency in the UK by submitting evidence such as P60s/ Income Tax Returns and or NI Contributions receipts for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years.
- d) **Children of EEA Nationals** - Providing that one parent has met the criteria as set out in sub section c above and the child lives permanently with the parent in the UK then the child will be deemed to be a UK permanent resident.

## **2.2 *Disco/Freestyle Membership***

Application for Disco/Freestyle membership should be made en bloc by the Dance School. The appropriate form should be completed by the Dance School and submitted to the Membership Registration Office together with the appropriate total fee.

## **2.3 *Affiliated Organisations and Commercial Affiliates***

Application to become an Affiliated Body or a Commercial Affiliate shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary.

## **2.4 *Schools Membership***

Application for Schools Membership must be made on the appropriate form to the Membership Secretary together with the appropriate fee, by the principal of the school.

## **2.5 *Life and Honorary Memberships***

Life and Honorary Memberships may be bestowed at the invitation of the General Council. Such memberships may not be applied for by the individual concerned but recommendations from other members will be considered by the General Council.

# **3. Application for Membership**

## **3.1 *Annual Membership and Registration Fees***

The annual Membership or Registration fee of all existing members or those that have previously held an EADA membership (other than Student members) falls due on the 1st January in each year and expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year regardless of the date of issue.

For **new members only**, wishing to join between 1<sup>st</sup> September and the 31<sup>st</sup> December in any year, there is a reduced Membership or Registration fee. The level of this fee will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee and its recommendations shall be subject to the approval by the General Council. The reduced Membership or Registration fee for **new members only** will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year regardless of the date of issue.

The annual Registration fee for Student members falls due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October in each year and expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year regardless of the date of issue.

## **3.2 *Membership Fees***

The Membership fee structure will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee and its recommendations shall be subject to the approval by the General Council.

### **3.3 Registration Fees for UK Permanent Residents**

Applications by UK Permanent Residents to dance in NRC's will be subject to a one-off fee. This fee may be reviewed from time to time by the General Council.

### **3.4 Juvenile and Junior Members**

Juvenile members will be restricted to participation in Juvenile competitions. Junior members will be restricted to Junior competitions. Members may upgrade their membership from Juvenile to Junior or from Junior to Full member during the course of the year on payment of the appropriate fee.

### **3.5 Affiliated Bodies and Commercial Affiliates**

The expiry date of the subscription fees for Affiliated Bodies and Commercial Affiliates shall be agreed under the terms of the Affiliation. The amount of such subscriptions shall be agreed under the terms of the Affiliation subject to a periodic review by the General Council.

### **3.6 Competing without Current Registration**

Members are reminded that Registration to compete in the relevant category/style (as required under BDC rules) is complimentary to all members in the competitive category and is included in the annual subscription for these memberships. Registration automatically expires on the date the member's subscription expires unless renewed. Any person who participates in a dance competition for which registration is required between 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year and the date of issue of his/her membership card for that year (if issued after 1<sup>st</sup> January) may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **4. Termination or Expiry of Membership**

### **4.1 Normal Expiration**

All memberships shall automatically expire (unless renewed) on the day immediately prior to the date the next year's subscription falls due as provided for in Bye Law 3.1., except as provided below.

In the event that a Juvenile member's twelfth birthday or a Junior's sixteenth birthday falls within the current subscription year, such membership shall be deemed to expire on the day preceding the member's birthday unless the membership is upgraded to Junior or Full Adult (as appropriate) in accordance with the provisions of Bye Law 3.4.

### **4.2 Voluntary Termination**

Any member may terminate his or her membership of the Association by giving notice, in writing, to the President or the Membership Secretary. But, where such notice is given, the full subscription for the year will be forfeited.

### **4.3 Death of a Member**

Membership will automatically expire on the death of a member and no refund of all or any part of any subscription will be made.

### **4.4 Members turning Professional**

In the event that a member turns Professional, Full Membership will automatically cease with effect from the date on which the Member announces that he/she is turning Professional or upon the date the first Professional act as defined in the rules of the BDC, whichever is the earlier. Such membership will automatically be converted to Associate Membership for the balance of the current year and no refund of subscription will be made.

## **5. The Executive Committee**

### ***5.1 Election of the Executive Committee***

The Officers of the Executive Committee and its elected members shall each be elected for a three year term at an Annual General Meeting of the Association in accordance with the procedure laid out in Bye-Law 6.2 below. One of the three Officers of the Association and one third (or the nearest whole number) of the other elected members of the Executive Committee shall retire each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall be eligible for re-election.

### ***5.2 Composition of the Executive Committee***

The Executive Committee shall be the Board of Directors of the Company and shall comprise of not less than four and not more than nine members: but must include the following Officers of the Association

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer

Persons who are barred from holding Directorships are ineligible for election as Officers of the Executive Committee.

### ***5.3 Change over of Officers***

All outgoing members of the Executive may be asked to work concurrently with the incoming incumbent of the office for a period to ensure a smooth transition period.

### ***5.4 Resignation or Inability to continue Serving***

In the event that any Officer on the Executive Committee, other than the President, shall resign or be otherwise unable to continue in office, the Executive Committee shall be authorised to co-opt a replacement to serve until the next General Meeting of the Association. This replacement will also be made a Director.

If the normal expiry date of the Office is later than the next General Meeting, a motion shall be presented to the next General Meeting that the replacement officer be invited to serve the balance of the term of office. If such motion fails to pass, the General Meeting shall be required to elect a replacement officer to serve the balance of the Term of Office. In this case, written nominations may be sent to the EADA Office for consideration by the General Council at the next meeting.

### ***5.5 Delegates to the British Dance Council***

The Delegates to the BDC shall be chosen by the Executive Committee. Each of these Delegates may also hold another position on the Executive Committee which may run concurrently or overlap with the Term of Office to which they are elected as BDC delegates. Persons who are barred from holding Directorships are ineligible for election as BDC delegates. In the event that the Executive Committee shall decide to appoint a Member who is not a member of the Executive Committee as a Delegate to the BDC, such member shall automatically be invited to sit on both the Executive Committee and the General Council for the duration of his/her appointment as a Delegate to the BDC.

## **6. The General Council**

All members of the Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of the General Council. The maximum number of Elected Delegates to the General Council shall be determined from time to time by the General Council. The composition of Elected Delegates shall include at least one Parents Representative, at least one Sequence Style Representative and the others as either current or former competitors from the Standard or Latin disciplines.

### **6.1 *Insufficient Nominations***

In the event that insufficient nominations are received to fill all the seats on the General Council, written nominations may be sent to the EADA Office for consideration by the General Council at the next meeting.

### **6.2 *Nomination and Election of Delegates***

#### **6.2.1 *Nomination Papers***

Nomination Papers for the Elected Delegates to both the Executive Committee and the General Council shall be sent to all Members of the Association along with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination Papers must be returned to the President by a date approved by the Executive Committee but no later than 7 days prior to the date on which the ballot is scheduled to take place.

#### **6.2.2 *Nominations for Elected Members***

Nomination is open to any Full Adult Member or Full Life Member in good standing over the age of 16 years who has been a Full Adult Member of the Association for not less than 6 months. The competitors delegates must be (or have been) a Competitor. Each Nomination must be Proposed and Seconded. Both the Proposer and Seconded must be Full Adult Members of the Association except in the case of the Parents' Representative (see Bye-Law 6.2.3 below). All Nominees must be prepared to undergo and to pass a CRB check if they are elected to either the Executive Committee or the General Council.

#### **6.2.3 *Nomination for Parents' Representative***

Nominees for the position of Parents' Representative and both the Proposer and Seconded must be parents or legal guardians of existing Junior or Juvenile competitors.

#### **6.2.4 *Declining Nomination***

A member who has been nominated for election and who wishes to decline the nomination must notify the President prior to any ballot and will be excluded from such ballot. The member is responsible for ensuring that the President has duly received such notification.

#### **6.2.5 *Ballots***

Full Adult or Full Student Members of the Association may participate in the ballot for the selection of Elected Delegates. Every Juvenile and Junior member has the right to vote but it has to be through their Parent or Guardian. In the event that the number of nominations received for any section exceeds the number of seats available on the General Council for that section, a secret paper ballot in the appropriate section(s) shall be held. Such ballot shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Only those members present at the time of the ballot may vote. Proxy votes are not permitted. On completion of the count by the Scrutineer appointed by those present at the meeting, the result will be announced by the President.

#### **6.2.6 *Nominated Delegates***

Each Affiliated Body shall be entitled to send one nominated Delegate to the General Council. If a Body's Delegate resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the year, the Body may nominate a replacement.

#### **6.2.7 *Invited Delegates***

Life Members or Honorary Life Members may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be invited to sit on the General Council. Such invitations shall only be valid until the date of the next Annual General Meeting, unless renewed.

#### **6.2.8 Commercial Affiliates**

Commercial Affiliates are not entitled to send a Delegate to the General Council. However, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, a Commercial Affiliate may be invited to send a non-voting advisor to one or more meetings of either the Executive Committee or the General Council.

#### **6.2.9 Voting Rights**

All members of the General Council shall be entitled to one vote each in respect of motions on the table, with the exception of Co-opted Delegates and delegates representing Commercial Affiliates. In the event of a tied vote, the presiding Chairman shall have a casting vote.

#### **6.2.10 Payment of Expenses**

Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses may be paid by the Association to both Elected and Co-opted Delegates attending either Executive Committee or General Council meetings.

Travel and subsistence expenses for Nominated Delegates of Affiliated Clubs shall be the responsibility of the nominating body except where their designated delegate has been elected to the General Council, as provided for in Bye-Law 6.2.6.

Payment of travel and subsistence expenses for Invited Delegates shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and their decision in this matter shall be communicated to the Invitee at the time of issuing the invitation.

#### **6.2.11 General Council Members' Duties**

General Council Members must reply to all communications from Officers of the Association, if requested, as soon as possible.

## **7. General Council Powers**

### **7.1 Financial**

The General Council shall have the power to amend the Association's banking resolutions.

The General Council shall have the power to make decisions regarding financial expenditure and fund raising activities. However, under the Constitution of the Association, the President and the Treasurer remain responsible for managing the Association's funds and, as such, may veto any such decision if either or both officers consider the decision to be unwise, illegal or inconsistent with prudent management of the Association's finances. Such veto must be communicated to the General Council and recorded in the General Council minutes.

### **7.2 Winding up of the Association**

In the event that the Association shall be wound up or merged with any other body, all funds held in trust and/or the residual balance of any grants or donations held by the Association shall either be returned to the provider or to the donor or shall be disposed of as directed by the provider or the donor.

### **7.3 Policies**

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to draft policies or amendments to existing policies relating to specific matters of interest to the Association and its members, including

the Association's position relating to matters of public interest such as drug misuse in Dancesport competitions. These policies or amendments to existing policies must be approved by the General Council before they can be adopted.

## **8. Rules for Competitions**

The Rules governing competitions in the Standard, Latin American, and Sequence styles are governed by the BDC. The Rules for Disco/Freestyle competitions are governed jointly by the BDC and the ADFP. These Rules are reviewed and amended periodically by these bodies. Copies of these Rules can be obtained from the BDC and the ADFP.

### **8.1 Membership/Status Card**

When a member is participating in a Standard, Latin or Sequence competition he/she must carry his/her current membership card and must produce it if requested to do so by any official of EADA or the event organiser or by the Chairman of the Board of Adjudicators. Entry to a competition may be refused if the card is not produced or is invalid. [BDC Rules refer].

When a member is participating in a Disco/Freestyle or Rock 'n' Roll competition he/she must carry his/her current status card and must produce it if requested to do so by any official of EADA or the event organiser or by the Chairman of the Board of Adjudicators. Entry to a competition may be refused if the card is not produced or is invalid. [BDC Disco/Freestyle Rules and ADFP Rules refer].

## **9. Complaints against Members**

### **9.1 Notification of a Complaint**

Complaints against Members shall be notified in writing either via letter or email to the Vice-President.

Should a matter be brought to the attention of any member of the Executive Committee then they should forward details, in writing, of the circumstances to the Vice-President who will deal with the matter in accordance with Bye-Law 9.2.

### **9.2 The Disciplinary Sub-Committee**

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall consist of the Vice-President (as non-voting Chairman) together with a minimum of three members of the General Council. The Sub-Committee shall be convened as and when deemed necessary by the Vice-President to consider any formal complaint received against a Member or Members. The President shall not serve on the Disciplinary Sub-committee in order that he/she may preside impartially over any subsequent Appeal as provided for in Bye-Law 9.9.

If any member of the General Council has an interest in any complaint, he/she **must** declare this interest and should be excluded from the Disciplinary Sub-committee when it is considering the complaint. He/she may also be excluded from any deliberations of the General Council relating to the complaint in question.

Should the Vice-President have an interest in the complaint then he/she **must** declare this interest and should be excluded from the Chairmanship of the Committee. In this case a member of the Executive will be Chair of the Committee.

### **9.3 Hearing a Complaint**

The Sub-Committee Chair Person shall be responsible for establishing that the complaint is a bona fide complaint.

Having satisfied him/herself that the complaint is bona fide, the Chairman shall convene the Disciplinary Sub-committee. Every effort shall be made to deal with any complaint within 28 days of the complaint being received by the Vice-President.

Complaints will generally be considered by the committee via email correspondence or teleconference and the Chairperson will provide a summary of the discussions and the decision to the committee via email.

The Member(s) against whom the complaint has been lodged shall be notified of the details of the complaint and the proposed date for the complaint to be considered and will be invited to submit his/her/their comments or observations for consideration.

The Complainant(s) shall also be notified of the proposed date for the complaint to be considered and will be invited to submit such evidence as may be relevant for consideration. Neither the Member(s), against whom the complaint has been lodged nor the Complainant(s) or their representatives shall be permitted to attend.

The Sub-Committee Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring that both the Member(s) and the Complainant(s) have been duly notified in accordance with this Bye-Law and that any comments, observations or evidence are obtained before the matter is formally brought before them and submitted to them for consideration. After consideration the committee may have further questions in which case the Complainant and/or subject of the complaint shall be invited to submit a response after which the Committee will consider further

#### ***9.4 Notification of the findings of the Sub-Committee***

The decision of the Disciplinary Sub-committee shall be notified in writing by the Chairperson to both the Complainant(s) and the Member(s) against whom the complaint has been made within 7 days of the date of the meeting.

All notifications shall be sent to the postal and/or email addresses currently shown in the records of the Association for all parties and it shall be considered that the Sub-committee has fulfilled its responsibilities in this regard. Any letter sent via mail/email to the complainant(s) will be considered as received 5 working days after posting.

#### ***9.5 Right of Appeal***

The Member(s) who was the subject of the complaint or the Complainant(s) may Appeal against a decision reached by the Disciplinary Sub-committee, the Reinstatement Sub-Committee or the Regrading Sub-Committee. Any such Appeal must be in writing, must be addressed to the President and must be received within 28 days of being notified by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee's decision. For the purpose of this Bye-Law, the Member(s) and Complainant(s) shall be deemed to have been notified on the date of despatch of the letter or email of notification. The President shall notify the other party or parties involved and the members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee that an Appeal has been lodged.

The President shall make such further enquiries as he/she considers necessary and shall also have the right (at his/her discretion) to suspend any penalty whilst such investigations are conducted. He/she shall also have the right to place the matter before the full General Council. The President shall notify the Appellant of his/her decision in writing and this decision shall be final and binding upon the Appellant. If the matter is not brought before the full General Council, the President shall formally notify the General Council of his/her decision at the next meeting of the General Council.

## **9.6 Penalties against Members**

In the event of a complaint being lodged against a Member (under the procedures laid out in Bye-Law 9.1), the Disciplinary Sub-committee of the Association shall have the right to impose such penalties as it may deem to be appropriate to the circumstances. Such penalties may include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following:

### **9.6.1 Suspension or Expulsion of Members**

Grounds for Suspension or Expulsion may include serious breach of the Articles or Bye-Laws of the Association or conduct which is either liable to bring the Association into disrepute or which is incompatible with the spirit under which competitions are held.

In the event that a penalty of Suspension or Expulsion is levied, this will automatically suspend or cancel the Member's Registration for the period specified. Suspension or Expulsion will ban him/her from participating in competitions (in the case of Suspension, the ban will apply for the period of the Suspension). No refund of all or any part of any subscription shall be made by EADA. At the discretion of the Vice-President, the BDC, Promoters and/or other Dancesport Associations may be notified of the Member's Suspension or Expulsion.

In the event that a period of Suspension expires after the commencement of a new year, the Member shall not be permitted to renew his/her subscription until the period of Suspension has expired.

### **9.6.2 Penalty Points**

Penalty Points will be deducted from the points awarded for such NRCs as shall be determined by the Sub-Committee. Points may be deducted from past or future events as deemed appropriate by the Sub-Committee.

NOTE: All penalties are levied against individual Members. In the event of a penalty being imposed against one or both members of a partnership which is subsequently dissolved, the penalty will continue to apply to the Member(s) against whom it was imposed, even if the Member forms a new partnership. If the penalty was imposed against one member of the partnership only, the other member of the partnership shall not carry any penalty into any new partnership.

## **9.7 Reinstatement Sub-Committee**

In accordance with BDC Rules the Reinstatement/Regrading procedure is under control of EADA and members should contact the EADA Vice President for the appropriate form. A non-refundable fee, to be decided from time to time by the General Council, will be charged for each application regardless of the decision.

The Committee shall consist of the Vice-President together with a minimum of two members of the General Council. The Sub-Committee shall be convened as and when deemed necessary by the Vice-President to consider any requests received. The President shall not serve on the Reinstatement Sub-committee in order that he/she may preside impartially over any subsequent Appeal as provided for in Bye-Law 9.9.

All applications by Professionals requesting reinstatement of their Amateur status must be made to the BDC. Upon receipt of such an application, the Secretary of the BDC shall forward the request to EADA who will be responsible for handling the request.

## **9.8 Regrading Sub-Committee**

Should a member have reason to believe that his/her grading in the Standard, Latin or Sequence styles deserves to be reclassified he/she may apply to the Regrading Sub-

Committee for consideration of reclassification to a lower grade. Please note that there is currently no provision for regrading in the Rules governing Disco/Freestyle competitions

The Committee shall consist of the Vice-President (as non-voting Chairperson) together with a minimum of three members of the General Council. The Sub-Committee shall be convened as and when deemed necessary by the Vice-President to consider any requests received from Members. The President shall not serve on the Regrading Sub-committee in order that he/she may preside impartially over any subsequent Appeal as provided for in Rule 9.9.

### **9.9 *Appealing against the decision of the Reinstatement/Regrading Sub-Committee***

In the event of a Member being dissatisfied with a decision of the Reinstatement Sub-committee in respect of a Reinstatement/Regrading application, such member may apply in writing to the President for permission to Appeal. Such permission will be at the sole discretion of the President. If permission is granted, the Appeal will be decided by the full General Council.

## **10. Squad Training Sessions and Workshops**

Squad Training sessions will be organised in the Standard, Latin and Sequence styles and couples invited in order of merit from the appropriate National Selection Charts, subject to there being sufficient couples of National standard on the current NRC Chart for that style to justify holding the session.

Training Workshops for members who do not qualify for Squad Training sessions will be held as and when practical. Such Workshops may be organised in conjunction with Amateur Dance Clubs or professional organisers. Whilst such Workshops will be subsidised by the Association within the limits of its financial resources, the Association reserves the right to charge an attendance fee.

## **Definitions**

The following terminology shall be defined in these Bye-Laws as set out below:

ADFP	The Association of Disco & Freestyle Professionals
BDC	British Dance General Council
Chart	A chart of points derived from the results of NRC events
CRB	The Criminal Records Bureau
EEA	European Economic Area
Executive Committee	The Executive Committee of the General Council of the Association
Full Adult Member	A Full Member of the Association who is 16 years of age or older.
General Council	The General Council of the Association
Great Britain	The area comprising England, Scotland and Wales
EADA	The English Amateur Dancesport Association Limited
EADA Policy	Document published on the EADA Website providing more details of a specific policy
EMDP	Exercise Movement & Dance Partnership
Finance Director	The Treasurer of the Association
ISA	Independent Safeguarding Authority
Member	A Full Member or Full Life Member of the Association (unless otherwise specified) (see also definition of 'Full Adult Member' above)
Membership Secretary	The Membership Secretary of the Association

NRC	National Ranking Competition
Officers of the Association	President, Vice President & Finance Director
President	The President of the Association
Sequence	Where the text refers to a style of dancing, this refers to the style of dancing formerly termed 'Old Time' or 'Classical Sequence' as well as to 'Modern Sequence' dancing
Standard	Where the text refers to a style of dancing, this refers to the style of ballroom dancing formerly termed 'Modern'
The Association	The English Amateur Dancesport Association Limited
United Kingdom	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Vice-President	The Vice-President of the Association

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