

Why should I report my demonstration?

BDC rules require that all demonstrations by Amateurs, whether for a fee or not, will need to be reported in advance to the Amateur Association. The BDC rule book under the section "Conditions that do not affect Amateur Status" states the following:

"Demonstrations may be given, provided that permission is obtained in advance from the National Amateur Dancesport Association. If a fee or expenses are to be paid, the amount must be approved by the Association and must be paid to the Association and not to the individual dancers. Failure to obtain this permission will result in disciplinary action being taken by the appropriate National Amateur Dancesport Association. No Amateur may advertise themselves and if any advertising is undertaken by the Organiser, the word "Amateur" must be made clear to the Public."

It is important to heed the specific wording of the above. It effectively states that by following the rule the amateur status of the dancers will not be at risk when they do a demonstration.

The important factors to remember are:

- That permission should be obtained from the Association (in this case EADA) in advance of any demonstration being undertaken whether there is a fee involved or not or if you intend to appear in a film as an extra.
- Amateur couples cannot advertise themselves for demonstrations.
- Get the organiser to pay the fee (minus any travel expenses) directly to EADA's Finance Director.
- Any advertising carried out by the organiser must include the word "Amateur".

What is the procedure if I am doing a demonstration?

- 1) Send an E-mail to the Demonstration Co-ordinator on dems@eada.org.uk with the details of the time, place and fee for the demonstration.
- 2) Liase with the organiser of the event and we recommend all details of the demonstration are agreed in writing. There is no upper limit for the cost of a demonstration.
- 3) Ensure that if the organiser of the event is mentioning a demonstration that you are described as an Amateur couple
- 4) On the night you can receive "reasonable travel expenses" from the organiser, but a cheque for the fee, payable to EADA Ltd., should be sent to Peter Jones, EADA Finance Director, 9 Proctor Close, Grace Park, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5HT.
- 5) 10% of the fee is held back by EADA and paid into the Travel Fund under your name and the remainder of the fee will be returned to the couple as a cheque or by BACS straight away. You can apply for money from the Travel Fund to help with any dance related expenses.

The Travel Fund

10% of your fee for demonstrations will be retained by EADA and held in a Travel Fund in your name. This should not be seen as a "tax" on the fee. The money is held in the couple's name and is for your use only. You can claim this amount from the Finance Director at any time for use towards any dance related activity such as travel and lessons. Contact the Treasurer on treasurer@eada.org.uk

If a couple splits the amount accrued will be split evenly between the individuals. Currently EADA endeavours to contribute extra grants to those who apply to the travel fund, so it is worth doing!

Thank you

Thank you for your co-operation and to all the members that have taken the trouble to notify EADA of all their demonstrations. EADA is justifiably very proud that our members continue to be in constant demand to perform demonstrations where they can exhibit their skills and are able to raise the profile of dancing to wider community. If you have performed a show for charity or perhaps in an unusual or high profile location please feel free to send a report and photos to publicity@eada.org.uk

If you have any questions contact dems@eada.org.uk

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