

National Ranking Chart & Selection Guidelines

1 National Ranking Chart - NRC

Objective –

Charts are used to select Dancers to represent England at World & European Championships and clarify who qualifies for invitation to England Squads / Training events.

For:

- IDSF World & European Championships- a list of these events in any given year is published on the IDSF website
- Other invitations for selection of Best Couples
- General Invitations
- Elite Squad Training Sessions
- Official Team Matches
- To act as a Ranking list for all competing eligible couples

1.1 Those eligible to Compete in a NRC Event –

1.1.1 Couples Eligible to Represent England where both are registered EADA members, and one or both members of the partnership hold a current valid European Union United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Passport and have elected to represent England.

Note: A dancer who has represented one country is not permitted to represent another country until 12 months have elapsed unless permission has been obtained of both member countries.

1.1.2 Couples Registered with other National Associations - members of Scotland Dancesport and Welsh Amateur Dancesport Association who have permission from EADA.

1.1.3 Couples who are eligible to represent England but have elected to represent a different country - the couple must comply with 1.1.1 but have elected to represent a country other than England in International competitions. They must both be registered with EADA as Full, Junior, Juvenile or Student Members.

1.1.4 Couples who are Permanent Residents of the United Kingdom who do not hold UK passports - in this case both dancers must be registered with EADA as Full, Junior, Juvenile or Student Members and have permission from EADA. Proof of Permanent Residency will be required with application for Membership along with the appropriate fee.

NOTE: Full details of the required documentation and fee payable is available from the Membership Secretary on request.

1.2 Allocation of Events - NREs

1.2.1 For the Amateur Grade, two of the selected competitions may be the British National Championships and the Closed U.K. Championships as both of these Events are open to members of other U.K. Amateur Associations and any results obtained by members of these Associations will be ignored for the purposes of compiling the EADA Charts.

1.2.1 All other NREs - for all other grades and the remaining Amateur NREs will be Closed Events run on behalf of EADA by selected Promoters within their existing programmes.

1.3 Ranking & Charts - Refer to appendix 1 for number of events and age ranges.

1.3.1 A system of 'Charts' is used to rank couples. Selected events known as NRE are used for the compilation of these charts and these NRE's are held around the country throughout the year.

1.3.2 Eligible couples may enter NREs within the relevant age group(s) as defined in Appendix 1 (Age Ranges) of this document. With the exception of the British National Championships and the Closed U.K. Championships, all NREs are closed to eligible couples.

1.3.3 To be ranked a couple qualifies by competing in the minimum number of events for their category and a couple may elect to participate in more than the minimum number of NREs in an effort to improve their ranking. Points are awarded to the participating couples according to their final position in the NRE competition.

1.3.4 The best results for any given couple are tabulated to determine their Chart position and the number of such results required varies according to style and category.

1.3.5 All Charts revolve continuously. When a new Event takes place, the points earned for the oldest Event on the Chart are automatically deleted. The Rankings are therefore revised according to the relevant number of 'best' marks remaining on the Chart. This makes the transition from year to year smoother and prevents periods when the Charts have no meaning.

1.3.6 Both members of the partnership must have a current Membership card to enter NRC events and be able to produce the Card if requested by the Promoter, failure to do so will result in points not being assigned.

1.3.7 Couples who turn Professional, change partners (please advise EADA if you split), or retire from competing will automatically be deleted from the Charts and the Rankings and the remaining couples will be adjusted accordingly.

2 Points Allocation

2.1 Points are awarded according to the position in which the couple finishes in each NRC Event as follows:

1st place	=	12 points
2nd place	=	11 points
3rd place	=	10 points
4th place	=	9 points
5th place	=	8 points
6th place	=	7 points
7th to any other final place*	=	6 points
Semi-Final **	=	5 points
Quarter Final **	=	4 points
Round before Quarter Final **	=	3 points
Two Rounds before Quarter Final **	=	2 points
Three Rounds before Quarter Final **	=	1 point

* 7th to any other final place – these points are awarded only in the event of a 7 or more couple final.

** These points are allocated only to couples who dance in, but do not progress beyond this round. Points for these rounds do not apply if the couple is recalled to the next round or if the number of participating couples is such that the round does not take place. All couples who reach this round but are not recalled further receive the same number of points.

2.2 Allocation of Points for 10-Dance Events

Ten Dance Competitions are held as ten one dance competitions in accordance with BDC Rules.

Points 12-7 are awarded to those couples placed 1st to 6th in the competition. Other couples who make the final in one or more dances will receive 6 points.

The remainder of the couples reaching the semi final in one or more dances will receive 5 points.

Couples reaching the previous round in one or more dances will receive 4 points.

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2.3 Allocation of Points when Representing England /EADA

A couple invited to represent England at either the World or European Championships when an NRC event is held over the same weekend (or viable travelling period if a Southern Hemisphere event) may request average points to be awarded for the NRC Event(s) they were unable to attend. Applications should be made to the Chart Compiler.

Points to be awarded for the event will be calculated using the relevant Chart immediately preceding the event in question.

The average from either:

- **When couple is ranked the following will be calculated:**

“Best # Points” column in the appropriate chart

Number of events to count or Number of events danced by the couple (whichever is the lower)

- **When a couple is unranked the following will be calculated:**

“Total Points” column in the appropriate chart

Number of events danced by the couple

Note: In all cases the result will be rounded to the nearest whole number (.5 rounded up)

A member of the Council may also request recompense if they are required to attend a Meeting of an outside body when there is a NRC event on the same day (if in the UK) or weekend (if abroad). This would apply for instance to BDC or IDSF Meetings where it was not viable to send a substitute representative. The same system of calculating the recompense would be used as detailed above. For Meeting Attendance only 2 such instances may be claimed per Chart in any 12 month period.

2.4 Splitting Ties on the Charts

Where two or more couples are on equal points on the charts then they will be split by looking at the most recent competition on the relative chart where the couple(s) have danced against each other and they will be ranked according to who achieved the highest placing. Should it still not be possible to split the couples then the matter will be referred to the President who along with the Vice President and at least one other member of the Executive will review the facts.

3 Competitions

Pre-Entry for competitions

- NRC Events may be pre-entry events at the discretion of the Promoter.
- It is the responsibility of each couple to ensure that they submit their entry within the time limit set out in the advertisement of the NRC Event.
- Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Promoter. Couples who have entered but are subsequently unable to attend MUST notify the Promoter if at all possible.

4 Selection Procedures

- 4.1 Selection of Couples** - Only couples who comply with 1.1.1 and are able to demonstrate that at the date of the event they are eligible to represent England in International Competitions and who hold a current valid European Union United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Passport and have elected to dance for England qualify for selection.

4.1.1 Selection Date for Representing England at an International Event - Only qualifying couples will be eligible for selection to represent England in World, European or International based on the couple's position in the Relative Chart at the time the invitation for the event is received by EADA. Alterations/updates made to the Charts between the Selection Date and the date of the Event will not be taken into account. Where an invitation is received more than 6 months in advance of the date of the competition the issue will be referred to the President and at least 3 members of the Executive Committee to decide when the effective Selection Date will be and the invitation will be issued to appropriate couples. This date will be published on the EADA website.

4.1.2 Relative Chart - The Relative Chart on any date will include all NRC events danced up to but NOT including the Selection Date. Should there be events danced prior to the Selection Date which are still outstanding the Chart Compiler should make every effort to obtain the outstanding result(s) from the Promoter within 14 days of the competition taking place*, however, should no result be received within 21 days after the NRC Event then the situation must be referred to the President who, along with the Vice President and at least two other member of the Executive Committee will make a decision. **Any promoter who consistently offends may be subject to sanctions.*

4.1.3 Postponing of an Event - If the event is subsequently postponed, the selection will be considered null and void and, when the invitation is received for the revised date, a fresh selection will be made based on the current rankings.

4.2 Processing of Invitations

4.2.1 World & European Championships and Other invitations for selection of Best Couples - as soon as practicable after the Selection Date the EADA Invitations Organiser will establish the selected couple (s) to be invited to an event by reference to the most up to date chart for that event and both members of the partnership will receive an invitation letter and sent to the postal address held in the EADA records, if time constraints apply an email will also be sent. Each Couple must confirm with a written and signed acceptance within 14 days from the letter date or it may be assumed they have declined the invitation. In the event of a refusal the "First Reserve" couple will be nominated and advised subject to the agreement of the Event organisers.

4.2.2 Withdrawing of Invitations to Couples - EADA reserves the right to withdraw a nomination as a result of Disciplinary Action against one or both members of a nominated couple or where the selected couple is indisposed or where a partnership splits.

4.3 EADA Funded Travel

Selected couples must contact the EADA Travel Representative to establish the level of funding prior to any booking taking place where EADA have agreed to fully or partially fund attendance at an event. Reimbursement of agreed amounts will be paid by the Finance Director on receipt of the completed reimbursement form and copies of all relevant receipts.

- 4.4 English Squads** - Membership of the English Squads will be decided by the merit order of the respective NRCs at any given time.

4.5 Selection of Couples for England Squad Training

4.5.1 Squad Training - Couples who qualify under rule 1.1.1 will be eligible for selection based on the couple's position at the Selection Date. The best placed couples will be invited to these sessions, and, at the discretion of the President, a newly formed couple who have had insufficient time to complete the minimum number of Events to qualify for ranking, whose results would qualify them for inclusion may be invited to participate in Squad Training Sessions.

4.5.2 The selection of couples to be invited to attend will be based on the couples' Chart position. Training dates will be posted on the website.

5 Couples Obligations

- When a couple receives an invitation they must respond in writing to the address provided on the invitation letter within 14 days including postal time. (An email is acceptable, as a backup only, when time is limited).
- Once a couple have accepted a nomination they are expected to represent England in that Event unless a valid reason can be given, as failure to do so may be considered grounds for Disciplinary Action.
- It is the responsibility of the Couple to arrange, book and pay for all travel arrangements, if the attendance is being subsidised by EADA then the EADA Travel Representative must be consulted prior to booking in order to establish the level of funding available for the particular trip to ensure any travel arrangements can be reimbursed by EADA Any costs incurred by the couple over and above any agreed funding must be paid for by the couple concerned
- It is the responsibility of the couple to ensure all Visa requirements (if applicable) for the country are complied with and obtained in sufficient time to allow travel. EADA may cover reasonable Visa costs, details of this will be included in the invitation letter, and costs in excess of any agreed amounts must be paid for by the couple concerned.
- Couples must respond to the event Promoter advising their travel and hotel arrangements, their date and time of arrival, and if they are to be accompanied on the trip.
- A couple invited to represent EADA will be expected to provide a **short** report of the event within 14 days of their return suitable for publication on the internet or elsewhere as EADA sees fit and send/contact publicity@eada.org.uk.

6 Selection of Adult Formation Teams

The selection of Formation Teams to represent England at the World & European championships will be based on the relative performances of the eligible teams at the British Open Championships and the British National Championships respectively

6.1 Eligibility for Formation Teams

In order for a Formation team to be eligible to represent England they must be registered with EADA and must have elected to represent England.

At least 12 of the competitors per team must hold a European Union United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland passport

6.2 Representation at European Championships

The results of the British National Dance Championships will be used to select the formation teams to represent England at the European Championships where the closing date for entries falls in the following 12 month period. The team(s) will be selected by the merit order of the eligible teams at the British National Dance Championships.

6.3 Representation at World Championships

The results of the British Open Championships will be used to select the formation teams to represent England at the World Championships where the closing date for entries falls in the following 12 month period. The team(s) will be selected by the merit order of the eligible teams at the British Open Championships.

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Appendix I

Chart Categories & Number of Events held in a year

Charts are compiled for the categories shown below. The number of NRCs varies according to the category. The number of NRCs for a given category may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the EADA Council. The following is the number of events for each category applicable from 1st January 2009, until further notice:

Category	No of Events per Year	Minimum no of Events to be Danced	No of Best results for Total Points
Juvenile Standard	7	3	4
Juvenile Latin	7	3	4
Juvenile Sequence	5	2	3
Junior Standard	9	4	5
Junior Latin	9	4	5
Junior 10 dance	5	2	3
Junior Sequence	5	2	3
Youth Standard	9	4	5
Youth Latin	9	4	5
Youth 10-dance	5	2	3
Amateur Standard	9	4	5
Amateur Latin	9	4	5
Amateur 10 dance	5	2	3
Amateur Sequence	5	2	3
Senior I Standard	9	4	5
Senior I Latin	9	4	5
Senior 10 dance	5	2	3
Senior Sequence	5	2	3
Senior II Standard	9	4	5
Senior II Latin	7	3	4
Senior III Standard	7	3	4

The number shown in the last column indicates the number of results which are used to calculate the couple's total points. e.g. – If the number shown is '3', then the couple's 3 best results will be taken into account.

Age Ranges

All National Ranking Competitions for Ballroom and Latin are run in accordance with the following age groups:

- Juveniles** who have not reached their 12th birthday on the date of the competition.
- Juniors** who reach their 12th, 13th, 14th or 15th birthday during the current calendar year. The younger member of the partnership must be at least 10 years of age on the date of the competition.
- Youth** who attain their 16th, 17th or 18th birthday during the current calendar year. The younger member of the partnership must be at least 14 years of age on the date of the competition.
- Amateurs** the eldest member of the partnership must be at least 16 years of age and the younger member of the partnership must be at least 14 years of age on the date of the competition
- Senior I** both members of the partnership must reach 35 years or more in the current calendar year.
- Senior II** both members of the partnership must reach 45 years or more in the current calendar year.
- Senior III** both members of the partnership must reach 55 years or more in the current calendar year.

NOTES:

- (i) Juvenile couples who wish to dance in Junior NRC Events before their 12th Birthday must first notify the Membership Secretary BUT cannot then revert back to dance in Juvenile NRC Events.
Juveniles wishing to dance with a Junior partner must apply for the necessary permission from EADA before competing.
- (ii) Junior couples wishing to dance in Youth NRC Events must first notify the Membership Secretary and may not then revert back to dance Junior NRC Events.
Juniors wishing to dance with a Youth partner must apply for the necessary permission from EADA before competing and may under no circumstances revert to the Junior Grade.
- (iii) Sequence NRC Events will continue to be run under the age groups defined in the BDC Rule Book