

**Directive passed by the WDSF Presidium on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## Directive for the conduct of WDSF World Championships

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In its decision of 17 December 2020 (CAS 2020/O/6689 World Anti-Doping Agency v. Russian Anti-Doping Agency), the Court of Arbitration for Sport issued, inter alia, the following orders:

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**4.d.ii:** *Subject to the provisos set out below, the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) may not be flown or displayed in any official venue or area controlled by a Signatory or event organiser appointed by the Signatory at any of the following events during the two-year period: Any World Championships organised or sanctioned by any Signatory. For these purposes, a “World Championship” is any event or one or more of a series of events that determines the world champion for a particular sport or discipline in a sport, but does not include qualifying events.*

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*Any Athlete from Russia and their Athlete Support Personnel may only participate in or attend any of the following events during the Two-Year Period, on the conditions set out below.*

*The specified events are:*

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**ii.** *Any World Championships organised or sanctioned by any Signatory. For these purposes, a “World Championship” is any event or one or more of a series of events that determines the world champion for a particular sport or discipline in a sport, but does not include qualifying events.*

*The conditions are:*

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**iv.** *Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name “Russia” (in any language or format), the words “neutral athlete”*

35 (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name "Russia". For the avoidance of doubt, the uniform may contain the colours of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination).

40 **v.** Subject to order (iv), Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall not display publicly the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name "Russia" (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organizer.

45 **vi.** The Russian national anthem (or any anthem linked to Russia) shall not be officially played or sung at any official event venue or other area controlled by the Signatory or its appointed event organiser (including, without limitation, at medal ceremonies and opening/closing ceremonies).

50 According to the information of WADA this refers to all events excluding junior and master Events.

## Significance for the WDSF

### **Age Categories:**

The provisions of WADA apply to the WDSF Age Categories:

- 55 - **ADULT**
- **UNDER 21**

The provisions of WDAD do not apply to the WDSF Age Categories: Juvenile I, Juvenile II, Youth, Senior I, Senior II, Senior III and Senior IV.

### **Event Categories:**

60 The provisions of WADA apply to all **AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL Events** of the above mentioned WDSF Age Categories.

## Legal basis

65 According to Rule A4.3 of the **WDSF Competition Rules** the **WDSF Presidium** may impose supplementary Rules for specific events. Based on this specific Authority of the **WDSF Presidium** in the **WDSF Competition Rules**, the WDSF Presidium imposes the obligations according to the mandatory instructions set out in this directive.

## Addressees

70 This Directive applies to the following persons involved in the organisation and the conduct of WDSF World Championships:

- **EVENT ORGANISERS**
- **CHAIRPERSON**
- **DJS**
- **ATHLETES**
- 75 – **ATHLETES PERSONNEL (TRAINERS, COACHES AND ENTOURAGE)**

The implications for the above mentioned persons are set out in the following mandatory instructions, which will be distributed to each of these persons.

# Mandatory Instruction for EVENT ORGANISERS

80 Event organisers must implement the CAS decision can be implemented and they must provide the persons concerned with the necessary information and instruct them accordingly. The following instructions must be given at least to the following persons:

- Staff registering athletes at an event.
  - Staff at the dance floor checking the athletes before they enter the dance floor.
  - 85 - DJs (responsible for the music).
  - Technical staff responsible for the flagging and the operation of any projection screens.
  - Chairperson.
  - Other support staff for the running and supervision of athletes and the athletes' staff.
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## Instructions for staff registering athletes at an event

Staff registering athletes at an event shall be instructed to provide athletes competing for the Russian Federation with the following documents:

1. Mandatory Instructions for Athletes.
  - 95 2. Checklist for Athletes.
  3. FAQ for Athletes.
  4. Mandatory Instructions for Athlete Personnel (Trainers, Coaches and Entourage).
  5. Checklist for Athlete Personnel (Trainers, Coaches and Entourage).
- 100 Receipt of the documents and a Declaration of Submission under these Additional Rules shall be signed at check-in by Athletes of the Russian Federation using the WDSF Submission Form under the Provisions of the CAS Decision (CAS 2020/O/6689 World Anti-Doping Agency v. Russian Anti-Doping Agency).

## Instructions for staff on the dance floor

105 Dance floor personnel shall be instructed to check athletes before they enter the dance floor that they do not wear the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. Examples of these flags will be given to staff at the dance floor.

### **Instruktionen for DJs**

- 110 The DJ shall be instructed not to play the National Anthem of the Russian Federation. The organiser shall agree with the DJ which song will be played instead of the National Anthem of the Russian Federation in case of victory of a Russian Federation couple.

### **Instructions for technical staff on flagging**

- 115 The technical staff shall be instructed to replace the flag of the Russian Federation with a white flag during the flagging of the venue.

The technical staff at the flagging in case of a podium place of a pair of the Russian Federation shall be instructed to hoist a white flag instead of the flag of the Russian Federation.

### **Instructions for Chairpersons**

- 120 The Chairperson shall be reminded by the organiser to check the dress code before the start of a Russian Federation pair in accordance with the requirements of the CAS decision.

### **Instructions for other support staff**

- 125 Other support staff shall be instructed to report to the organiser or the chairperson if any person in the athletes' area wears the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. Appropriate information will be given by the organiser to the support staff.

***END OF INSTRUCTION***

## Checklist for EVENT ORGANISERS

1. Information material about the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation was produced or obtained from the WDSF.
2. Information and the declaration of subordination for athletes of the Russian Federation has been prepared and passed on to the staff at registration.
3. The staff coordinating and controlling the entry to the dance floor were instructed and given the relevant information.
4. It has been agreed with the DJ which piece of music will be played instead of the national anthem of the Russian Federation in case of a victory of an athlete of the Russian Federation.
5. The DJ has received the correct instruction.
6. The technical staff for flagging was instructed to replace the flag of the Russian Federation with a white flag in the venue.
7. The Event Organiser has checked the flagging before the start of the event.
8. The technical flagging staff has been instructed to fly a neutral white flag in the event of a podium finish by an athlete of the Russian Federation.
9. The Event Organiser has reminded the Chairperson of his duty to check the clothing of the athletes of the Russian Federation.
10. The Event Organiser has instructed the other support staff to.

***END OF CHECK-LIST***

# Mandatory Instruction for CHAIRPERSONS

155 The Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that an event is conducted in accordance with the rules. Based on the CAS decision, the Chairperson must ensure that athletes of the Russian Federation comply with the CAS requirements.

Chairpersons must therefore perform the following additional tasks:

- 160 1. Identify in the start lists athletes competing for the Russian Federation.
2. Prior to the beginning of the event, check a clothing check of the athletes of the Russian Federation for compatibility with the CAS ruling:
  - 165 a. *Visible clothes shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation*
  - 165 b. *If the clothes contains or displays the name "Russia" (in any language or format), the words "neutral athlete" (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name "Russia".*
3. During the rounds, the Chairperson shall check that the dress code is respected by athletes of the Russian Federation.
- 170 4. Before the award ceremony, the Chairperson shall check that the dress code is being respected by athletes of the Russian Federation.
5. In the event of a breach of the dress code, the Chairperson shall take the necessary measures to restore a proper state of affairs.

175 ***END OF Instruction***

## Checklist for CHAIRPERSONS

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1. Athletes of the Russian Federation have been identified.
  2. Athletes of the Russian Federation have been ordered to the chairperson for a check of the clothing prior to the beginning of the event.
  3. During each round, when an Athlete of the Russian Federation is performing, a check of the dress code is performed.
  4. Before the award ceremony a check of the dress code is performed.

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***END OF Instruction***

## **Mandatory Instruction for DJs**

190 Due to the decision of CAS DJs are not allowed to play the National Anthem of the Russian Federation. Therefore, the DJ as to make its music selection in a way, that the Event can take place without having to play the National Anthem of the Russian Federation.

Prior to the Event, the DJ has to discuss with the organizer, which song will be played instead of the National Anthem of the Russian Federation, in case an athlete of the Russian Federation wins the Event.

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***END OF INSTRUCTION***

## Checklist for DJs

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1. Music selection for the event does not contain the National Anthem of the Russian Federation.
  2. An alternative song to the National Anthem of the Russian Federation has been selected together with the Organiser of the Event in case, an athlete of the Russian Federation wins the Event.

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# Mandatory Instruction for ATHLETES

Due to a decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS),

210 *Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name “Russia” (in any language or format), the words “neutral athlete” (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name “Russia”. For*  
215 *the avoidance of doubt, the uniform may contain the colours of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination)*

**and**

220 *Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall not display publicly the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name “Russia” (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organizer.*

225 (CAS-Decision of 17 December 2020; CAS 2020/O/6689 World Anti-Doping Agency v. Russian Anti-Doping Agency).

1. Therefore, your **dance clothes** during the competition and your **training clothes** inside the venue must not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historic), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation.
- 230 2. If your **dance clothes** during the competition and your **training clothes** inside the venue contains or displays the name “Russia” (in any language format, the words “neutral athlete” (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name “Russia”.
3. Inform your Support Personal (Trainer, Coach etc.) that this also applies to them and hand them over the information you received at the check-in.
- 235 4. You have to present yourself to the Chairperson before the start of the competition.

**END OF INSTRUCTION**

## Checklist for ATHLETES

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1. The Dance Clothes have been checked, so that they don't contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation.
  2. If the Dance Clothes contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, these parts of the Dance Clothes have been covered so that they are no longer visible.
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  3. The Training Clothes have been checked, so that they don't contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation.
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  4. If the Training Clothes contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, these parts of the Dance Clothes have been covered so that they are no longer visible.
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  5. If the Dance Clothes or Training Clothes contain the name, the words "neutral athlete" is displayed no less prominent than the name "Russia".
  6. You presented yourself to the Chairperson before the start of the competition.

***END OF CHECKLIST***

## **Mandatory Instruction for ATHLETES PERSONNEL (TRAINERS, COACHES AND ENTOURAGE)**

Due to a decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS),

265 *Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name “Russia” (in any language or format), the words “neutral athlete” (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name “Russia”. For the avoidance of doubt,*  
270 *the uniform may contain the colours of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination)*

**and**

275 *Athlete Support Personnel shall not display publicly the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name “Russia” (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organizer.*

280 (CAS-Decision of 17 December 2020; CAS 2020/O/6689 World Anti-Doping Agency v. Russian Anti-Doping Agency).

1. Therefore, your **clothes** inside the venue must not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historic), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation.
2. If your **clothes** inside the venue contains or displays the name “Russia” (in any language format, the words “neutral athlete” (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name “Russia”.

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***END OF Instruction***

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## **Checklist for ATHLETES PERSONNEL (TRAINERS, COACHES AND ENTOURAGE)**

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1. The clothes have been checked, so that they don't contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation.
2. If the Clothes contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, these parts of the Dance Clothes have been covered so that they are no longer visible.

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***END OF Instruction***

# WDSF SUBMISSION FORM UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CAS DECISION (CAS 2020/O/6689 WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY V. RUSSIAN ANTI-DOPING AGENCY)

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I hereby confirm that I have received, read and understood the following documents:

- Mandatory Instructions for ATHLETES.
- Checklist for ATHLETES.
- 310 - Mandatory Instructions for ATHLETES PERSONNEL (TRAINERS, COACHES AND ENTOURAGE).
- Checklist for ATHLETES PERSONNEL (TRAINERS, COACHES AND ENTOURAGE).

I am also aware that the **Mandatory Instructions for ATHLETES** have been declared by the WDSF Presidium to be part of the **WDSF Competition Rules** and that they are binding for me. By participating in <<Name of the Event>> I agree to be bound by the **Mandatory Instructions for ATHLETES**. I am aware and accept that any violation of the **Mandatory Instructions for ATHLETES** may lead to sanctions according to the WDSF Rules and Regulations.

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**END OF SUBMISSION FORM**