



# Newsletter 10

Dear Member,

You are a registered amateur member of the DPA and we are sending you the tenth of several important DPA announcements regarding the competition scene in the UK, so that you are fully informed. If you have missed any of previous Newsletter's then please visit our web site.

[www.dpaonline.co.uk](http://www.dpaonline.co.uk)

*Or you if you have any questions the please email us at*

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The Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' for the support you gave during the Bournemouth Summer Festival and help in making it the success it was.

As you are now hopefully aware we have changed the dates of the Summer Festival in order to keep continuity of the festival for the next 3 years. We are sure you can appreciate the work undertaken in making available the best facilities to you the competitor, and we were very pleased when the Bournemouth International Centre confirmed the dates for the Purbeck Hall for the coming years and look forward to welcoming you to dance.

During this year's Festival the 'Open Forum' was well attended and lots of good points were put forward by you the competitor and as a committee we have taken those points on board and made some changes to DPA/BDF National League which we feel can only enhance competitions in the future.

The 'Grand Finals' of the Pre Championship, Intermediate, Novice and Beginners events were a great success and we hope the couples enjoyed their evening. There will be significant changes for next year's finals and we hope this will become clear at the end of this newsletter.



The 'Top 12 Couples' in Pre Championship, Intermediate, Novice and Beginner sections in both Under and Over 35 Ballroom & Latin American events in the DPA/BDF National League will Qualify and be invited to Dance for the ***Title of the United Kingdom Champions*** in the above sections at the Bournemouth Summer Festival.

All events that have already taken place and all future competitions will be qualifiers towards finishing in the Top 12 to dance at the Grand Finals at the Bournemouth Summer Festival. The point's allocation will remain the same as is already in operation but there will be no final positions and winners of the DPA/BDF National League like this year. Although you may finish in pole position like formula one for e.g. this is no guarantee you will finish in that position at the finals and we hope this will create healthy competition throughout the events coming up.

***It has also been decided following the recent Executive Committee Meeting to bring the above charts in line with the League already in existence for the Amateur, Senior I II III (Ballroom only) Youth, Junior & Juvenile. What this means to YOU the competitor is the DPA/BDF National League in Pre Championship, Intermediate, Novice and Beginner sections will finish on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.***

We have also introduced amendments to the current DPA/BDF National League Rules which we ask you to read carefully as there have been some changes and are printed out below for your information.

We have also changed the end date for the very successful Old Time and Sequence charts to bring them more in line with what the Professionals and competitors have requested and we hope these events continue to gain momentum.

We finish this newsletter wishing you every success in your future competitions and if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact any Executive Committee Member listed below.



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## **DPA/BDF National League Rules 2012-2013**

### Ballroom & Latin American

1. The DPA/BDF National League in Amateur, Senior I,II,III [Senior III Ballroom only], Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year.
2. The DPA/BDF National League in all Pre-Champ, Intermediate, Novices and Beginners events will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year.
3. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 10 results will be used to ascertain the winner. (For competitors in the Amateur, Senior I,II,III [Senior III Ballroom only], Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections only)
4. In the Adult Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre Championship events, the couples finishing in the Top 12 places of the DPA/BDF National League, will Qualify and be invited to dance for the United Kingdom Title in that category at the Grand Finals to be held at the Bournemouth Summer Festival.
5. In the event of a couple tying for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the result of the United Kingdom Closed Championships [Bournemouth Summer Festival] will decide the position. (For competitors in the Amateur, Senior I,II,III [Senior III Ballroom only], Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections only)
6. Adult Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre Championship events. When couples dance in Open, Under 35s or Senior events, the best result from a competition day in each grade will be taken and used towards qualifying points in the National League Charts.



### Classical & Modern Sequence

7. The DPA/BDF National League in Juvenile Open Classical & Modern Sequence, Juvenile Boy/Girl Classical, Juvenile All Girl Classical, Junior Open Events Classical & Modern Sequence, Junior Boy/Girl Classical, Junior All Girls Classical, Youth Open Classical, Amateur Open Classical & Modern Sequence, Senior Open Classical & Modern Sequence and Social Open Classical & Modern Sequence will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.

*(Please note for 2012-2013 ONLY, The DPA/BDF National Sequence League will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013)*

8. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 8 results will be used to ascertain the winner.
9. In the event of a couple tying for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the result of the United Kingdom Open Championships [DPA Midland Area Championship Event] will decide the position.
10. Adult Social events. When couples dance in Open, Under 35s or Senior event, the best result from a competition day in each grade will be taken and used towards points in the National League Charts

### Professional Ballroom & Latin American

11. The DPA/BDF National League in Professional Ballroom & Latin will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> May each year.
12. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 8 results will be used to ascertain the winner.
13. In the event of a couple tying for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the result of the United Kingdom Closed Championships [Bournemouth Summer Festival] will decide the position.

### General Rules

- 13 All age groups are as set out in British Dance Council Rules
- 14 If a couple splits during the year their points will become null and void and they will not be allowed to transfer their points to a new partnership.
- 15 In the event of couples changing groups mid-year the points they have earned will be frozen in that grade/age group and points will need to be earned in the new grade/age group. If a couple have already gained enough points to win their previous grade/age group they will still win.



16 All DPA Members will qualify for National League status, unless they ask not to be included.

17 In the event of an 8 couple final the 8<sup>th</sup> couple will receive the same points as the 7<sup>th</sup> couple.

Points Structure All Open Competitions [B/L/Seq]											
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Points Structure for All BDC Closed Championships [B/L/Seq]											
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	2	1	1
Points Structure for All Open BDC Registered Championships [B/L/Seq]											
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Ballroom and Latin American Points Structure for:											
United Kingdom Closed Championships [Bournemouth Summer Festival]											
British National Championships & Star Championships											
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
24	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7
Classical & Modern Sequence Points Structure for:											
Adult British National Championships [October]											
Junior British Championships [Easter]											
United Kingdom Open Sequence Championships [DPA Midland Area]											
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Semi	Quart	Prev	Prev	Prev
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