Inter-Studio DanceSport Festival – Guidelines and Information 15 August 2020

- **<u>GOAL</u>** Create cost effective, relaxed and fun opportunities for dance studios, their students and spectators. Promoting relationships, team building and boosting productivity in the studio and across the industry.
- **SHORTER EVENT TIME** To build atmosphere and to sustain the energy we aim to keep the events up to four hours in length.
- **EARLY START, EARLY FINISH** Events will start before midday. It will only require a few hours of the day (Sat/Sun) to watch or participate.
- **FOOD & BEVERGES** Events will provide a variety of nutritional food and beverages. Kitchens can be run by a studio or a fundraising group to ensure quality food and drink options are available. Food is very important to the event, it helps to boost and maintain morale.

COFFEE – Your local cart will be available to serve fresh coffee and refreshments

- <u>A SIMPLE & EFFECTIVE PROGRAM</u> The program will be simple and effective, 3-5 Ballroom dances, 3-5 Latin dances and a selection of 3-5 New Vogue dances. Events will be run in single dances to give students with less experience and fewer dances the ability to enter
 - <u>Divisions</u> -

Recreational Solos (Class level students dancing solo choreography) Recreational Couples (Class level students dancing as a couple, any gender combination)

Competition Couples (Registered Competition level dances) Recreational Pro/Am & Am/Am (Professional with Class level student) Registered Pro/Am & Am/Am (Professional with Competition level student)

• Age Groups -

Sub Juvenile (7 & under) Juvenile (8-12) Junior (13-15) Adult (16+) Masters (35+)

- Dance Styles Latin
 Ballroom
 New Vogue
 Teams (Any Style)
- <u>Judges</u> Judges will be high level experienced Dancers/Teachers of mainly Ballroom & Latin.

• <u>Scrutineering</u> – Only one judge will be assigned to an event which will not require the need for scrutineering and also allow multi events to be run at the same time.

<u>Competition Format Information</u> -

Multiple Events and Age Groups may dance at the same time and be accessed by an individual judge for their own specific event.

Recalls will be required for events with 9 or more entries.

Larger events may be split into JUV/JUN and Adult/ Masters where required.

- *Recreational/Future Champions* events will be run separate from the *Registered Couples* events.
 - Registered Couples are those couples/dancers who have been registered with the NZBDC within the last couple of years
 - Registered Couples may wear full competition gear, practice wear or street wear
- <u>Entry Fees & Transparency Model</u> All compulsory fees are listed individually on the program to show complete financial transparency
 - To align with our goals, Spectators/Family/Friends will not pay to support and attend the event
 - List of Fee Allocation The Compulsory Registration fee will be itemised and allocated on the program to cover the cost of the event
 Venue Hire - for the host to cover cost of the venue
 Music Hire - to pay for music and sound
 Administration Fee - cover the cost of administration work for entries collected by studios
 Judges Fee - paid to judges for their time and expertise
 - Event Entry Fees Pay per event \$1 per event (50% of a studios entries will be reimbursed back to them, 50% will be used for awards for the event)

Eg. Tim will compete in 5 events - Registration \$10, Events \$5, TOTAL \$15 to enter.

• Studios are responsible for their entry lists, collection of fees and providing fees to the organiser

Most importantly

Things will evolve and things will change, be prepared on the day to bend and allow changes to enhance our festivals and above all support whatever the studios need to make their students happy and excited to be involved!

Please bring your studio jackets, Studio banners and anything else from your school that you feel represents your studios... Let's see who arrives with the most 'out-there' things!