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72<sup>ND</sup>

# AUSTRALIAN DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP



GRAND FINALS  
TWO EVENINGS  
SATURDAY 9TH  
SUNDAY 10TH

## NEWSLETTER

FEATURING

Benedetto Ferruggia & Claudia Koehler

WORLD STANDARD CHAMPIONS



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# 72nd AUSTRALIAN DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS 7 DECEMBER 2017 •

*The Australian Dancing Society invites you to join us for the 72nd Australian DanceSport Championship. A celebration of Australian and International DanceSport at its very best.*

*The Pro AM Grand Slam Event & the Welcome Gala Ball will be showcased at the beautiful Sofitel Melbourne on Collins – Grand Ballroom on Thursday 7th December 2017.*

*Be part of the action at the home of DanceSport, Hisense Arena located in the heart of fabulous Melbourne from the 8 - 10 December 2017.*

*It will be an action packed program with two International events; the Australian WDSF Open Standard and Latin.*

*As a new initiative we will be featuring two Grand Final Evenings Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December 2017.*

*The Australian Dancing Society are excited to announce our special guests are World Standard Champions Benedetto Ferruggia & Claudia Koehler in demonstration.*

## CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

The Australian Championship is an Open event. Open to all levels of competition and **OPEN TO THE WORLD**, this has applied since inception.

If you are not an Australian resident and wish to compete in the WDSF Open events, please ensure you are registered with the **WDSF MEMBER BODY** in your country. The Event is registered with DanceSport Australia, and we have an obligation to abide by the WDSF and DSA rules of DanceSport.

Please ensure you read the Dance Sheet and this Newsletter so that you are quite clear on what day your event is scheduled. The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the programme subject to entries.

News, information, and updates will be posted on the Festival website - [www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au](http://www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au) and follow us on Facebook ([fb.com/AustralianDanceSportChampionship](https://fb.com/AustralianDanceSportChampionship)) and Twitter (@adsaustralian).

### Please note:

- Couples cannot 'dance up' (i.e. C Grade cannot 'dance up' to B Grade and so on).
- To compete in the Open Events you must be C Grade or higher.
- Age Group restrictions apply – Under 21 cannot dance Adult.
- Masters couples must elect which age group they wish to compete in they cannot dance in multiple age divisions. (i.e. Elect either Masters 1, 2 or 3).
- Masters 1 Open & Under 21 Open couples are permitted to dance the WDSF Open Standard & Latin. However you must have a valid WDSF Athlete ID Card to dance.
- Recreational dancers registered with DSA are eligible to dance Recreational Couple and Individual events.
- Recreational individual events will be run as Best Male & Best Female.
- Individual competitors may be partnered by another Recreational or Amateur partner or Accredited Amateur Coach.
- All Recreational competitors are to abide by DSA dress code and restricted syllabus.
- Entries must be lodged online and you will receive an automatic confirmation.

All couples must take the floor from the marshalling area. Disqualification may apply if you do not report to the marshalling area prior to the event.

An event will not be delayed under any circumstances.

Couples that are required to do an honour dance must comply with the established criteria.

Athletes can only enter the marshalling area in time to marshal for their event. Adjudicators, coaches and parents are not permitted into the marshalling area. There is NO exception to this rule. We do not encourage any coaching on the sidelines by adjudicators. Any conduct that does not comply with the sporting code of conduct will not be tolerated.

**SEMI FINALS:** Please note that the dancefloor size at Hisense Arena is three times larger than the international floor requirement for two heats. Therefore all Semi Finals will be all on.

We will be using the DanceScore Live hand held system for adjudicating. This provides the additional benefit of instantaneous results.

## WORLD SELECTION EVENTS

The winners of the Adult Standard and Latin, Under 21, Masters and Junior Open events will be eligible to represent Australia in their relevant WDSF World Championship events in 2018 providing such an event is conducted. If the winning couple are not eligible (due to age) at the time of the World Championship, the 2nd place-getter will take the representative position and so on down to and including 3rd place.

## WDSF ID CARDS

A reminder to all competitors in order to compete in the WDSF Open events on Saturday 9 (Standard) and Sunday 10 December (Latin), you will need to have a valid WDSF Athletes Card. (Not required for any other event in the program).

If you have not yet applied for one, please do so by visiting [www.worlddancesport.org/cards](http://www.worlddancesport.org/cards)

### WHY AN ID CARD

The WDSF is growing from year to year as such to assist in administrative processes and make registration as quick and easy for the athletes as possible in order to dance in any WDSF registered event the possession of an ID Card is mandatory.

This ID-Card will give you the following advantages:

- You won't have to sign the "Anti-Doping Form of Consent" at the competition anymore.
- Your registration and check-in will be much quicker.
- It won't be necessary to have your passport or national ID-Card on you for identification at a competition.
- Your name will always appear correctly in the results.
- Your world ranking points will always be assigned as they should.
- You can show that you are a WDSF Athlete!

### HOW DO I APPLY? 2 SIMPLE STEPS

The application process is relatively easy and completed in **2 simple steps** -

1. Just fill out the online form, which can be found in the ID Card section of the WDSF website. <https://www.worlddancesport.org/cards>
2. Send your application to Dancesport Australia to be processed, then they will send your personal WDSF ID card directly to you in the mail.

For any assistance or enquiries with this simple process please don't hesitate to contact DSA at [ceo@dancesport.org.au](mailto:ceo@dancesport.org.au)

## AUSTRALIAN AND WDSF OPEN EVENTS

In the Australian and WDSF Open events, five dances will be danced from the first round. As per WDSF rules couples who are ranked in the top 50 of the WDSF World Ranking are exempt from the first round. All competitors in the Australian and WDSF Open (including those who have an exemption from the 1st Round) will be required to report to the marshals one hour before the commencement of the 1st Round. This is to ensure there are no time delays in the programme due to late arrivals.

## 'CLOSED' AUSTRALIAN - STANDARD AND LATIN

The Australian 'Closed' Champion for Standard and Latin will be awarded separately to the Australian and WDSF Open Standard and Latin Champion, with the final of the 'Closed' Australian Latin being awarded on the Saturday evening and the Standard on the Sunday. A WDSF ID card is not required to compete in these events.

Couples who made the semi final of the Closed Australian Latin and Standard & Adult Open New Vogue in 2016 are exempt from the 1st round.

This does not apply if you are dancing with a new partner – it only applies to the 2016 Championship results. Couples will also be required to report to the marshals one hour before the commencement of the 1st Round.

## PRO-AM EVENTS

As part of the Australian DanceSport Championship Program in 2017 we will feature Pro-Am events on Thursday 7th December at the Sofitel Melbourne On Collins – Grand Ballroom.

Competition commences at approx. 11am. Followed by the Welcome Gala Ball commencing at 7pm.

### GALA BALL - (Day/Evening). All inclusive Table (10 Seats)

Cost AUD\$: \$1750\*

#### Individual Seats

Cost AUD\$: \$175\*

\*Pro Am Gala ball Competitor Table Ticket \$100 pp (excludes meal).

If you would like to up-grade to a seat including a meal please contact the ADS National Office : [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au)

### Day Session – Ticketing & Entry Fees

#### General Admission (Day Session only)

Adult	\$65
Pen/Con	\$55
U/16	\$35
Teacher/Student - Single dance	\$25 per dance
Pro Am - Entry Fee	\$60 per event
Additional \$50 per event thereafter.	

\*Please Note: Gala Ball ticket includes admission to the day session

Book your table via the website: [www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au](http://www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au) or



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HISENSE ARENA MELBOURNE 8, 9 & 10 DECEMBER 2017

Contact the ADS National Office on (03) 9686 3737 or [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au) (Please advise any special dietary requirements)

**Please note:** Entry fees payable on registration and are in addition to the event admission price.

#### Teacher Student Entry Conditions:

- Teacher/Student = Any DSA Coach/Professional with any Amateur or Recreational Competitor.
- Teachers may compete with multiple students in the same event but are restricted to no more than 5 students per event.
- Teachers (Registered Coach) can NOT dance with their regular competition partner.
- Teacher/Student events are single dance events. The student is to wear the Competition Number and only the student is adjudicated.
- Teacher/Student Single Events will be adjudicated according to the Proficiency method.
- All Teacher Student events will be conducted in the day session at the Sofitel.
- Entries will only be accepted online.
- Entries close Wednesday 8th November.

#### Professional & Amateur Entry Conditions:

- Pro -Am = Professional with Registered Amateur division competitors.
- Professionals may only dance with one partner per event.
- Pro-Am competition will be adjudicated according to the Skating System.
- If less than 4 entries are received the event may be cancelled.
- If heats are required they will be conducted in the afternoon session at the Sofitel.
- Entries will only be accepted online.
- Entries close Wednesday 8th November.

#### DRESS CODE

All couples must ensure they are up to date on the DanceSport Australia and WDSF dress code. The DanceSport Australia code can be found at [www.dancesport.org.au](http://www.dancesport.org.au), whilst the WDSF code can be found on the WDSF website [www.worlddancesport.org](http://www.worlddancesport.org)

If in doubt, please seek clarification from the Chairman of Adjudicators prior to competing.

#### COMPETITORS NUMBERS

It is the responsibility of each competitor upon receiving your number to ensure that it is kept in an appropriate condition for use at the Championship. Cutting down numbers to remove text and sponsor logos will not be tolerated. Please ensure that you adhere to this and keep all print visible when wearing it during the Championship. No additional numbers will be available for replacement.

You must have a current registration card from your country of origin to collect your number.

#### ENTRIES

Entries are **NOW OPEN**.

**They WILL CLOSE ON Wednesday 8th NOVEMBER 2017.**

**Submit your entry early.** If you are unsure as to whether you will compete, we still advise you to lodge an entry. You can always withdraw your entry; a late entry fee will apply for entries received within a week after the closing date. Entries will only be accepted "online". The online method gives you an instant confirmation.

- Enter online.
- When you submit your entry, a number administration fee will apply.

An automated confirmation email is sent to your email address

When all entries have been collated, a final confirmed entry list will appear on the Australian Championship website: [www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au](http://www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au)

#### FLOORSIDE SEATING

Book your floorside seating via the website: [www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au](http://www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au) or Contact the ADS National office at: [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au)

Be quick to avoid disappointment as Floorside tickets are already selling quickly.

	Table (10 pax)	Box (8 pax)
Fri 8 Dec	\$ 800.00	\$ 640.00
Sat 9 Dec	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,400.00
Sun 10 Dec	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,400.00
Fri 9 & Sat 10 Package	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,560.00

\* GST Inclusive

Food and beverage table packages are available. For the latest information visit the website [www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au](http://www.theaustralianchampionship.com.au)

#### ADVERTISING

We are offering the following rates for inclusion in the souvenir programme:

COSTS:	AUDS
Inside & Back Cover Colour	1,200.00
Full Page Colour	800.00
Half Page Colour	550.00

#### PRODUCTION:

Contact the Bill Kerr at WPK on +61 3 9347 6969 or [wkerr@access.net.au](mailto:wkerr@access.net.au) if you want a design with a difference.

**BOOKINGS:** Contact [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au)

**DEADLINE FOR ARTWORK:** Must receive artwork by Friday 27th October, 2017.

#### TRADE STANDS

Why not take advantage of promoting your products at the 72nd Australian Dancesport Championship. As a trader in 2017 you will also be entitled to discount advertising in the official event programme.

**Cost:** \$1,500 incl. GST  
**Bookings:** Ph. 03 9686 3737 or email [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au)

#### OFFICIAL HOTEL GROUP

Accorhotels are a proud partner of the Australian Dancesport Championship. Kick up your heels and make a weekend of the championship – visit [accorhotels.com](http://accorhotels.com)

For all the best accommodation offers for your stay in Melbourne, please contact one of the following Accor Group Hotels:

**Sofitel Melbourne On Collins**  
+ 61 3 9653 0000

**Mercure Melbourne Treasury Gardens**  
+ 61 3 9205 9999

**Ibis Melbourne Hotel & Apartments**  
+ 61 3 9666 0000

#### LIVE STREAM

The ADS continue to lead the way offering live streaming of the entire Australian Dancesport Championship program. So be sure to visit the ADS website to stream the event live.

#### EVENT SPONSORSHIP

If you're interested in partnering with the ADSC17 through Event Sponsorship or becoming a broadcast partner and advertising your business or products during the live stream please contact the ADS National Office – 03 9686 3737 [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au)

#### PARKING

There is limited event parking throughout the Melbourne & Olympic Parks Precinct. Melbourne Park Car parks are accessible via Entrance D (off Olympic Blvd) only.

We have been advised that over the Australian DanceSport Championship weekend there will be other events on at Melbourne Park and at the MCG so it is advisable to pre book your parking to ensure that you have a reserved car park space. Patrons are strongly encouraged to use public transport.

#### PRE BOOK YOUR PARKING & SAVE

Pre-booking your event parking will save you 33% and guarantee you parking at Hisense Arena.

You can pre-purchase parking via the link <https://prebook.mopt.vic.gov.au>

Parking must be booked 24 hours prior to arrival. MOPT anticipate that parking in the Eastern Car Park will sell out before the event, so we strongly suggest booking early to avoid disappointment.

#### Parking Rates:

Pre-booked Event Parking (\$20)  
Event Parking (\$30)

#### REMEDIAL AND SPORTS MASSAGE

This treatment is offered to our athletes 'free of charge'. The Australian Dancing Society will continue to sponsor this service. Make sure that you visit this highly skilled team on arrival at Hisense Arena to make an appointment.

They will be in attendance at the event on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December.

#### TIMETABLE

Whilst we do not envisage any changes we encourage you to check the website regularly and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates.

**Please refer to the Dance Sheet for the complete event schedule.**

#### THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

**Sofitel Melbourne on Collins - Grand Ballroom**  
**Gala Ball - Australian DanceSport Championship Pro Am Gala Ball.**

Featuring the Australian DanceSport Championship Pro Am Grand Slam.

#### FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

**Hisense Arena**

**Day 1 – Doors will open at 0900 hours, first event 1000 hours.**

Featuring:  
C Grade All Divisions, Junior B & C Grade, All Juvenile graded and Open Events and All Recreational Division Events.

**Master Class – Hisense Arena**

The ADS is excited to announce a Master Class with World Standard Champions Benedetto Ferruggia & Claudia Koehler in the Fred & Ginger Room, Hisense Arena.

Time: 5:30pm

Cost: \$40 ADS Members: \$35

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge and learn from one of the best Standard couples in the World.

Please watch the Official Australian Championship website for details or register now at [admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au](mailto:admin@australiandancingsociety.com.au)

#### SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

**Hisense Arena**

**Day 2 – Doors will open at 0800 hours, first event at 0900 hours.**

The evening programme will commence at 1900 hours.

Featuring:  
WDSF Open Standard  
Australian Adult 'Closed' Latin  
Professional Open in Standard & New Vogue.  
Floor show by World Standard Champions Benedetto Ferruggia & Claudia Koehler.

#### SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

**Hisense Arena**

**Day 3 – Doors will open at 0800 hours, first event at 0900 hours.**

Featuring:  
WDSF Open Latin  
Australian Adult 'Closed' Standard  
Adult Open New Vogue  
Professional Open Latin

Floor show by World Standard Champions Benedetto Ferruggia & Claudia Koehler.



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