



National Governing Body of DanceSport, Member
Organization of the US Olympic Committee, and the
World DanceSport Federation



January 28, 2019

Re: Ronen Zinshtein SafeSport Investigation and Hearing Decision

In July 2018, two of Ronen Zinshtein's ex-students filed a civil suit against Mr. Zinshtein. After reviewing the contents of the civil complaint, USA Dance notified the US Center for SafeSport, conducted an investigation, and held a special hearing regarding Mr. Zinshtein's membership. Mr. Zinshtein disputed the allegations in the civil complaint, but acknowledged certain actions and conduct. Based upon certain admitted conduct, USA Dance's Governing Council finds that Mr. Zinshtein violated USA Dance's 2010 Abuse and Harassment Policy Guidelines and immediately restricts his membership within USA Dance as follows:

1. Mr. Zinshtein is suspended from teaching at any and all USA Dance and WDSF sanctioned training camps until the later of December 31, 2020 or final resolution of the civil litigation involving Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2;
2. Mr. Zinshtein is prohibited from adjudicating any and all USA Dance competitions or representing USA Dance as an adjudicator at any WDSF competitions until the later of December 31, 2020 or final resolution of the civil litigation involving Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2;
3. Mr. Zinshtein must refrain from communicating with or being alone with any junior and youth athletes at any USA Dance event until the later of December 31, 2020 or final resolution of the civil litigation involving Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2;
4. Mr. Zinshtein must find another person acceptable to USA Dance's Governing Council to assume organizer responsibilities for the American DanceSport Festival in 2019 and 2020, and the event may not hold any competitions for athletes below the adult division if he will be present at the event.

Violation of any of these terms may result in permanent revocation of Mr. Zinshtein's membership privileges in USA Dance with a recommendation for a similar permanent revocation of membership from the WDSF. These restrictions are based upon Mr. Zinshtein's admitted actions. There are several actions alleged in the civil complaint that Mr. Zinshtein denies. The Governing Council stays consideration of and ruling on these disputed allegations, but reserves the right to review and modify this decision and penalty in light of new evidence that may be uncovered as the civil litigation progresses.

Mr. Zinshtein has been provided the full decision of the Governing Council detailing the basis of the decision, and may appeal the matter to the United States Olympic Committee and/or the American Arbitration Association pursuant to USOC Bylaw Section 9 and USA Dance Bylaw Article XVIII.

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On Behalf of the Governing Council