



USA Dance Professional Adjudicator Application Process

For new Adjudicators or Current Adjudicator Credential Upgrades

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Dear Professional Adjudicator Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry. Listed below is the general information on the process of becoming a USA Dance Professional Adjudicator and/or upgrade your credentials.

All exams, including WDSF exams, must be approved by USA Dance Professional Council. The WDSF requires each member Federation to approve adjudicators, congress attendance, and any certification upgrades.

USA Dance will NOT accept any examination results without prior approval of the Professional Council of USA Dance.

To apply for your USA Dance Professional Adjudication exam and/or upgrade:

- You must fill out and return the application along with your curriculum vitae, including formal education, dance experience, dance education and technical certification in all styles of dance.
- Upon approval of the Professional Council of USA Dance you will be notified of your exam date, examiner, and observer which will be assigned to you by the Exam Director. (All correspondence will be through the Exam Director. Any discussions with either the examiner or observer regarding your exam is forbidden and will constitute a breach of ethics.)
- You must be a Professional Member of USA Dance before taking your exam.
- All exam fees will be paid to the Exam Director prior to taking your exam. Your exam fees will be based upon which exam you are applying for.
- You must be a former (retired) DanceSport competitor, competed in Standard, or Latin, or Smooth, or Rhythm, Theater Arts, or a combination.

- Credentials of adjudicators are recognized against the following grading system:
 - A- Associate Degree in International Style Standard.
 - A+ Member Degree or above in International Style Standard.
 - B- Associate Degree in International Style Latin-American.
 - B+ Member Degree or above in International Style Latin-American.
 - C- Associate Degree in American Style Smooth.
 - C+ Member Degree or above in American Style Smooth
 - D- Associate Degree in American Style Rhythm.
 - D+ Member Degree or above in American Style Rhythm
 - E- Associate Degree in Theater Arts.
 - E+ Member Degree or above in Theater Arts.

- The levels of USA Dance Adjudicators are:
 - Theater Arts Adjudicators: certified at the E+ level.
 - Competition Certified Adjudicator: certified at the "-" level in a given style of dance.
 - Championship Certified Adjudicator: certified at the "+" level in a given style of dance.
 - National Certified Adjudicator: certified at the A+, B+, C+ and D+ classifications.
 - Must be a Championship Certified Adjudicator in all styles, A+, B+, C+, D+
 - Must serve as a Championship Certified Adjudicator for one (1) year.
 - Adjudicated at least 4 USA Dance NQE competitions; or
 - Adjudicated at least 2 National Championships from organizations recognized by the Professional Council; or
 - Adjudicated at least 2 WDSF National Member Body or Continental championships; or
 - Adjudicated at least 1 WDSF World Championship or a World Championship from an organization recognized by the Professional Council.
 - Invigilator: National Certified Adjudicator and certified as an Invigilator by USA Dance.
 - USA Dance Chairman of Judges
 - WDSF B
 - WDSF A
 - WDSF B - Professional Division Adjudication
 - WDSF A - Professional Division Adjudication
 - WDSF Chairman of Judges

The following are the WDSF requirements for those candidates wishing to apply for their WDSF Adjudicator's License.

USA Dance will NOT approve any applicants unless these requirements are met:

Before applying for a WDSF License B:

- You must be a National Certified Adjudicator for USA Dance, for a minimum of two years.

- You must be a former (retired) DanceSport competitor, competed in all five (5) dances in Standard or Latin
- You must have passed the WDSF Technical Syllabus Exam.
- You must have an active knowledge of the English Language.
- Two Congresses (not more than 18 months apart) with a pass in the General Knowledge Test (GKT) and the entrance English Comprehension test must be successfully completed with the last congress attended not more that 12 months from the date of the application.
- The application must be submitted by WDSF National Member Body, USA Dance.

To apply for a WDSF “A” License:

- You must hold the WDSF Adjudicator’s Class “B” license for a minimum of 1 year excluding any period of suspension if any.
- Must have judged not fewer than 5 WDSF open competitions.
- Must have successfully attended the “WDSF JS 3.0 Method of Judging and Assessment” and passed the course examinations.

. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely;

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