

2009 Kaohsiung: DanceSport Athletes Announced Soon

The International DanceSport Federation is about to announce the names of the 136 athletes selected for participation in the three DanceSport events at The World Games 2009 Kaohsiung.

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The International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) wishes to provide background information on the selection procedures for DanceSport's contingent of 136 athletes in The World Games 2009. 68 couples will contest the medals in the Latin (24 couples), Standard (24) and Rock 'n' Roll (20) events held on July 24 and 25 in Kaohsiung City, TPE.

For the 48 couples competing in Latin and Standard, the results obtained in the 2008 World Championships and the current World Ranking List were used as the primary selection criteria. But since participation in The World Games is subject to requirements imposed by the International World Games Association (IWGA) and other parties, additional factors needed to be considered as well.

IWGA insists that all athletes hold the nationality of the country they represent in The World Games. Couples made up of athletes with two different nationalities are ineligible for participation. Besides, each International Sports Federation is requested by IWGA to ensure that its contingent of athletes is representative of all five continents.

The World Games are held under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, who explicitly encourages the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to assume an active role in the administration of their multi-sport delegations. This, in turn, leads to certain NOCs formally nominating their athletes for 2009 Kaohsiung. As long as these athletes are members of the national body affiliated to the corresponding International Sports Federation, both organisations have no choice but to accept their nomination by the NOCs.

The 20 couples for Acrobatic Rock 'n' Roll are selected by the World Rock 'n' Roll Confederation, an IDSF Associate Member, with the same procedures being applied.

The complexity of the selection process made for a time-consuming affair and required continuous dialogue between IDSF and its member bodies. The list of 68 couples – the world's best who meet all the above criteria – is now complete and will be published after final approval by the IDSF Managing Committee.

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International DanceSport Federation

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