Stevenage 2025 Para Dance Sport International Competition

24-26.10.2025

1. Organiser:

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2. Venue:

Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LZ, England 3. Dates:

3. Accommodation

Holiday Inn Stevenage, St Georges Way, SG1 1HS: website IHG.com

- Arrival dates: 23-24.10.2025
- International Classification 23-10.2025
- Technical Meeting 24.10.2025
- Competition Dates 24-26.10.2025
- Closing Ceremony 26.10.2025
- Departures 27.06.2025

4. Preliminary Program:

The program will be finalized after the final entries' revision.

*Combi Conventional (Standard and Latin)

*Duo Conventional (standard and Latin)

*Singles Conventional (5 dances)

*Juniors Single (3 dances)

*Combi Freestyle

*Duo Freestyle

*Singles Freestyle

*Powerchair Single Conventional

*Powerchair Single Freestyle

*Powerchair Duo Freestyle

*Powerchair Combi Freestyle

*Powerchair Combi Latin

As part of the sport development plan, there will be pilot competitions for visually and intellectual impaired dancers, and athletes with mobility difficulty (standing dancers). More info at the Eligibility Section.

- Ambulant: Single Freestyle
- Visually Impaired: Combi Latin, Combi Standard and Combi Freestyle
- Intellectual Impaired: Single Freestyle and Duo Freestyle

5. Competition duration:

The competition duration is 3 days plus 1 additional day for International Classification prior to the start of the competition.

6. International Classification:

International Classification will be conducted on 23.10.2025.

Detailed classification schedule will follow the revision of the final entries by World Para Dance Sport Office. All athletes that will be classified must have arrived on time prior the classification process. They must have their Para Dance Sport Medical Diagnostic Form and supportive medical documents uploaded to WA- SMS (previous SDMS) one month before the international classification to be reviewed and are encouraged to bring all the documents along with obligatory wheelchair used during competition and straps, if any.

7. Final Entry Deadline:

20 September 2025

In case of late entries, there will an additional charge 50 fee per person (Athletes and staff) to the LOC.

Late entries can also be denied by World Para Dance Sport.

8. Liability:

All delegation members must have appropriate accident and health insurance accepted to compete. No medical insurance will be provided to any of the participants.

Some medical services in the venue. All Leisure Centre Staff are first responder trained.

All participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance (including Repatriation Coverage) and will be responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event.

9. Eligibility:

For Conventional manual chair events, dance couple must consist of a male and a female partner. In Freestyle events couples can be of the same gender in accordance with rule 4.1.3 paragraph b and c. All wheelchair users must fulfill the minimum disability criteria. Couples' entries must be submitted by their recognized WA members.

For Powerchair events, a couple can be formed by mixed or same gender dancers.

Athletes with visual and intellectual impairment will have to be registered and licensed. The MDF needs to be filled in English and by a medical doctor.

Visual impaired athletes must fulfil the criteria, they must be registered visually impaired in their country of residence.

Intellectual impaired athletes must have met the Virtus Eligibility criterion. Please see page 2 of https://virtus.sport/applying-for-athlete-eligibility and must be registered with your Nation Virtus member.

Athletes in the ambulant criteria must have uploaded a medical Diagnosis Form to WPDS SDMS system. The MDF needs to be filled in English and by a medical doctor. The Technical Delegate and Chief classifier considers them safe to compete standing.

10.Results:

Only athletes who have been licensed by WPDS (including partners) will be taken in consideration for inclusion in the World Ranking Results.

11.Ranking:

The minimum number of participating countries per event In World Para Dance Sport International Approved Competitions must be 1 and a minimum of two (2) eligible couples or dancers by the final entries' deadline. (pending the new rule being ratified).

In case of not reaching the minimum quota of 2 couples or dancers in the event, there are two choices: a) The event is cancelled with no competition at all, or b) The couple/athlete will be given the option of competing with a higher class (the event will not get specific medals, however in case the athletes reach the podium in the higher class, medals shall

be normally awarded). The placement points will be carried to their specific ranking. Recognition awards can be awarded at the discretion of the LOC if these scenarios arise

12. Entries and Registration Process:

All entered athletes in the international competition (approved by WPDS) must be registered and licensed by World Abilitysport Member Organisation via WA-SMS and accepted by World Para Dance Sport. Only licensed athletes will be accepted.

Online entries are accepted.

For World Para Dance Sport approved international competitions there is no limit in the number of couples per NPC per event per class.

Late entries: WPDS Office must be informed about every late entry. All respective information must be reviewed on the 'case by case' basis, and the entry may be accepted/rejected by the WPDS Office. Penalty fees will be applied.

Replacements: WPDS Office must be informed about every replacement. Replacements of athletes may be accepted due to injury or medical reasons. All respective medical information regarding the athlete who is to be replaced must be sent to WPDS Office by the respective WA member for further consideration regarding its acceptance/rejection.

In case of cancellation after the registration, the reimbursement of the participation fee will only take place in case of injury or medical reasons. A medical report will be requested and must be approved.

All the registration process for the competition is as follows:

20.09.2025 deadline for Final Entry by Name and provisions of details per persons. Deadline to pay the full registration.

All Documents must be sent to the following addresses:

*Organising Committee: ray@inclusivedanceuk.uk

*World Para Dance Sport: info@worldabilitysport.org

Entries by number: from 2 to 16 September

Entries by name: from 9 to 20 September

Final Entry Deadline: 20 September 2025.

In case of late entries, the LOC will charge an additional fee of £50 per person (Athletes and staff).

Late entries can be denied by World Para Dance Sport

Online Entries and Entry Forms:

Entries will be accepted only via WA-SMS online entries system. Only licensed athletes can be entered in the competition. Please start the license process as soon as possible.

The Entry for the new impairment groups will be made using entry forms.

13. Fees:

A. Entry Fee: £28 per person including athletes, coaches and support staff (this covers the 3 days of competition).

B. Accommodation and Meals available on 22nd, 23, 24th 25th and 26th October.
Room pricing:

1. Single occupancy room - £139 - covers breakfast, dinner (private dining room, bar, tea and coffee)
2. Double occupancy room - £189 - covers breakfast, dinner (private dining room, bar, tea and coffee) i.e food package B&D for second person is £50 each
3. Triple occupancy room - £248 - breakfast, dinner (private dining room, bar, tea and coffee) i.e. food package B&D for 2 extra people is £54.50 each

Dinner in private room, cost per person £49 for non-resident.
Dinner will be provided on the day of arrival and breakfast on the day of departure.
This accommodation agreement may only be booked through the LOC who will issue a code with which to make payment to the hotel.
No lunches will be provided by the Local Organising Committee at the venue but there are several food outlets situated in the venue or in the vicinity.

C. Transport: Transport airport/hotel/ Airport transfers to the hotel will be provided from Heathrow, Luton and Stansted Airports. The cost of this per person will be £30 per single journey from and to Luton and Stansted Airports and £50 per person from and to Heathrow Airport. This charge will apply to all athletes, coaches and support staff. Transportation must be confirmed with the local organising committee no later than 1st October 2025.
Airport transfers will only be available for athletes, coaches and support staff using the official hotel.
The venue and hotel are close to each other and in easy walking or pushing distance. As a result, no transport will be provided to or from the accommodation to venue.

D. World Abilitysport registration fee: £20. An invoice will be created by the SDMS when registering the team.

E. World Abilitysport classification fee: £20. An invoice will be prepared by World Abilitysport.

F. The local organising committee will invoice team leaders for Competition Registration fee and transport.
G Spectator tickets priced £15 per person per day will be available at the registration desk. These tickets will not provide access to competition areas.

14. Rules and Regulations:

The competition will be conducted under the World Para Dance Sport Rules and Regulations and World Para Dance Sport Classification Rules and Regulations.

15. Visas:

LOC will give all necessary help to apply for visa. If members of ant delegation need to obtain Visas, the LOC will provide an invitation letter. Please contact the LOC in good time with a valid passport for at least 6 more months.
The LOC will not cover the cost of visas.

16. Music:

Athletes competing in freestyle/ must submit their music either by email to the LOC or on memory stick in one of widely used formats (WAV, MP3, OGG, ACC, FLAC) before 30.09.2025.

17. Safeguarding

A safe sport officer will be appointed for this event and all those participants in this event will be provided with contact details at a later stage.

18. Doping:

Doping is forbidden in accordance with the World Abilitysport Anti-Doping Code.

19. Therapeutic use exemption (TUE):

It is an athlete's responsibility to ensure that any medication or method they take to treat an illness or medical condition is not prohibited according to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

Athletes may have to take a medication that is on the WADA Prohibited List to treat an acute or chronic illness or medical condition. Before doing so, they must apply for a TUE and be given an approval for the particular medication and/or method. Athletes should consult with their NPC or Member Organisation team physician to guide them through this process. All TUEs will be managed as per the WADA International Standard for TUEs (ISTUE) and entered into ADAMS (a secure online database).