DFI - Duties and responsibilities of Adjudicators

1. National Championships must have a minimum of 5 Adjudicators.
2. Non-Championships or Open competitions must have a minimum of 3 Adjudicators.
3. All adjudicators must hold a qualification recognised by the DanceSport Federation of Ireland.
4. The composition of the Judging panel for any Championship must be consistent throughout all rounds of the event.
5. Judges are under no obligation to justify their adjudication of competition couples.
6. During a competition or in the intervals between competition rounds, a Judge may not discuss any competitor's performance with that or any other competitor, or with any spectator, except in his capacity as Chairman of Judges.
7. When there is more than one heat in a round and each Judge has been requested to vote for a certain number of couples to go forward to the next round, the number of couples eliminated from each heat to make up this number shall be at the discretion of each voting Judge. In all rounds the Judges must vote for the full number of couples required by the Chairman of Judges to be returned.
8. In the final of a competition a Judge may not "tie" two or more couples in any one or more dances.
9. Judges who cohabit or are dance partners must not serve on any Judging panel at the same time.
10. No Judge may judge a competitor to whom that Judge is related by blood or marriage, or adoption order, or with whom the Judge habitats. Judges must excuse themselves from an adjudicating panel on any occasion when he/she has a member of his/her immediate family in a particular competition. For the purpose of this Rule, immediate family is defined as first cousin or above.
11. If an advertised Judge is unwilling or unable to officiate and it is not reasonably possible to find an eligible replacement, the remaining Judges shall judge as if there were a full Judging panel according to these Rules and an explanation in writing shall be sent to DFI. The circumstances must also be announced to the competitors before the commencement of the event.