



AGE GROUPS

Category	Age
Under 5's	Up to 5 yrs
Under 6's	Up to 6 years
Under 7's	Up to 7 Years
Under 8's	Up to 8 years
Juvenile	8 yrs and up to 12 yrs
Juvenile 1	8 yrs & 9 yrs
Juvenile 2	10 & 11 yrs
Junior	12 yrs and up to 16 yrs
Junior 1	12 & 13 yrs
Junior 2	14 & 15 yrs
Youth	16yrs, 17 yrs & 18 yrs
Under 21's -Youth 2	16yrs, 17yrs, 18yrs, 19yrs, 20 yrs.
Adult	16yrs and Up to 35 yrs
Senior 1	35 yrs & Over – One of the partnership must be 35 yrs or over, and the other no younger than 30 yrs.
Senior 2	50 Yrs & Over – One of the partnership must be 50 yrs or over, and the other no younger than 45 yrs.
Senior 3	60 yrs and over – one of the partnership must be 60 yrs or over, and the other no younger than 50 yrs.
Professional	Must be over 16 yrs to dance in Professional competition.

Note: 1 - SENIORS: This is a DFI rule and it may not apply at non DFI events.

Note: 2 – YOUTH: Junior 2 may also dance in this grade.

NEW AGE GROUPS BEING IMPLEMENT IN 2018

Putting two age groups together, such as Juvenile I and II as well as Junior I and II to one joint age group, is an option under Rule E-2. Junior I couples are allowed to compete in Junior II, Junior II couples are allowed to compete in Youth, Youth couples and Senior couples are allowed to compete in competitions of the Adult age group if they want. It is not allowed that Juvenile II couples compete in Junior I age group on the reason of the syllabus. In all age groups one partner of a couple can be younger, except in the Senior age groups.

The rule should enable couples and coaches to plan the careers on a long-term basis, given that the age group classification of athletes does not depend on their birthday but on their year of birth, as in most other sports too.

Juvenile I: reach 9th birthday or less in the calendar year

Juvenile II: reach 10th and 11th birthday in the calendar year

Junior I: reach 12th and 13th birthday in the calendar year

Junior II: reach 14th and 15th birthday in the calendar year

Youth: reach 16th, 17th and 18th birthday in the calendar year

Under 21- Youth II: reach 16th to 20th birthday in the calendar year

Adult: reach 19th birthday or more in the calendar year

Senior I: one partner must have reached his or her 35th birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached her or his 30th birthday or more in the calendar year.

Senior II: one partner must have reached his or her 45th birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached her or his 40th birthday or more in the calendar year.

Senior III: one partner must have reached his or her 55th birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached her or his 50th birthday or more in the calendar year

Senior IV: one partner must have reached his or her 65th birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached her or his 60th birthday or more in the calendar year, except in Open Competitions.