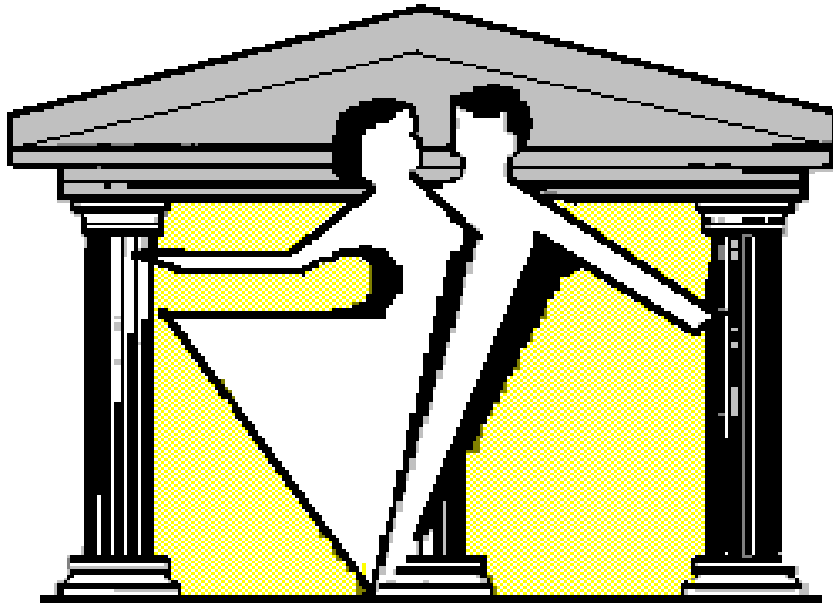


CONSTITUTION



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FEDANSA GAUTENG

FEDERATION OF DANCESPORT SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG Provincial Branch

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ARTICLE 1

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NAME, OBJECTIVE, REGISTERED ADDRESS AND STRUCTURE

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1. 1. (a) The National body governing Dancesport is the Federation of Dancesport South Africa, hereinafter referred to as FEDANSA.
(b) The Provincial body governing Dancesport in GAUTENG shall be known as the GAUTENG Provincial Admin. Branch (hereinafter referred to as the PAB).
 2. 2. The aims of FEDANSA are:
 - a. To promote Dancesport in the Province.
 - b. To retain the close ties with the FEDANSA National and other government recognized National sporting bodies in South Africa.
 - c. To work in harmony with other Provincial Sport bodies to promote DanceSport.
 - d. To advise and assist its members with their work in their own regions and clubs.
 - e. To adhere to standardized National Dancesport rules.
 - f. To propose policy changes to FEDANSA National for benefit of its members.
 3. 3. PAB urges its members to encourage participation in Dancesport.
 4. 4. The PAB is a non-political and non-profit making body.
 5. 5. The Head Office and registered address of the PAB shall be at such a place as the Provincial executive may determine from time to time.

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ARTICLE 2
FINANCIAL YEAR

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The financial year shall be from 1st April to the 31st March of the following year.

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ARTICLE 3
MEMBERSHIP

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1. 1. Full members of the PAB shall be the regions, however the PAB council may decide to recognize membership of clubs or individuals in cases where the region does not exist or is dysfunctional regional structure, commissions and associate members as may be defined from time to time.
 2. 2. Only one regional structure will be recognized for membership in the same manner competitive members cannot hold dual membership for the same discipline. This includes clubs and individual members. Competitive couples cannot belong to two Federations for the same discipline.

3. Each region may have, clubs, studios, schools, universities and other institutions, e.g. tertiary as its members, each of which should become associate members/ Member clubs of FEDANSA.
3. 3. Each associated/member club, studio, school or university will have members-social, competitive or otherwise.
5. Competitive dancers have to take out INDIVIDUAL membership of FEDANSA from their regions in order to compete.
6. 6. Individuals who have rendered outstanding service to Provincial Dancesport may be elected to honorary membership. Members of the Provincial Administration Branch or the regions may propose such nominations to and for the decision by the conference. Honorary members have no rights or obligations under these STATUES.
7. 7. National presidium members shall be ex-officio members of the PAB with full voting powers.
- 8 The function and structure of the regions should be similar to the PAB.

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ARTICLE 4
ADMISSION

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1. 1. Application for FULL membership must be made in writing to the PAB Secretary and should be accompanied by the relevant membership fee for the region concerned.
 2. 2. Admission is decided by the PAB. A reason need not be given when refusing an application. If an application is rejected, the unsuccessful applicant is entitled to present his application to the next Provincial Conference for its final decision.
 3. 3. All FULL members must be notified in writing immediately of any new admission and of any change in membership.

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ARTICLE 5
RESIGNATION

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1. 1. A member may resign from the PAB at any time by registered letter addressed to the PAB Secretary.
 2. 2. Such resignation does not affect that member's financial obligations for that financial year.

ARTICLE 6
DISPUTES

1. 1. In view of the composition of PAB and the resultant difficulties in settling disputes judicially, where problems arise between members and the PAB, such disputes shall be solely subject to the decision of the FEDANSA National Conference.
2. 2. Should a member not be satisfied with such decision the member has the right to take such disputes to SASCOG and ultimately to external arbitration or law.

ARTICLE 7
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND HONORARIUMS

1. 1. All members are required to pay subscriptions according to the Financial Regulations decided upon by FEDANSA

2. 2. A member in arrears with his subscription may not enjoy rights arising from article 9 paragraphs 1 & 4; article 1b; article 13 and article 20 paragraph 1.
3. 3. The PAB may, at its discretion, waive the member's subscription.
4. 4. The activities of the members of the PAB shall be performed on an honorary basis.

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ARTICLE 8 **ORGANS OF PAB**

The organs of the PAB are:

- a. a. The Provincial Conference
- b. b. The PAB Council
- c. c. The PAB Executive
- d. d. Regions

ARTICLE 9 **PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE**

1. 1. The Provincial Conference shall consist of members of the Presidium plus a proportionate representation from the Regions, according to their respective members base; i.e. for the first 50 members: 3 delegates, for every subsequent 50 members, a further delegate, every delegate must be a fully paid up individual member of FEDANSA.
2. 2. Additional delegates may attend as observers, but have no rights (voting or otherwise) at the meeting for transparency.
3. 3. Each official delegate shall be a member of the regional council he/she represents.
4. 4. Assignment of votes is permitted, but any one voting delegate may not represent one further delegate. A written proxy is required in such cases.
5. 5. A simple majority will decide all issues, unless otherwise detailed in this document.
6. 6. The Provincial Conference must be held in every financial year.
7. 7. Elections of the members to the PAB Executive will be done at the annual Provincial Conference.

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ARTICLE 10 **CONVOCAION OF THE PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE**

1. 1. The General Secretary convenes the Provincial Conference as instructed by the (previous) Provincial Conference or by the PAB.
2. 2. Date, Notice of and request for motions must be communicated in writing to all full members at least 6 weeks before the Provincial conference.
3. 3. Motions for the agenda must be submitted to the Secretary in writing no later than 4 weeks before the National Conference and accompanied by a brief background.
4. 4. Date, Venue, Agenda and motions on notice for the Provincial Conference must be communicated in writing to all the Regional councils at least 3 weeks in advance.

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ARTICLE 11 **ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURE**

1. 1. The meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman, Vice-chairman of the PAB or in their absence a delegate appointed by the Conference.
2. 2. The Provincial Conference is duly constituted if at least half of the voting delegates are present or represented (proxy is acceptable). If the provincial Conference is not properly constituted, then a new provincial Conference may be convened according to Article 10 with the same agenda and this provincial Conference will be properly

- constituted and competent regardless of the number of delegates present or represented.
3. 3. The Provincial Conference passes its resolutions by a simple majority of votes of the voting delegates present or represented. Resolutions to amend Statutes/Constitution however require two third majority. If there is equality in voting, the Chairman shall be permitted to make a further deciding vote.
 4. 4. Voting is carried out by show of hands, unless one third of the delegates require a secret ballot.
 5. 5. The Auditor is appointed at the Annual conference.
 6. 6. Minutes must be taken at every provincial Conference; they must be signed by the chairperson and another member of the PAB. A copy shall be forwarded to all members of the PAB.

ARTICLE 12

OTHER PROVINCIAL CONFERENCES

Special Provincial Conference

1. 1. A special conference must be called
 - (a) by decision of the PAB
 - (b) if at least one-third of the FULL members entitled to vote request such a meeting in writing stating the reason.
2. 2. The Special Provincial conference must be convened immediately when there is a need within fourteen 14 days' notes period.
3. 3. The Special Provincial Conference has the same rights as the Annual Provincial Conference in terms of decision-making.

Provincial general meeting

1. The Provincial General Meeting will normally be convened when the need arises by the decision of the PAB.
2. The meeting must be covered as set out in article 10.
3. The General Meeting will have the same rights as the Annual Provincial Conference, but will primarily function as a "working meeting"

ARTICLE 13

POSTAL BALLOTS

In isolated cases, the PAB may elicit written opinions from members. This does not apply to amendments to the STATUTES failure to reply is regarded as abstention. If there is equality in voting the motion is regarded as lost. A postal ballot is valid provided that at least one third of the membership has participated in the voting.

ARTICLE 14

PAB

1. 1. The PAB shall consist of:
 - a. a. The Chairman
 - b. b. The Vice-chairman
 - c. c. The General Secretary
 - d. The assistant Secretary
 - e. The Treasurer
 - f. The P.R.O
 - g. g. The development Officer
 - h. h. The Administration Officer
 - i. i. The membership Secretary
 - j. j. 5 delegates from each region, which is constituted, by 2 delegates from regional executive committee and 1 delegate from each District Municipality. With the exception of those Regions which comprise of less than or more than three districts.
 - k. k. 1 delegate from each associate member.
1. l. A total of three delegates from the commission(s).
2. 2. Successful candidates to the PAB shall be those obtaining the

- greatest number of votes.
- c. c. If there is a tie between two or more candidates, a second election shall be held.
 - d. d. If a tie still exists, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
3. Only delegates who are members in good standing of FEDANSA can be elected to the PAB.
 4. If the office of any PAB member becomes vacant, the PAB may appoint a successor to that office to hold until the next Provincial Conference.

ARTICLE 15

MANAGEMENT AND REPRESENTATION

1. 1. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, PAB Secretary, Treasurer and Development Officer constitute the PAB Executive. The PAB Executive, in conjunction with the PAB, is empowered to make any decisions, which is not specifically received for the PAB under the statutes. A majority vote is required for the decision to be effected. The elected office bearers of the PAB shall constitute the PAB Executive.
2. 2. The General Secretary is in charge of the PAB office and acts according to the Chairman's instructions.
3. 3. The PAB has the right to appoint and/ or co-opt Directors or sub committees for special events/functions.
4. 4. The PAB shall appoint representatives from their ranks to represent them at the Provincial Dancesport Committee meeting and any other meeting.
5. 5. The PAB shall appoint delegates to the National Conference of FEDANSA, in terms of FEDANSA's constitution.

ARTICLE 16

WORK OF THE PAB

1. 1. Meetings of the PAB shall only be convened if more than half the members can attend. Traveling expenses for such meetings shall be paid as far as possible from PAB funds.
2. 2. In order to be valid, decisions of the PAB require a simple majority. The results of any vote must be made known to all members of the PAB without delay.
3. 3. When acting on behalf of a specific Region, PAB members are to place regional motions on table, but are expected thereafter to make recommendations and decisions for the good of the Province as a whole and not purely to the benefit of the represented regional council.

ARTICLE 17

POWERS OF THE PAB

1. 1. The PAB may discontinue membership of Regions failing to pay their subscriptions for any one financial year despite two written notices.
2. 2. The PAB will take action against the Region or any of its members who bring FEDANSA or DanceSport into dispute or violate the Constitution or the Rules. In such cases the PAB may: -
 - a. a. Reprimand a member
 - b. b. For a limited time prohibit a member from the organizing of, or participating in any FEDANSA involving activity or the participation of offending member's couples in all such activities /competitions i.e. suspension.
 - c. c. Force the resignation of a member.
3. 3. The member may bring appeals against such decision by the PAB to the National

- Presidium of FEDANSA, the decision of which shall be final subject to Article 6.
4. 4. The PAB may RE-INSTATE a person to amateur status. This must be referred to FEDANSA National.
 5. 5. The PAB shall be the only body that is empowered to select the Provincial teams or award Provincial colors. This particularly refers to selection for Provincial representation.
 6. 6. The PAB shall have the authority to make decisions on matters not covered by these Statutes.
 7. 7. Election of the Regions shall be held under the supervision of the PAB.

ARTICLE 18

FINANCES

1. 1. The accounts will be managed by the Treasurers (Provincial & Regional), who must keep the books of account in respect of receipts and payments, and in keeping with good accounting procedures.
2. 2. The Treasurer must present the relevant financial reports at every Annual Provincial Conference. This report must be approved and signed by the FEDANSA Auditor prior to every Annual Provincial Conference.
3. 3. An Auditor must be appointed annually at an Annual Conference.

ARTICLE 19

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 1. The PAB is governed by FEDANSA Rules and Regulations in the following categories: -
 - a. a. Financial Regulations
 - b. b. Competition Rules
 - c. c. Rules of adjudication
 - d. d. Regulations for television advertising and sponsorship
 - e. e. General Rules
 - f. f. Provincial Supplementary Rules
2. 2. These Rules and Regulations are not an integral part of the Constitution and are compiled as a separate document.
3. 3. Amendments may be made in writing according to Article 13 or by a simple majority vote at a FEDANSA Provincial Conference.

ARTICLE 20

LIQUIDATION/DISSOLUTIONS

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1. 1. The dissolution of PAB may be decided only by a Provincial Conference called specifically for the purpose and requires a two-thirds majority; subject to at least two thirds of the delegates being present or represented. If these requirements are not met, a new Provincial Conference must be convened for the same purpose and can validly decide on dissolution by a simple majority vote, regardless of the number of delegates present.
 2. 2. In the event of the PAB being dissolved or its objects becoming invalid, its assets will, after first having settled its liabilities, be assigned to FEDANSA National to be held in trust until the Province can form a new body
 3. 3. No monies resulting from such dissolution shall being paid to members of the PAB.

ARTICLE 21

OFFICIAL VIEWS

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1. 1. The official language of the PAB shall be English.
 2. 2. Should any questions arise as to the interpretation of the Statutes/Constitution Rules and Regulation of the PAB - the PAB's interpretation will be binding subject to confirmation if necessary at duly constituted Provincial Conference.

ARTICLE 22

JURISDICTION

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This constitution is binding to all Regions, clubs and individual members including where: -

1. Member region or club does not have a constitution.
2. Regional or club constitution lacks congruency with provincial constitution and policies.
3. 3. Difference of opinion arises regarding interpretation of certain clauses in the regional constitution.

ARTICLE 23

Unrecognised Structures

- 22.1. 22.1. Any association, federation, **REGION**, club, studio, university or any other structure having any connection to, or relationship with dancesport **STRUCTURE** which is formed without the consent of FEDANSA or the Provincial or Regional member or associate member having jurisdiction over the area concerned shall be deemed to be an unrecognised structure.
- 22.2. 22.2. Any person, club, studio, school, college, technikon, university, **REGION** or association having any connection to, or membership with any such unrecognised structure shall be guilty of misconduct and shall be refused participation in all amateur dance sport **EVENTS** under the jurisdiction of FEDANSA and all of its members and their affiliates until such time as such person, club, studio, school, college, technikon, university, **REGION** or association is no longer a member of such unrecognised structure.
- 22.3. 22.3. No person club, studio, school, college, technikon, university, **REGION** or association shall be allowed to become a member of FEDANSA **OR PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS OF FEDANSA** or its members and affiliates if such person, club, studio, school, college, technikon, university, **REGION** or association is a member of an unrecognised structure.

ARTICLE 24

INDEMNITY

- Executive member /Office bearers and any other elected /mandated persons may not be legally held responsible in their personal capacity while acting /discharging their official responsibilities to the federation and Dancesport, as long as they act within the parameters of the Constitution Rules and code of conduct of FEDANSA.

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