



**Dance Department**

Technical Delegate

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## General FAQs – Dance Contest (Version 1 08/18/16)

### **Is this a competition or is this a performance?**

It's called a contest, so it is a competition.

There will be a dance show in the closing ceremony and we might ask dance contestants to participate. Please wait for further information.

### **What categories do you have at the contest?**

Solo: Just one athlete

Duo or couple: 2 people, great for unified

Crews: minimum of 4 dancers, maximum of 12 dancers, great for unified (more than 50% must be athletes with special needs)

### **How can we register for the dance contest?**

You have to fill out the "DanceNominationForm 2017" and send it to [dancing@austria2017.org](mailto:dancing@austria2017.org).

### **Are dancers allowed to wear costumes and use accessories for their performances?**

Proper dance costumes are allowed. The use of accessories such as hats, glasses, chairs, balls etc. must be requested during nomination process. After review, we will let you know our decision.

### **What kind of music can we use?**

You can use any genre which matches your performance. Make sure you provide your mp3 file within timeline.

### **How long are we supposed to perform?**

Solo: 1:00 – 1:10 minutes

Duo or couple: 1:00 – 1:10 minutes

Crews: 1:30 – 1:40 minutes

### **Will we have a rehearsal at the venue?**

Contestants and their coaches will definitely have time to check out the stage and their music/sound right before the contest. If time allows, dancers will be able to rehearse their routines in full length.

### **How will this be financed?**

If dancers are not officially registered in any other winter sport with a delegation team, they will have to take care of all their expenses (flights, accommodation, transportation etc.).

In other sports, most teams have set fund raising events.



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**Also, is there a chance the special needs individuals would have to fund their own expenses?**

It's very common athletes setting up fund raisings to cover their expenses.

**What are the dates in March 2017?**

The contest will be on 03/22.

**When are dancers required to be in Austria?**

Latest arrival should be 03/20. Last event is on 03/24 (closing ceremony with a 3 min LaBlast dance show). So earliest departure could be on 03/25.

**Would any donated funds cover the cost of a family member of a special needs person who would be there to supervise the special needs person?**

No, unfortunately not. Generally, all family members take care of their own expenses.

**What is the age range of the individuals that can participate in the Special Olympics?**

Any age from 8 years.

**In which hotel will dancers be staying?**

There are many hotels occupied by athletes. It's too early to say where people will stay. Definitely in Graz.

**Will you be able to arrange for dance teams to lodge all team members together?**

We will help you to find proper hotels.

**Do you think it is feasible to have all members of a dance team lodge at the same place or very nearby?**

Yes.

**What is the name of the city where dancers teams will be competing?**

Dance contest and closing ceremony will be in GRAZ!

**Does Special Olympics have a program provider that will be in Austria? Will the provider be at the airport when we get there to take us to the hotel?**

We do have a delegation service team, which helps with transportation in Austria in general. We will try to cover dancer's transportation between airport Graz and hotels. It's uncertain, please wait for further information.



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**Are dance instructors required to get certified as Special Olympics Coaches (8 weeks training)?**

No! Not yet.

**I was told that passports will have to be valid until 10/2017. Is that correct?**

Please check that on your end.

**How long would you expect the dancers will actually compete (1 or 2 days ?)**

The dance contest is just on one day. Depending on the final number of contestants we might have a divisioning event the day before the contest. Divisioning ensures that athletes will be competing against other athletes of equal ability.

**During the actual competition are we able to lead them and perform with them on stage or do they perform alone without us leading?**

Coaches can stand either on one side ON stage or sit in front of their group OFF stage. This will be certain as soon as we know the final stage set up.