

## World Dance Council

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## Dear competitors!

For one year by now Rudi Trautz and me, as the medical advisor and physician, are responsible for the anti doping procedures according to WADA standards within the WDC. This includes the doping tests during WDC tournaments, which we started in 2012. We are very happy, that all samples showed negative results.

My wife Inna Minkova, who assists me during the doping tests, and I do not in the first line feel as a controlling anti doping police, but as partners for you, the competitors. All of the competitors tested by us have been very content with the testing procedure and our way of communication.

Nevertheless we have a serious task and we think it is in everyone's interest, that those tests are taking place in order to detect use of doping agents.

The list of medicaments or drugs, listed by WADA, contains a huge number of drugs, which are prohibited. Some competitors however suffer certain diseases, which make necessary a regular medication with drugs listed by the WADA. In these cases a therapeutical exemption can be granted by me as the responsible physician. To get a therapeutical exemption you can contact me by e-mail or phone and we then can discuss, how to proceed and which documents should be sent to me. I want to point out, that it is in your personal interest to get a therapeutical exemption, because it can only be granted in advance of possible doping tests. Once you are sorted out for a doping test it will be too late to tell me what medication you have to take regularly or over a certain period of time. So do not hesitate to contact me if you are in doubt about medication. If you suffer acute diseases or injuries and you have to take medicaments listed by the WADA you will also have to contact me in order to avoid problems after analysis of the samples.

As a physician I am not allowed to give medical information to anyone, even to Rudi Trautz as the doping commissioner. He will only be informed, which athletes have got a therapeutical exemption. My wife works as a Laboratory physician and is therefore also not allowed to give any information.

If there should be a possible language bareer you can also send requests or information in Russian or Ukrain, as Inna is born and grown up in Kiev and will perform the translation for me.

I am looking forward to meet many of you at the next tournaments and want to encourage you to contact me in any case you are not sure what to do concerning medical problems or a necessary medication.

With kind regards

Dr. Andreas Schwab