



**WSF Salsa — World Salsa
Organization Sanctioned Event
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1. PURPOSE OF THE MANUAL

This manual establishes the official requirements, standards, and procedures for an event to be recognized as an World Salsa Federation Sanctioned Event and included in the World Ranking Program.

Its purpose is to ensure competitive integrity, transparency, safety, and uniformity across all World Salsa Federation -recognized events.

2. LEVELS OF SANCTIONING Level 1 — Premier Highest category. Requires 100% World Salsa Federation -certified judges, full ranking points, mandatory audit.

Level 1 — Premier/Top-tier category. Requires judges who are 100% certified by the United States Salsa Federation; full scoring and mandatory auditing apply.

Level 2 — Professional Requires 70% certified judges, partial ranking points, optional audit.

Level 3 — Regional / Local Requires 40% certified judges, basic ranking points, no audit.

3. REQUIREMENTS / REQUISITOS

Promoters must submit documentation, apply **World Salsa Federation** rules, use certified judges, and maintain transparency.

4. OFFICIAL CATEGORIES

Includes Salsa divisions, and special categories such as Shines, Musicality, Improvisation.

5. SCORING SYSTEM Judges evaluate technique, timing, execution, difficulty, stage presence, synchronization, creativity.

6. FLOOR RULES Minimum floor sizes, safe surfaces, proper lighting.

7. MUSIC RULES

Duration requirements, accepted formats, prohibited content.

8. COMPETITOR

Cabaret lift rules, costume safety, medical presence for Premier and Professional events.

9. USE OF World Salsa Federation BRANDING

Promoters may use official logos and seals; altering branding is prohibited.

10. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

Results must be submitted within 48 hours.

11. AUDIT

World Salsa Federation may audit results, videos, judges, and rule compliance.

12. LOSS OF SANCTIONING Sanctioning may be revoked for rule violations, uncertified judges, fraud, or safety issues.

13. RENEWAL / RENOVACION

Events must reapply annually.

14. BENEFITS

World recognition, ranking eligibility, certified judges, promotion.

15. CONTACT

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