

# **KOREAN OPEN 2025 Code of Conduct**

The Korean Open WCS Championships is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. We ask you to abide by the following code of conduct. We reserve the right to handle any violations of this code as we deem necessary, which may include ejection from the event without a refund. We also reserve the right to refuse admission for any reason. All decisions are at the discretion of the Event Directors, Sungjae Byun and Heejung Jung and are final.

## **1. Treat Others With Respect.**

As a highly multicultural event, we want everyone to feel comfortable attending our event, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, physical appearance, ability, ethnicity, religion, nationality, or any other personal circumstance.

Social dancing should always feel safe. You are entitled to:

- Choose who you want to dance with.
- Choose whether to lead, follow, or switch roles during the dance (if your partner agrees).
- Choose to change partners for the next dance, dance again with the same partner, or take a break.

If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, touches you inappropriately, or hurts you, it is okay to say “no” or “stop.” You have the right to turn down an invitation to dance, or to stop dancing with someone who mistreats you or ignores your wishes. You do not have to give a reason.

If someone says “no” or “stop” to you, honor their request. Never pressure anyone to act against their own feelings. If someone turns down your invitation to dance, move on. If someone refuses several invitations to dance, stop asking and move on.

Unless someone specifically asks for feedback, never offer unsolicited advice, teaching, criticism, or comments about physical appearance or dance technique at ANY TIME during the event. In workshops, feel free to ask the teacher instead.

Be polite to our dance pros, event staff, volunteers, and hotel personnel. Please comply cheerfully with their requests and thank them for their service. We also share the hotel with other guests, so please keep noise to a minimum at night in hallways, the lobby, and other shared spaces.

## **2. No harassment of any kind**

Harassment can be for many reasons and take many forms. At our event, the why or the how doesn't matter—harassment is not acceptable here.

Any offensive comments, hostile communications (online or offline), sexual propositions, unwelcome photography/videography, unwanted physical contact, physical intimidation, stalking, verbal abuse, disruption of workshops or competitions, or other harassment will not be tolerated.

**If you experience harassment during our event, or notice that someone else is being harassed, please contact a member of our event staff right away, so that we can help put a stop to it. We will do our best to deal with the issue as soon as possible. If you wish to remain anonymous or want to submit virtually, you can utilize our reporting form:**

<https://forms.gle/aUX9fSFUrWJCyqv27>

### 3. Help keep others safe

We all love trying new dance patterns and movements but be mindful of the inherent risk of injury. Any movement that increases the danger of hurting your partner (or other dancers) makes for unsafe dancing.

Avoid forceful movements that could cause an injury by yanking or jerking your partner, or making your partner move before they are ready. Avoid lifts, drops, or other dramatic weight-supported moves that your partner may not be prepared for. You never know when someone might be nursing an injury. You also don't know when your "tricks" could accidentally cause those issues for someone.

Be mindful of other dancers around you to avoid accidental collisions and potential injuries. Be especially careful when the dance floor gets crowded.

If anyone near you falls or is injured, please offer immediate assistance and check if they are okay. If you see that someone needs medical attention, contact a member of our staff immediately, or call the hotel operator and ask for the medical first response team. **The emergency number in Korea is 119. If you need help, find a nearby Korean for assistance.**

#### **4. Be a good citizen and guest**

Dancers of all ages and levels of ability will be at our event. You can help grow our dance community by welcoming beginners and dancing with everyone.

Don't solicit our attendees for any cause or sell any goods or services if you have not received approval to do so from event staff. Do not steal or damage items from your fellow attendees.

Do not attempt to sneak into the event without paying. Do not give alcohol to minors. Wear appropriate dance shoes. We are renting the floor, so we need to keep it in good condition.

**Drug laws are very strict in Korea.** Please do not bring any kind of drugs or paraphernalia into the country. Cigarettes are legal, but please find designated smoking areas. If you choose to drink alcohol, please drink responsibly. If your behavior under the influence of alcohol affects others, it may be considered harassment and will be handled accordingly.

We will report offenders to hotel staff (or the police), if necessary. We will ask hotel security to remove anyone who appears to be intoxicated that could be a danger to others, or who engages in disorderly or destructive behavior. Those who cause property damage will be personally liable.

**Video Recording & Photography:** Our event includes official filming and photography, and by attending our event, you are providing permission to share images/videos publicly and for promotional purposes. (If you are uncomfortable with this, please contact our event staff in advance, and we will do our best to not include you in public materials.) Personal recording is also welcome, but please seek permission before posting content including others publicly.

#### 4. Workshop Etiquette.

Everyone is here to learn. Be kind to each other! Do not provide feedback to partners unless specifically asked. If something's not working, feel free to ask the teacher.

The incredible instructors at Korean Open prepare workshops appropriate to level. We highly recommend taking the workshops at the level designated (based on your WSDC level.)

However, if you DO NOT qualify, you can still “experience” that class if there's space, but please follow the following guidelines.

To experience the class

1. DO NOT enter the regular rotation.
2. If there is space on the dance floor, you may use a small corner. Bring your own partner to practice or practice solo.
3. Please refrain from asking questions.
4. You can also sit in the ballroom and take notes, and feel free to video the recap.
5. Unfortunately, Level 4 workshops are not open to non-All-Star Champion Dancers. These level 4 classes are ‘closed door’, in other words; you must actually qualify to be in the room.

There will be **NO LEVEL TEST** this year.

Please follow the above rules. If we find out you are breaking these rules, (entering the rotation or asking questions in workshops you are not qualified for) you will be asked to leave, and may be banned from experiencing other workshops.

Have questions or need help? Contact us:

Email: [wcsinkorea@gmail.com](mailto:wcsinkorea@gmail.com)

Phone: Contact person, Nadia Qutaishat: +8210-9216-1755

Incident Reporting Form: <https://forms.gle/aUX9fSFUrWJCyqv27>

**Disclaimer:** The event staff reserves the right to remove the event or disqualify from competition any person (or persons) who present(s) potential harm, danger or disruption to themselves or anyone around them WITHOUT A REFUND.