To all participants in the IDO World Ballet, Jazz and Modern Championships 2016:

Dear dancers, trainers, choreographers, team captains and supporters from dance nations all over the world,

we are happy to welcome you to this year's IDO World Championships in Wetzlar – the second time after 2012 to have this outstanding event in Germany.

After the official registration deadline ended on September 25th, we are proud that 27 nations from 4 continents subscribed to come to Wetzlar – we are very much looking forward to seeing you soon!

With this letter and information package you'll receive many interesting information about and around the competitions.

The following information is listed in alphabetic order:

Admission wristbands for dancers/free pass holders

All dancers, coaches, trainers etc. will receive an admission wristband that they are asked to wear at any time and which allows to enter and to exit the dance hall at any time when open to the public.
Spare wristbands are available at the check-in counter, replacing an existing wristband. A fee of 150 Euros will be charged for lost wristbands.

Check-in / Check-out at the dance hall:

The check-in counter for the Team Captains (only) will be open:

Stadthallen Wetzlar:
Oct 22nd: pre-check-in for ballet competitions 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Oct 23rd: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Oct 24th: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Rittal Arena:
Oct 24th: pre-check-in 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Oct 25th – Oct 30th: 8:00 a.m. – end of competition days

Cloak room

In both venues will be a limited space for dressing only. At Rittal Arena some dressing rooms will have the countries name posted on it. Please do not take these signs off the door.

We advise you that there won't be a guarded cloak room to store your belongings (jackets, bags etc.) The organizer does not assume liability for lost or damaged personal belongings.

Dance Floors / Warm Up Area

In both halls, there will be one dance floor on which the competitions are held. There are no competitions on different dance floors at the same time.

In Stadthallen, the warm-up area is located in front of the dance room (Hall 3) and has direct connection to the competition floor.
In Rittal Arena, the warm-up area is located behind the competition floor and separated by a curtain.

The dance floors have the following dimensions:

Stadthallen	Black PVC flooring	size: 14m (length) x 20 m (width)
Rittal Arena	Black PVC flooring	size: 15m (length) x 20 m (width)

First aid

First aid is available at both venues.

Flashlights

You may take photos for private purposes, but please note that flashlights are not permitted as they might irritate the dancers. If you want to take photos, you need to purchase a photo/video license at the Info-Point. For more details, please refer to paragraph "Photo/Video".

Forum meetings

The forums will take place as follows:

- Forum Dancers: Friday, October 29th (2 dancers per nation maximum);
  11 a.m., room to be announced
- Forum Teachers: Saturday October 30th (2 dancers per nation maximum);
  11 a.m., room to be announced

Glass bottles

Glass bottles are not allowed to bring in the dance hall. At the security inspection, glass bottles will be collected. You are welcome to bring your plastic bottles along with you!

Insurance

With their official enrollment, all participating countries, federations and/or dancers, assure that they hold valid health and accident insurances. The organizer will not be liable for any accidents. Please be aware, that the German health system does not allow doctors or hospitals to treat anybody without insurance or payment in cash. Make sure your insurance policy is available and can be proven by any document.

Liability

We don't take liability for loss or damage for any of your personal belongings or valuables. We recommend to leave valuables in the hotel safe and to only carry the money you need during the day.

Live Stream

There will be live stream broadcast for those who cannot come to Wetzlar but still want to see their favorite competitions. For further information, please refer to our website:

http://www.wm-jmd.de/livestreamen.php

Locations

There will be two venues for these World Champs:

Venue: Sunday 1 and Monday (Oct 23rd/24th)
Stadthallen Wetzlar
Brühlsbachstraße 2b, 35578 Wetzlar

Venue: Tuesday, Wed, Thurs, Friday Sat, Sun 2 (Oct 25th – Oct 30th)
Rittal Arena
Wolfgang-Kühle-Str. 1, 35576 Wetzlar

Music for your performances

The music for your performances needs to be on CD, one piece per performance. In your welcome package, you'll receive stickers carrying the category and start number. Please fix these stickers on your CD. All the CDs need to submitted at the Music Corner directly after checking-in. Deadline for submitting the music is 8:30 am in the morning of the day the competition will start. Please have a back-up CD and eventually save your music on mobile device and USB stick additionally.

Opening hours of venues

As there are differences day by day, please check the detailed schedule of the requested day.
Rittal Arena opens mostly at

08:00 a.m. for all dancers, trainers….
08:15 a.m. for visitors, spectators
08:30 a.m. start of rehearsals

The venues will close 45 minutes after the last competition/price giving ceremony.

Parade of Nations

A Parade of Nations will take place on nearly every late afternoon/evening as we want to give everyone the opportunity to participate. The very official Parade of Nations with speeches will be on Saturday!
Please refer to the timetables published in the venues to find out exact time. Don't forget your national flags for the parades!

Parking

There is a public paid parking at Stadthallen for individual vehicles. There is limited space for coaches at Stadthallen, so that you should expect to stop for getting off the bus only.

Parking at Rittal Arena is provided from the shopping mall (Forum Wetzlar) which is located in direct neighbourhood to the venue. Also, parking needs to be paid for at the vending machines. We recommend to leave your own cars with the hotel and to use public transport to get to the venue (see public transport).
There is limited parking for coaches close to Rittal Arena – please refer to the Info-Point for further information.

Photos/Videos

There will be a professional photographer as well as a video service offering high-quality photos and videos that you may purchase on site.

However, if you want to take your own photos/videos for private use, you may do so as long as you buy your personal photo/video license at the Info-Point.

License for 1 day = 20 EUR

License for 8 days = 75 EUR

Our staff in the audience area is asked to advise you to stop taking films/photos, if you don't carry a license.

Public transport in Wetzlar

Citybus Wetzlar allows comfortable commuting between Wetzlar city centre, the venue and your hotel in Wetzlar. This is a circle line for 50 cents (one-way) only.
Citybus departs all 30 minutes:
Monday to Friday from 10am to 7pm
Saturday from 10am to 3pm
(Last departure at 6:40pm or 2:40pm respectively)

Please be aware: Citybus has a capacity of appr. 30 seats, meaning it is not suitable for the transport of large groups of people at the same time.
The routing of Citybus Wetzlar is shown in this map: www.wetzlar.de.

Also, Wetzlar city centre and historic old town can be reached by a nice walk along the Lahn river – it will take you just 20 minutes.

Rehearsals

We ask that all countries to share the space and time reserved for Warm-up and rehearsal. Please respect each country that is rehearsing. Please do not dominate the rehearsal and warm-up area – we must all share. Thank you in advance for your respect and courtesy shown to dancers worldwide.

Schedule of competitions

The pre-final schedule is published on the organizer's website:
http://www.wm-jmd.de/schedule.php

Please be aware that the schedule can be changed at short notice upon discretion of the chairman. All dancers are requested to be ready to dance at least 45 minutes before their published start time.

There will be a call point at the warm-up area. Dancers have to present themselves at this volunteer to show their readiness to dance latest when the actual round starts.

Seats for dancers/free pass holders

The IDO World Champs in Wetzlar are glad to have gained a high number of spectators for almost every day. On some days, we expect to have 1,000 spectators! With purchasing their ticket, these spectators have bought the right for a specific seat. We ask all your dancers to free up those seats immediately if required.

For all dancers we have reserved a special area where they can watch the competitions at any time – free seating.

Security

Because of the high numbers of dancers and spectators from all over the world, there will be security staff in the hall. All participants are advised to follow instructions of security. For the fair treatment of everybody participating, theft or damage will be reported to the police immediately.

We will also have security checks at the entrance. We ask for your understanding if therefore delays may occur at the entrance. Furthermore please accept the following guidelines:

- Please refrain from taking larger bags and backpacks into the venues. Smaller bags and backpacks may be checked by the security staff at the entrance.
- It is forbidden to take meals or drinks with you. Exceptions are those for small children up to the age of 6 and if necessary in case of need to individual health conditions.
- If taking large photo cameras with you, you may be asked to show their functional capability at random.

Sightseeing in Wetzlar

Wetzlar is a very attractive town, offering lots of opportunities for shopping, sightseeing, eating……

In the lobby of both venues you will find a choice of brochures and maps provided by the tourist information office of Wetzlar.

Or go in advance on the organizer's website: http://www.wm-jmd.de/wetzlaren.php

Shopping/Supermarket

There is a shopping mall called "Forum Wetzlar" in direct neighborhood to Rittal Arena. In this mall, you'll find food, a big supermarket, a pharmacy, cash machines and of course all kinds of different shops. Opening hours are:
Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (please note that shops are closed on Sundays).

Smoking

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas inside the venues. Smokers are asked to go outside.

Spectators

Supporters not carrying a free admission wristband need to purchase a ticket. Tickets may be purchased online, using the following link:
http://www.wm-jmd.de/ticketsen.php

Tickets are sold at both venues however only for those days in the specific venues (e.g. at Stadthallen you will not be able to by tickets for the upcoming days at Rittal Arena). At Rittal Arena every day of the competitions, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the morning – however we cannot guarantee that tickets in your preferred seating area are available.

We do recommend to buy your tickets in advance. 8-days-tickets are available online and at the box office of Rittal Arena (however not at the box office of Stadthallen Wetzlar).

Tickets for Stadthallen may be purchased at Stadthallen on Sunday, 23rd and Monday, 24th. Please be aware that 8-day-ticket are valid for both venues, Stadthallen and Rittal Arena.

When you enter the dance hall for the first time, your ticket will be voided and you'll receive an admission wristband that you need to wear for the period of your ticket's validation. The admission wristband allows to leave and re-enter the venue at any time during this period/day. Please keep your ticket in order to find your seat number!

Stand-by areas:

Beside the warm-up area is much more space to relax and sit than in dressing rooms. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the dressing rooms and the stand-by area in a clean and orderly manner.

Video

There is an official video company taking films of all competitions. The films are for sale in the lobby of the venue. However, if you want to take your own videos for private use, you may so as long as you buy your personal photo/video license at the Info-Point.

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Last word: Sportmanship

We would like all Team Captains to encourage their dancers and trainers to show respect to all dancers and coaches. If you really like a performance on the stage please show your appreciation. These dancers are the future of IDO and we want them to embrace dance as a friendly, fun, healthy and as unified IDO dancers worldwide.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask!

Best regards,
Your Organization Team of IDO World Championships 2016