

Terms of Service for Competition Organisers

1. Definitions and Scope

1.1. Platform means the Yafers service available at <https://yafers.org>. Platform Operator means IE Mikhail Iniashev. Organiser means a person or organisation using the Platform to create, publish or administer an Irish dance competition. Participant or Dancer means a person registered for a competition through the Platform. Legal Representative means a parent, guardian or other person legally authorised to act for a minor Participant. Teacher means a teacher or school representative registering or supporting dancers. WIDA means the World Irish Dance Association. Unlock Admin Fee means the WIDA fee payable directly to WIDA in connection with registration or unlocking registration functionality. Competition Fee means a fee set by the Organiser for participation in competition categories, dances or related event services.

1.2. The Platform Operator provides Organisers with technical functionality for creating competition pages, describing categories and schedules, receiving and managing registrations, generating participant lists and reports, accessing competition-specific participant data through a protected interface, and recording or importing results where functionality allows.

1.3. The Organiser is responsible for the competition itself, including venue, safety, rules, adjudicators, examiners, secretariat, volunteers, permits, insurance, participant communications, Competition Fees, refunds and local compliance.

2. Acceptance

2.1. An Organiser accepts these Terms by creating an Organiser account, creating a competition, publishing a competition, receiving registrations or using Organiser functionality.

2.2. Acceptance includes the Privacy Policy, Cookie Policy and all platform rules for handling participant data.

3. Fees and Financial Responsibilities

3.1. The Unlock Admin Fee related to participant registration is payable directly to WIDA and is not payable to, or revenue of, the Platform Operator.

3.2. Any separate fee charged to an Organiser for optional Platform services, event use, support, custom setup, payment processing or other services must be shown in the Platform, invoice, order form or separate written agreement before it becomes payable.

3.3. The Organiser sets and is responsible for Competition Fees unless the checkout page clearly identifies another recipient.

3.4. If the Platform enables online payment of Competition Fees, the Organiser remains responsible for event-related payment rules, refund rules, tax treatment, participant communications and compliance obligations connected with those Competition Fees.

3.5. The Platform Operator does not store full card numbers, CVV/CVC codes or PINs. Payment providers process payment data under their own terms and privacy notices.

4. Competition Responsibilities

4.1. The Organiser must run the competition in accordance with applicable law, venue rules, WIDA rules where applicable, published competition rules, syllabus, safeguarding obligations, safety requirements and these Terms.

4.2. The Organiser is responsible for actual conduct of the competition, venue booking, accessibility and safety, qualified adjudicators, examiners, scorers, secretariat, volunteers and contractors, accuracy of categories, rounds, schedules, programmes, results and published materials, communication of changes, cancellation or postponement, collection, accounting and refunding of Competition Fees, participant complaints related to the event, and protection of personal data after export, printout or disclosure to event personnel.

4.3. If a competition is cancelled, postponed or materially changed, the Organiser must promptly notify Participants, Legal Representatives, Teachers, WIDA where applicable and the Platform Operator.

5. Refunds and Cancellation

5.1. Refunds of Competition Fees are the Organiser's responsibility. The Organiser must publish or communicate Competition Fee refund rules before payment where required by applicable law or good practice.

5.2. The Platform Operator may provide technical assistance for displaying cancellation or payment status but does not finance Competition Fee refunds.

5.3. Refunds of the Unlock Admin Fee are handled according to WIDA rules, payment provider rules and the stage of the registration.

6. Organiser Data Protection Obligations

6.1. The Organiser receives personal data only for the specific competition and must use it only for that competition unless the Organiser has a separate lawful basis.

6.2. Within the Platform, the Organiser must comply with access restrictions and platform rules. After export, printout, download, disclosure to event personnel or other processing outside the Platform, the Organiser is responsible for complying with applicable data protection law as an independent controller or other legally responsible party.

6.3. The Organiser may process participant data only for receiving and administering registrations, checking eligibility, forming categories, preparing programmes, start lists, schedules, adjudication sheets, badges, reports and results, identifying Participants, enabling event personnel to perform their roles, handling results, corrections, complaints and disputes, and reporting or transferring data to WIDA where the competition or rules require it.

6.4. The Organiser must not use participant data for unrelated marketing without a separate lawful basis, create permanent unrelated databases from Platform data, disclose data to unrelated third parties, publish date of birth, contact details, payment data or account identifiers in public materials unless legally required and proportionate, or retain working files longer than necessary.

6.5. The Organiser must restrict access to personal data to persons who need it for the event and must bind those persons to confidentiality by contract, instruction or other appropriate means.

6.6. Temporary spreadsheets, printed lists, badges, protocols and other working materials containing personal data must be securely destroyed or deleted when no longer needed, normally within 30 days after the competition unless a longer period is necessary for disputes, safeguarding, accounting, insurance, WIDA rules or legal compliance.

6.7. If the Organiser becomes aware of loss, unauthorised access, accidental disclosure, incorrect recipient disclosure, copying or other personal data incident, the Organiser must notify support@yafers.org without undue delay and take reasonable steps to limit harm.

7. Rights, Duties and Liability

7.1. The Organiser may create and administer competitions through the Platform within available functionality and must use the Platform lawfully, use participant data only as allowed by these Terms, maintain accurate competition information, handle Competition Fees and refunds responsibly, comply with applicable event, consumer, safeguarding, tax and data protection laws, and cooperate with reasonable requests from the Platform Operator, WIDA or affected users.

7.2. The Platform Operator may provide Organiser functionality, suspend or restrict access for security, non-payment, suspected misuse, data protection risk, fraud or violation of these Terms, carry out maintenance, ask the Organiser for information needed to resolve user complaints or WIDA requests, and update the Platform where this does not remove already paid and materially delivered functionality without reasonable replacement.

7.3. The Platform Operator is responsible for matters within its reasonable control, including operation of the Platform and personal data processing in its own role. The Organiser is responsible for the competition, event personnel, Competition Fees, event refunds, schedules, categories, results, safety and personal data handling outside the Platform.

7.4. Nothing in these Terms excludes liability where exclusion is not permitted by mandatory applicable law.

8. Changes, Governing Law and Disputes

8.1. The Platform Operator may update these Terms by publishing a new version on <https://yafers.org>. Material changes may require renewed acceptance where required by applicable law, by a separate written agreement or by the Platform workflow.

8.2. Subject to clauses 8.3 to 8.5, these Terms and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by the laws of the Republic of Armenia, without regard to conflict-of-law rules.

8.3. Nothing in these Terms limits or excludes any mandatory data protection, consumer, safeguarding, event safety, tax, payment, public authority, venue or other rights or obligations that cannot be waived under applicable law.

8.4. WIDA rules, WIDA registration or administration decisions, WIDA fee decisions and other matters controlled by WIDA are governed by the applicable WIDA rules and, where WIDA is the relevant contracting or decision-making party and no other law is specified by WIDA, by the laws of the Netherlands, subject to mandatory applicable law.

8.5. The Organiser remains responsible for the competition itself. Event rules, Competition Fees, refunds, cancellation, postponement, venue matters, safety, permits, insurance, tax treatment, participant communications and local event compliance may be governed by the Organiser's terms, competition rules and mandatory laws applicable to the event.

8.6. Platform-related claims should first be sent to support@yafers.org. Participant event claims may be forwarded to the Organiser where they relate to the Organiser's responsibility. WIDA-related claims may be referred to WIDA where they concern WIDA rules, WIDA administration or the Unlock Admin Fee.

8.7. For disputes with the Platform Operator, the competent courts of Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, shall have exclusive jurisdiction, unless mandatory applicable law provides otherwise.

8.8. Nothing in this section prevents any party from seeking urgent interim or injunctive relief from any competent court.

9. Platform Operator Details

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