

Yafers Privacy Policy

1. General Provisions

1.1. This Privacy Policy explains how personal data is collected, used, stored, disclosed and protected when using the Yafers platform available at <https://yafers.org>.

1.2. This Policy is intended for international use. Where the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), UK GDPR, Swiss data protection law or another privacy law applies, this Policy should be read in a way that is consistent with those mandatory rules.

1.3. For the purposes of this Policy:

- Platform means the Yafers information technology service used for Irish dance competition registration, competition administration, dancer profiles, schools, teachers, invoices and results.
- Platform Operator means the legal person or business operating Yafers, as identified in section 2.
- Controller means the party that determines the purposes and means of processing personal data.
- User means a person using the Platform, including a participant, legal representative, teacher, organiser, adjudicator, examiner, volunteer or other authorised person.
- Dancer or Participant means a person registered for an Irish dance competition through the Platform.
- Legal Representative means a parent, guardian or other person legally authorised to act for a minor participant.
- Teacher means an Irish dance teacher, school owner, school administrator or person registering dancers through a school account.
- Organiser means a person or organisation creating, publishing or administering an Irish dance competition through the Platform.
- WIDA means the World Irish Dance Association.
- Unlock Admin Fee means the platform-related WIDA fee charged in connection with registration or access to registration functionality. The Unlock Admin Fee is payable directly to WIDA and is not income of the Platform Operator.

2. Controller and Contact Details

2.1. Controller / Platform Operator:

Legal name: Individual Entrepreneur Mikhail Iniashev

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2.2. If the Platform Operator is required to appoint an EU, UK or other local representative or a data protection officer, the relevant details must be inserted here before publication.

2.3. Depending on the processing activity, Organisers and WIDA may act as independent controllers for the personal data they receive and use for their own competition, association, governance, results, qualification, audit, safeguarding, complaint-handling or disciplinary purposes.

3. Data Storage and Hosting Location

3.1. The Platform's primary databases and routine platform data processing are hosted in the Netherlands.

3.2. Technical service providers, payment providers, email providers, WIDA, Organisers, adjudicators, examiners, volunteers, venue teams and other authorised persons may access or receive personal data from other countries where this is necessary for competition administration, payment processing, support, security, legal compliance or WIDA-related administration.

3.3. Where personal data is transferred from the European Economic Area to a country that has not been recognised as providing adequate protection, the Platform Operator will use an available transfer mechanism where required, such as standard contractual clauses, appropriate contractual safeguards, an adequacy decision, explicit consent for a specific transfer, or another lawful mechanism available under applicable law.

4. Principles and Legal Bases

4.1. The Platform Operator processes personal data according to lawfulness, fairness, transparency, purpose limitation, data minimisation, accuracy, storage limitation, integrity, confidentiality and accountability.

4.2. Depending on the context, processing may be based on consent, contract performance, legal obligation, legitimate interests, protection of vital interests, or establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

4.3. Consent requested on the Platform is collected separately from acceptance of platform terms where required. The Platform may record the date, time, account, IP address, document version, checkbox text and other technical evidence of consent.

4.4. For minors, consent or authorisation must be given by a Legal Representative unless applicable law permits the minor to act alone and the Platform has enabled that scenario. As a platform rule, users under 18 must not create an account or self-register without the involvement and authorisation of a Legal Representative.

5. Categories of Data Subjects and Data

5.1. The Platform may process data of Users, Legal Representatives, Dancers, Teachers, school owners, school administrators, Organisers, organiser representatives, adjudicators, examiners, scorers, secretariat members, volunteers and website visitors.

5.2. Users and Legal Representatives: name, email address, phone number if provided, account data, consent records and payment metadata for WIDA fees or competition fees. Full card numbers, CVV/CVC codes and PINs are not stored by the Platform.

5.3. Dancers and Participants: name, date of birth or age category, school, teacher, city, region or country where used for competition administration, dance level, registered competitions, disciplines, rounds, categories, entries, competition history, results, placings, marks, registration status, payment status and invoice metadata.

5.4. Teachers: name, email address, phone number, school name, school address, qualification, teaching experience, professional biography if voluntarily provided, students registered or managed through the Platform, consent confirmations and audit records.

5.5. Organisers: name and contact details, organisation name, business address, registration number, tax/VAT information and payment details where applicable, competition history, invoices, reports and platform activity records.

5.6. Appointed persons: name, contact details, role, appointment, qualification, access permissions, actions performed in the Platform and competition-related assignments.

5.7. Website visitors: cookies and similar identifiers, IP address, user agent, referrer, timestamps, security logs and cookie consent choices.

6. Purposes of Processing

6.1. Personal data is processed for creating and maintaining accounts, registering dancers, forming age and level categories, providing Organisers with registration data, providing WIDA with data required for WIDA-related administration, generating schedules and competition materials, processing results, processing the Unlock Admin Fee payable to WIDA, processing Competition Fees payable to Organisers where enabled, issuing invoices and confirmations, support, dispute handling, security, fraud prevention, audit logs, legal compliance and aggregated or anonymised analytics.

7. Automated Processing

7.1. The Platform does not make decisions based solely on automated processing that produce legal effects or similarly significant effects for users.

7.2. The Platform may automatically sort registrations into age, level, discipline or competition categories based on data entered by Users, Teachers or Organisers. Organisers remain responsible for checking eligibility and correcting obvious errors where required.

8. Retention Periods

8.1. Account data is stored while the account remains active and for a reasonable period after closure where needed for audit, dispute, security, accounting or legal purposes.

8.2. Dancer registration and results data may be stored for up to 5 years after the last relevant activity, unless a longer period is necessary for WIDA records, competition history, legal claims, safeguarding, accounting or mandatory legal retention.

8.3. Payment metadata may be stored for up to 7 years, or another period required by applicable accounting, tax, payment or audit rules.

8.4. Consent records may be stored for up to 6 years after withdrawal or after the end of processing where necessary to demonstrate lawful processing and resolve disputes.

8.5. Security logs and audit logs are generally stored for up to 1 year, unless longer storage is required for security investigation, legal claims, incident response or compliance.

8.6. Cookie retention periods are described in the Cookie Policy.

9. Recipients and Access

9.1. Personal data may be shared with or accessed by the Platform Operator, authorised support personnel, WIDA, Organisers of the relevant competitions, Teachers and schools where they have a legitimate role, adjudicators, examiners, scorers, secretariat teams, volunteers, venue staff, printing contractors, payment providers, banks, fraud-prevention providers, hosting, database, email, security, logging, analytics and support providers, professional advisers, insurers, auditors, courts, public authorities and regulators where required.

9.2. Organisers receive access only to data relevant to the competitions they administer and only to the extent required for the competition.

9.3. Organisers must use participant data only for the specific competition and must not use it for unrelated marketing, permanent databases, unrelated events or onward disclosure unless they have their own lawful basis.

10. WIDA Data Transfer and Processing

10.1. By using the Platform for WIDA-related competitions or functions, Users acknowledge that personal data may be transferred to and processed by WIDA for purposes connected with Irish dance competition administration, WIDA rules, association records, competition recognition, results, qualification, verification, audit, reporting, complaints, safeguarding, disciplinary matters and other WIDA functions.

10.2. The data transferred to WIDA may include participant names, date of birth or age category, school, teacher, level, competition entries, results, payment metadata for the Unlock Admin Fee, registration status and related platform identifiers.

10.3. Where a minor's data is involved, the Legal Representative must consent to the transfer and processing of the minor's personal data by WIDA before registration is submitted.

10.4. WIDA may be an independent controller for the data it receives and processes for its own association, governance, competition, records or rule-enforcement purposes.

11. Organiser Processing

11.1. An Organiser may process personal data only for the relevant competition, including accepting and administering registrations, checking eligibility, preparing schedules, programmes, start lists, room lists, heat lists, adjudication sheets, badges, passes, reports and results, identifying participants during the event, enabling event personnel to perform their functions, and handling results, corrections, complaints and disputes.

11.2. Organisers must restrict access to personal data to persons who need it for the competition and must ensure confidentiality.

11.3. Temporary files, spreadsheets, printed lists and other working materials containing personal data must be destroyed or securely deleted when they are no longer needed, unless lawful retention is required for disputes, insurance, safeguarding, accounting or legal compliance.

12. Security Measures

12.1. The Platform Operator applies reasonable technical and organisational measures, including HTTPS/TLS, role-based access control, competition-based access separation for Organisers, authentication, audit logging, backups, need-to-know access restrictions, no storage of full card data by the Platform, and internal incident rules.

12.2. No online service can guarantee absolute security. Users must keep passwords confidential and notify support@yafers.org promptly if they suspect unauthorised account access.

13. Data Subject Rights

13.1. Depending on applicable law, data subjects may have the right to request access, correction, deletion, restriction, objection, withdrawal of consent, data portability, complaint to a supervisory authority and review of certain automated decisions where applicable.

13.2. Requests should be sent to support@yafers.org. The requester should provide enough information to identify the account or data concerned. The Platform Operator may request additional information to verify identity or authority, especially where the request concerns a minor.

13.3. If the request relates to data controlled by an Organiser or WIDA, the Platform Operator may forward the request to the relevant controller or ask the requester to contact that controller directly.

14. Minors

14.1. Many Irish dance participants are minors. The Platform treats children's data as requiring particular protection.

14.2. As a platform rule, a person under 18 must not independently create an account or self-register for a competition without authorisation from a Legal Representative.

14.3. Legal Representatives must ensure that the information provided about a minor is accurate and that the registration is lawful. Teachers registering minors must obtain consent or authorisation from the Legal Representative before entering the minor's data into the Platform.

14.4. Children's data is not used for unrelated marketing by the Platform.

15. Results and Public Publication

15.1. Competition results may be processed by the Platform, Organisers and WIDA to determine placings, maintain competition history, verify results, handle disputes and publish results where permitted.

15.2. Public result publication should be limited to information reasonably necessary to identify the result, such as participant name, school or teacher, category, discipline, placing, marks and competition name. Date of birth, contact details, payment details and account identifiers should not be published.

15.3. Where consent is required for publication of a minor's results, the Legal Representative must provide it.

16. Changes and Contact

16.1. The Platform Operator may update this Policy from time to time. The updated version will be published at <https://yafers.org>.

16.2. Material changes may be notified by email, in-app notice or renewed consent request where required.

16.3. Questions about this Policy or personal data processing should be sent to support@yafers.org.