



## Street Dance Association

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of *Street Dance South Africa* to express our gratitude for the professional and invaluable assistance provided by *The Guardian* through the Guardian Safeguarding and Integrity Unit (GSIU). As the National Designated Safeguarding Officer for our federation, I had the privilege of working closely with *The Guardian* team during a complex and sensitive safeguarding matter within our organization.

The Guardian's expertise in safeguarding was evident throughout the process. Their extensive knowledge and experience provided us with the confidence and reassurance necessary to address the issue effectively. The situation involved a serious allegation, which required a swift and decisive response. *The Guardian* managed the suspension of the individual in question from the national team pending an investigation, which occurred just before a national tour which created a few political hurdles. This difficult step was handled with professionalism and care, ensuring that all actions aligned with best practices in safeguarding.

Throughout the investigation and disciplinary enquiry, the team at *The Guardian* communicated with clarity and transparency, ensuring that every stage of the process was understood and supported by our federation. Their commitment to safeguarding and integrity was clear, and their ability to navigate such a sensitive situation while respecting confidentiality and due process was commendable.

In addition to their professionalism, the GSIU team displayed exceptional efficiency, guiding us through the disciplinary process with minimal disruption to our athletes and staff. Their support ensured that all necessary procedures were followed, and they were readily available to provide guidance and answer any questions we had.

I would highly recommend *The Guardian* and the GSIU to any Federation or Organisation seeking knowledgeable and reliable safeguarding services. Their contribution has been invaluable, and we are confident in their ability to continue offering first-rate support us and to organizations like ours.

Sincerely,

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