

**UK STREET  
DANCE  
CHALLENGE**

**RULES &  
CRITERIA**

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# UK STREET DANCE CHALLENGE

# EVENTS 2023

**FRI 10 - SUN 12  
FEBRUARY**

ALTON TOWERS

**SOLD OUT**



**SUN 26 FEB**

**NORTH EAST  
PETERLEE**

**SUN 12 MAR**

**NORTH WEST  
KNOWSLEY**

**SUN 26 MAR**

**SCOTLAND  
WISHAW**

**SUN 2 APR**

**SOUTH WEST  
TAUNTON**

**SUN 30 APR**

**SOUTH EAST  
KENT**

**FRI 12 - SUN 14  
MAY**

ALTON TOWERS

**SOLD OUT**



**SUN 21 MAY**

**EAST ANGLIA  
PETERBROUGH**

**SUN 11 JUN**

**WALES  
MERTHYR TYDFIL**

**SEP - DEC**

**SWINDON, ESSEX,  
STOKE-ON-TRENT  
TBC**

**FRI 10 - SUN 12  
NOVEMBER**

ALTON TOWERS



# ULTIMATE

**DANCE WEEKENDER**

**SAT 24 & SUN 25 JUN**

TELFORD  
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

UK STREET  
DANCE  
CHALLENGE

Time 2  
**Shine**  
DANCE COMPETITION



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# MEMBERSHIP

All dancers must be a member of the UK Street Dance Challenge - you can become a member free of charge by visiting our website [www.ukstreetdancechallenge.co.uk](http://www.ukstreetdancechallenge.co.uk)

Dance teachers must create a dance teacher account via our website [www.ukstreetdancechallenge.co.uk](http://www.ukstreetdancechallenge.co.uk)

Your dance school will then be added to our database, dancers are then able to add themselves as a member of your dance school. Dance teachers can register for events, order wristbands and much more from their dance teacher profile.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

All dancers, spectators and dance teachers must have their wristbands on before entering the sports hall.

Forgotten wristbands will be charged at full price, a refund will be given once these have been returned to our office.

Competitors numbers can be collected from our event registration desk, this can be found near the main entrance. Any questions on the day of the event should be directed to the event staff.

Dancers are permitted to dance in one team, one solo and with one duo partner per event. It is the responsibility of the parent, dancer or dance teacher to ensure that dancers are registered for an

event and are registered in the correct category before registration closes.

Usually the registration closes 7 days before a regional 1-day event & 14 days before a weekend competition. Any registrations/changes on the day or after registration will incur a £5 per dancer, per section penalty.

If a dancer is not in the hall at the time of their recall then we will continue the rounds and they will miss their opportunity to dance.

Seating is for spectators only, dancers should wait in the designated area as set by event staff.



# CONDUCT

**Only teachers or school officials should approach the event staff with questions during the competition. Event staff can be identified by their uniform.**

Dancers must not perform any power moves, tricks or acrobatics during solo or duo heats. These moves can only be used when dancers make the finals, as long as there is sufficient space to perform the moves safely.

We advise our judges not to recall any dancers who do not follow these rules. Costumes and dance moves performed should be appropriate for all age groups and should not include any inappropriate, sexual or explicit movements. Dancers should not touch any member of the public or the judges during their performance.

Props are permitted; however, you must be able to clear them immediately after your performance therefore glitter, water etc. must not be used.

Bags and other items should not obstruct walkways or cause any hazards which could cause injury to others. You must not approach our team of judges, MC or DJ during the event while they are working. Any questions should be directed towards our event staff.

**UK Street Dance Challenge is an organisation that focuses on creating a positive environment for everyone while providing a fun and friendly event. We encourage all dancers and spectators to support all competitors and maintain a good level of sportsmanship between one and other.**

# TICKET INFORMATION

**For our regional events of 2023, wristbands are priced at £18 per person for both dancers and spectators.**

We offer complimentary wristbands to dance teachers. These are offered on a basis of 1 teacher wristband per ten dancers participating.

We have a strict no refund policy on wristbands. An order can be amended up to 14 days before an event.

After this mark all wristbands ordered must be paid for.

If for reasons beyond our control we need to change the venue and/ or date of an event, then your ticket will still be valid and no refund will be issued.

Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis so please reserve your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.





# SOLO & DUO RULES

# AGE CATEGORIES AND ABILITIES

The following levels and age categories are offered at our events.

LEVEL:	AGE CATEGORIES						
BEGINNER	6 & under	8 & under	10 & under	12 & under	14 & under	16 & under	17 & over
INTERMEDIATE		8 & under	10 & under	12 & under	14 & under	16 & under	17 & over
ADVANCED		8 & under	10 & under	12 & under	14 & under	16 & under	17 & over

Some categories may be amalgamated at certain events at the discretion of the UK Street Dance Challenge.

## MUSIC

Music will be provided by the DJ for solos & duos. There will be a set BPM for each category, this will depend on which level you are dancing in:

BEGINNER	110BPM - 130BPM
INTERMEDIATE	100BPM - 130BPM
ADVANCED	90BPM - 130BPM

# PROCEDURE

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**The MC will call dancers to the holding area by age & their ability. Depending on the number of dancers in each category they may be split into heats by the event staff.**

Dancers will dance together on the dance floor at the same time and the judges will select the numbers which they wish to progress to the following round. The judges will move around the floor if necessary, if they are unable to see a dancer.

Dancers should wear their numbers on the front of their outfit and ensure they are secured and fully visible at all times. Safety pins will be made available by event staff.

\* Our computer algorithm may bring back more than 5 for a final on occasion.

The MC will announce recalls by the age division and category and the successful dancers will dance again. These recalls will continue until we are down to the final 5\*, who will then dance again and be placed by our judges.

Please ensure you do not miss your category. If you do miss your category, then you will be unable to dance. Event staff will check the correct category and if you are in the incorrect category you will not be allowed to dance.

The final 5 solos & duos in the advanced section will perform a dance off, each will receive the same amount of time, which is 6 counts of 8.

# GENERAL RULES

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**Dance teachers & professional dancers must dance in the advanced category. Assistant dance teachers / choreographers must dance at a minimum level of intermediate.**

Each dancer can only compete in one solo & one duo. If you enter more than once then you will be disqualified.

For duos, you must dance in the category age & ability of the oldest dancer, for example, if one dancer is 13 and they dance in beginners' section and the second dancer is 15

and they dance in advanced section, then the duo must dance in 16 & Under Advanced.

Dancers must stay in their allocated space on the dance floor.

It is the responsibility of the parent, dancer and dance teacher to ensure that dancers are registered for an event and are registered in the correct category before registration closes. Any registrations/changes on the day or after registration closes will incur and £5 per dancer per section penalty.

# JUDGING CRITERIA

**There will be 3 judges on the floors at any one time during solos & duos and they are looking for the following:**

- Interpretation of the track used
- Musicality
- Execution & movement quality
- Performance quality
- Knowledge & understanding of foundational movements

**In addition to the above criteria, when judging duos, the judges will also be looking for the following:**

- Connection & interaction with dance partner
- Synchronicity of routine.
- Creativity & Choreography

# CATEGORIES BY ABILITY

**The rules below are based on dancers competing with the UK Street Dance Challenge, working your way through the ability levels.**

If dancers have competed before or have previous experience it is at the dancers' discretion which section to compete in.

You are unable to move back to a lower ability after first competing at a higher level, for example if you enter 12 & Under Advanced the only way to move back down to Intermediate would be once you move up an age level - our system will track the incorrect category.

Once you have competed in Intermediate or Advanced, you are not permitted to dance in Beginner regardless of moving age category.

BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
<p>Beginners category is open to all dancers who have never competed with UK Street Dance Challenge.</p> <p>To be able to dance at this level you must not have won at a previous competition in the beginner category with 8 or more dancers, or placed in the top 5 with 5 or more dancers on more than 2 occasions.</p>	<p>Intermediate category is open to all dancers who have never competed with the UK Street Dance Challenge, but wish to start at this level.</p> <p>If you have won a Beginners' category with 8 or more dancers or placed in the top 5 with 5 or more dancers on more than 2 occasions, then you should enter into this category.</p> <p>Once a dancer has competed in Intermediate they are unable to move back to Beginner level.</p> <p>Assistant teachers / Assistant choreographers must enter either Intermediate or Advanced</p>	<p>Advanced category is open to all dancers who have never competed with the UK Street Dance Challenge, but wish to start at this level.</p> <p>If you have won an Intermediate category with 8 or more dancers or placed in the top 5 with 8 or more dancers on more than 2 occasions, then you should enter into this category.</p> <p>Once a dancer has competed in Advanced they are only permitted to move back to Intermediate once they move up an age section.</p> <p>Dance teachers/choreographers must enter Advanced.</p>



# TEAM RULES

# AGE CATEGORIES AND ABILITIES

The following levels and age categories are offered at our events.

LEVEL:	AGE CATEGORIES				
BEGINNER	8 & under	10 & under	14 & under	17 & under	18 & over
INTERMEDIATE		10 & under	14 & under	17 & under	18 & over
ADVANCED		10 & under	14 & under	17 & under	18 & over

Some categories may be amalgamated at certain events at the discretion of the UK Street Dance Challenge.

## MUSIC

**Music must be uploaded via the teacher's portal on the UK Street Dance Challenge website.**

The deadline for music is 7 days before a regional event and 14 days before an Alton Towers event. Failure to upload your music could result in your team being unable to dance.

Please ensure a backup is brought with you on the day. We accept no responsibility if you do not bring a backup and your uploaded track will not play.

UK Street Dance Challenge will accept no responsibility if music is not set at the correct sound level for playing. Our team will not adjust the sound levels in any way.

Your music should include the radio edits of tracks and should not include any inappropriate language or swearing.

The music should be cut to the correct time limit for the category, we allow a 4 second buffer.

**Beginner**

2 minutes

**Intermediate or Advanced**

2 minutes 30 seconds

# GENERAL RULES

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**Each crew must have a minimum of 5 dancers and a maximum of 22 dancers.**

For regional events, all crews must be registered at least 7 days before the event, for Alton Towers competitions registration closes 14 days before the event.

Each crew must have a minimum of 75% of its dancers in the age division they have entered, 25% of dancers may be 1 age division higher.

**For example** if a crew who is competing in 14 & Under have 12 members, 9 of the members (75%)

must be 14 or under the other 3 members (25%) can be either 15, 16 or 17, none of its members can be 18 or over.

The dance teacher / crew leader is responsible for registering the team into the correct age division and section. The intermediate/advanced section will be amalgamated for an age division at our discretion, depending on the amount of teams entered.

**For example** it would become 10 & Under Intermediate/Advanced. Dancers can only dance in one crew per competition.

# PENALTIES

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**The head judge is responsible for monitoring and enforcing penalties. The penalties will be deducted from your score subtotal before giving a final total score.**

**Penalties will be enforced for the following:**

**Time:** 1 mark per judge for music being over the allocated time, there is a 4 second buffer.

**Language:** 1 mark per judge for music which includes any inappropriate or offensive language.

**Costume:** 1 mark per judge for costumes which are not appropriate for all audiences.

**Movement:** 1 mark per judge for movements which are not appropriate for all audiences.

# JUDGING CRITERIA

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**Each UK Street Dance Challenge event will have a minimum of 3 judges and a maximum of 4. Each crew will be marked on the following by all judges and can gain a maximum of 50 marks per judge.**

## **Choreography**

- a) Difficulty of routine used: How well the choreography matches the music **(10 marks)**
- b) Formations and transitions: Choreographic devices **(10 marks)**

## Presentation

- c) Execution and perfection of routine/  
Synchronicity (10 marks)
- d) Performance quality (10 marks)

## Creativity

- e) Originality of routine, ideas  
and music (10 marks)

**In addition to the above 50 marks there is an additional 16 marks that can be awarded by the head judge.**

## Variety

- f) Variety of styles used  
(6 marks)(max 2 marks per style)

Our focus is on the quality of the styles used and not quantity therefore our head judge will award a maximum of 6 marks for styles used.

### The styles that we recognise are:

- Hip Hop, Popping, Locking, Krump, Dancehall, Breaking, Waacking, House, Voguing, Afro House and Litefeet
- You must show a minimum of 4 x 8 consecutively of each style to be awarded the full 2 marks, up to a maximum of 6 marks.

- You must show a minimum of 2 x 8's consecutively of each style to receive 1 mark.
- If you do less than 2 x 8's consecutively then it will not be recognised by the judges.
- 75% of the crew must perform the style to be awarded the 2 marks, if less than 75% of the crew perform the style, you will only be awarded a maximum of 1 mark, even if 4 x 8's or more are shown

- g) Execution of styles used (10 marks)

**Please note that if you score 0 for styles then you will automatically score 0 for execution of styles.**

### The scoring system is as follows:

- 0 - 2:** Below Average
- 3 - 4:** Average
- 5 - 6:** Good
- 7 - 8:** Very Good
- 9 - 10:** Excellent.

Our judges will take age & levels into account for all criteria marks.

# CATEGORIES BY ABILITY

BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
<p>Beginners category is open to all dancers who have never competed with UK Street Dance Challenge.</p> <p>To be able to dance at this level you must not have won at a previous competition in the beginner category with 8 or more teams or placed in the top 5 on more than 2 occasions.</p> <p>The maximum length of your track is 2 minutes, if you exceed this limit then you will receive a penalty.</p> <p>Your team cannot include more than 25% of dancers which compete in either intermediate or advanced for solo &amp; duo.</p>	<p>Intermediate category is open to all dancers who have never competed with the UK Street Dance Challenge, but wish to start at this level.</p> <p>If you have won beginners' category with 8 or more teams or placed in the top 5 with 5 or more teams on more than 2 occasions then you should enter into this category.</p> <p>Once a team have competed in intermediate they are unable to move back to beginner level.</p> <p>The maximum length of your track is 2 minutes 30 seconds, if you exceed this limit then you will receive a penalty.</p>	<p>Advanced category is open to all dancers who have never competed with the UK Street Dance Challenge, but wish to start at this level.</p> <p>If you have won intermediate' category with 8 or more teams or placed in the top 5 with 5 or more teams on more than 2 occasions then you should enter into this category.</p> <p>The maximum length of your track is 2 minutes 30 seconds, if you exceed this limit then you will receive a penalty.</p>

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