

Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance



2020 Rules and Regulations

1. Competing teams must have a minimum of 4 members. There is a maximum limit of 36 dancers per team.
2. Age groups for competing teams are as follows:
 - a. Tiny - age 6 and under
 - b. Mini - age 9 and under
 - c. Youth - age 12 and under
 - d. Junior - age 15 and under
 - e. Senior - age 18 and under
 - f. Adult - majority over age 18
3. The section your team enters is determined by the age of the **oldest** team member, their age being at 31st August 2019. It is the responsibility of the Dance School to ensure all their team members have been entered in the correct age category.
4. Dancers may compete in more than one age category as long as they comply with the age regulations within that category. However, the dancer cannot compete against themselves i.e. they cannot compete in two teams within the same age group.
5. All teams have a maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds to complete their routine. Timing and judging of routines will begin with the first note of music and end with the last note of music.
6. One representative of your team/school will be responsible for your music during the competition. This person must remain at the music area throughout the entire performance.
7. Please bring two high quality copies of your music to the event. You may use MP3s (Apple) or CDs.
8. All music must be brought to audio area and tested during the 'warm up' time before the relevant section.
9. In the event that your routine is interrupted because of failure of our equipment then participants affected will be permitted to restart the routine from the beginning. In the event of the routine being interrupted because of failure of the participant's equipment, the participant may either continue or withdraw from the competition. Competition officials reserve the right to stop a performance due to injury.
10. All participants **must** submit a waiver form prior to performing. There will be forms available at the registration area on the day. Teams will not be able to compete without submitting this form. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
11. All routines will be judged using a 100 point scale. **The decisions of the judges are final.**
12. In the event of a tie, the highest score in the most significant scoring category will determine the winner. If the tie remains in effect because of identical scores in that category, the highest score in the next most significant scoring category will determine the winner

13. Coaching is **only** permitted with the **Tiny** age group teams. Coaching of any other performing team is **not** permitted. If found doing so the team will be disqualified.

14. All routines and costumes must be suitable for viewing by audiences of all ages.

15. All divisions follow the **USASF Dance Rules**. All please check www.usasf.net for rules.

16. Jewellery is deemed a **safety hazard** and, as such, every item of jewellery will be recorded as an infraction on your team's score card. Plasters or adhesive tape covering jewellery does not constitute a safety measure. **All items of jewellery must be removed.**

17. All teams and coaches should have an emergency response plan in the event of an injury.

18. All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship. The coach of each team is responsible for the seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other person affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly.

19. The organisers reserve the right to merge age groups at any time.

20. 'Open Choreography' may see teams in the Mini section compete against other teams from Modern, Ballet and any other recognised style (with the exception of those styles which are governed by an official board e.g. SOBHD & BDC).

21. Routines with hard-soled shoes (e.g. Tap and Jig shoes) are not permitted, due to the risk of potential damage to the floor.

PLEASE NOTE: As proof of age may be required on the day of the competition, **ALL** dancers must bring a photocopy of proof of age, e.g. passport, birth certificate, etc.