

## RULES & REGULATIONS

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## **GENERAL RULES**

#### **UDO DANCERS**

**Age verification** will be available at our **UDO Major Championships.** You will only need to complete this if you are under the age of 18 and will only need to do this once. You can do this on **registration** where UDO Staff will require original document proof of identity (e.g Passport, Driving Licence). This must be completed during your first 6 months as a member.

Dancers may compete in **multiple categories** (e.g perform a Solo, Duo, Trioquad, Team, and SuperCrew entry) but **may not compete twice** in the **same category** (e.g perform two solos/compete in two different teams at one event). **Dancers must wear dancer wristbands on the floor**.

All dancers will qualify and dance in the **same category** they have entered in for the **whole UDO year** (1st September until 31st August). This includes the British Dance Festival, Worlds & Europeans regardless of placings or wins. Once they have placed, they will move up a category when the next UDO year begins. However, the Judges at a Regional event have the right to review and change a competitiors category should it be deemed necessary.

Dancers must be near the holding area and ready to dance at least **20 minutes before** stepping onto the floor.

UDO reserves the right to combine categories (e.g Beginner/Novice, Intermediate/Advanced).

At least **50% of the qualified Team/SuperCrew** must remain the same throughout the competition season.

Just because a dancer has qualified to compete with their team or SuperCrew for the British Dance Festival, World or European Championships, this does not qualify them to enter the Solo or Duo categories. (This does not apply to those countries that have entered via video submission due to there not being a regional in your country)

You will only be permitted to dance at the British Dance Festival, Worlds or Europeans if you have qualified. You can view your qualification status on your UDO Membership Account. Please ensure you have registered for the relevant event no later than 2 weeks before the Competition.

**Parent Teams** are available at selected events, and are judged on the same criteria as **Beginner Teams**. However, 'Street Dance Technique' is replaced with 'Entertainment Value'.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

- Dancers are **not permitted** to touch the Judges, Staff or other members of the public during performance.
- Props are permitted, providing they comply with Health & Safety regulations. Props must be cleared easily from the dance floor immediately (i.e. No fire, chalk, talc, glitter etc may be thrown onto the stage).
   The stage must be left in the condition on which it was entered.
- Solo/Duo/Trioquad Dancers must **remain in their permitted floor space whilst dancing.** For all heats, a dancer is not permitted to take more than 2 steps forward, backwards or to either side of their marked place on the floor. (NB. This does not apply to Advanced finals, where a solo spot will be performed).
- **Outfits must be age appropriate**, and no inappropriate movement / gestures are permitted (e.g. No explicit sexual or offensive movements).
- Dancers in Solo/Duo/TrioQuads are not permitted to use any tricks in the heats. All tricks must be kept
  to the final. "Trick" = anything construed as a gymnastic or acrobatic move, or where a dancer is not in
  full control of their body e.g. flips.
- Breach of these rules will result in a warning or disqualification.





## REGISTRATION

#### **PRE - EVENT REMINDERS**

- All Dancers must have a UDO Membership number to register for an event.
- You can create a UDO Membership here: <a href="https://www.udostreetdance.com/gb\_en/signup">https://www.udostreetdance.com/gb\_en/signup</a>
- It is the Dancer / Parent / Guardian / Dance Teacher's responsibility to ensure that the Dancer/s are registered to dance before the specified closing date and in the correct age division and category.
- If the number of dancers in a **Team** or **SuperCrew** changes before a competition, please inform UDO Head Office or contact the UDO representative in your country up to **one week prior to the event.**
- Registration will be available online to register from at **least 3 months** before an event is due to take place.
- To purchase tickets please ensure you are logged in to a **UDO membership account**.
- Parents registering children: Due to data protection, a Dancer under the age of 16 needs to be
  registered by a parent whose membership is linked to theirs. UDO must link the accounts, so if your
  account is not linked please contact your country representative.
- Entries must be no later than 7 days before a UK Regional Competition. Please see your Country Representative for deadlines in your Country.
- Entries must be **no later than 14 days** before the British Dance Festival, World and European Championships (or any other Major Championships) Any changes or questions must be asked or submitted before the date that the registration is due to close. (e.g. 14 days before the major events)
- Upload music in **MP3 format** to UDO website. This can be done when registering the team. It's the teacher's responsibility to ensure; quality, content, music length and performance as well as **clean** music uploaded to the system (i.e. no swearing or offensive language). **Penalties** will be given if music is uploaded late, or contains offensive language.
- There is a £5 ADMIN FEE FOR EVERY LATE ENTRY for UK Regionals which payable on the day of the event. (This is Per Solo, Duo, Trioquad)
- Mitigating circumstances outside of the UDO rules must be submitted to the UDO Committee for their consideration.





#### **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR AN EVENT?**



#### CREATE A UDO MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

All competitiors must have a UDO Membership number. You can create a UDO Membership here\*: <a href="https://www.udostreetdance.com/gb\_en/signup">https://www.udostreetdance.com/gb\_en/signup</a>

\*A Dancer under the age of 16 needs to be registered for an event by a parent whose membership is linked to theirs. See previous page.

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## GIVE YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP NUMBER TO YOUR DANCE TEACHER

The teacher will then be able to add you to the School. Don't have a school? Don't worry, you can skip this step! Teachers - You can 'add dancer' on your Teacher Portal.

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#### **CREATE A GROUP**

When registering for a category with more than one dancer (e.g. Duo, Trioquad, Team etc...) you will need to CREATE the GROUP before you can register for the event. 'My Account' > Dance Schools > Groups > Select the Group you want to create.

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#### REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

Once all the groups have been set up for the categories you would like to compete in, you can visit our 'Events' Page, > Select 'Dancer Registration' on the event you would like to compete in > Choose the relevant category > Tick the relevant Solo, Duo, Team, Trioquad etc...Then you're done!

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#### **UPLOAD YOUR TEAM MUSIC**

If you are competing in a team, you must upload your Music Online.

My Account > Dance Schools > Registrations > Enter the team name > View (next to the correct event!) > Upload Team Music

## PREFER A VISUAL GUIDE?

## **VIDEO TUTORIALS HERE**



## HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualification and slight differences of the rules and rankings may vary slightly from Country to Country.

Please contact your country representative or view your country page for more information.

If you do not have or know your representative in your country, please contact head office by email, stating your country and query to: <a href="mailto:hello@theudogroup.com">hello@theudogroup.com</a>

#### No Qualifying Events in Your Country?

If there are no qualifying events in your country then please submit a Video Entry using the link below: <a href="https://www.udostreetdance.com/gb">https://www.udostreetdance.com/gb</a> en/international-partners

The video will be sent to the Head Judge who will confirm if the Dance has gained qualification to the British Dance Festival, European, World or the relevant Major Championships and what category you will be in if you are unsure.

Note: Contact your country's representative for further qualification details.





## HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

## **UDO UK DANCERS ONLY**

CATEGORY	BRITISH DANCE FESTIVAL	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
TEAMS	<ul> <li>Attend a UDO Regional or 2.0 Event.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 5 at British Dance Festival</li> <li>Achieve 34 Ranking points from your TOP 3 events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 3 at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 5 at BDF or Europeans</li> <li>Achieve 38 Ranking points from your TOP 3 events</li> </ul>
SOLOS	<ul> <li>Attend a Regional or 2.0 Event.</li> <li>Already qualified as competing with a Team, Duo, Trioquad or Supercrew</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 5 at BDF</li> <li>Achieve 45 Ranking points from your TOP 3 events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 7 at BDF or Europeans</li> <li>Achieve 47 Ranking points from your TOP 3 events</li> </ul>
DUOS	<ul> <li>Attend a Regional or 2.0 Event.</li> <li>Already qualified as competing with a Team, Solo, Trioquad or Supercrew</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 5 at British Dance Festival</li> <li>Achieve 45 Ranking points from your TOP 3 Events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Reach TOP 7 at BDF or Europeans</li> <li>Achieve 47 Ranking points from your TOP 3 Events.</li> </ul>
TRIOQUADS	<ul> <li>Attend a Regional or 2.0         Event     </li> <li>Already qualified as competing with a Team, Solo, Duo or Supercrew</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a Regional or 2.0 Event</li> <li>Place TOP 5 at British Dance Festival</li> <li>Achieve 30 Ranking points from your TOP 3 Events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Reach TOP 10 at BDF or Europeans</li> <li>Achieve 30 Ranking points from your TOP 3 Events</li> </ul>
SUPERCREW	<ul> <li>Attend a regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Already qualified as competing with a Team, Solo, Duo or Trioquad</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 5 at a 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 5 at British Dance Festival</li> <li>Achieve 34 Ranking points from your TOP 3 events.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 3 at a 2.0 event</li> <li>Place TOP 3 at BDF or Europeans</li> <li>Achieve 38 Ranking points from your TOP 3 Events.</li> </ul>
BATTLES	<ul> <li>Attend a Regional or 2.0 event</li> <li>Already qualified as competing with a Team, Solo, Duo, Trioquad or Supercrew</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place <b>TOP 4</b> at a Battle qualifying event (Regional, 2.0</li> <li>Place <b>TOP 8</b> at British Dance Festival</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place TOP 2 at a Battle qualifying event, (Regional or 2.0)</li> <li>Place TOP 4 at a Major Championship</li> </ul>
PARENT TEAM	No Qualification Needed	No Qualification Needed	<ul> <li>Place at any UK Regional or 2.0 Event Place at BDF or Europeans</li> </ul>



# SOLOS AND DUOS

## SOLO & DUO

## **GENERAL RULES**

- Please note the same applies for Solos & Duos as it does for teams e.g. Ages are based around the academic / sporting year.
- Each category is open to: Dancers who have not competed previously, but consider themselves to be within that ability category / Dancers who had competed previously, but never won (with 5 or more dancers in their category) or placed (with 8 or more dancers in their category).
- Once a dancer has won (with 5 or more dancers in their category) or placed twice (with 8 or more), they get moved up a level.
- Dancers are not permitted to drop down a category once they have placed and moved up. Unless they move up an age category but they may never move down to Beginner.
- Duo advanced heats will run in the same way as all other divisions, on reaching the final each dancer will perform a solo spot of their routine for a maximum of 12 bars (48 beats).
- You will Dance in the same category as where you qualified in your country or by Video Entry.
- The category level can be based on the middle ground between the 2 dancers, i.e. if one dancer competes as a solo dancer in Under 12 Novice, and the other dancer is Under 16 Advanced, then the Duo is permitted to dance in the Under 16 Intermediate.
- If none of the dancers compete in Solo, then the Duo will compete in the highest Age Category and Dance in the ability category that you qualified in.
- If you're a New Dance Teacher, Assistant Dance Teacher, and / or a professional dancer to the UDO you will be able to compete in Novice, Intermediate or Advanced for Solo and Duo. Although after a Judges assessment you may be upgraded to a higher division for the year.
- If you're an existing Dance Teacher, Assistant Dance Teacher, and / or a professional dancer competing with UDO at an Advanced level and have not placed in the past 18 months, you will be eligible to send a written request to the UDO to change your division for this year.





## **SOLOS CATEGORIES**

#### AGE CATEGORIES

UNDER 6	UNDER 8	UNDER 10	UNDER 12
UNDER 14	UNDER 16	UNDER 18	OVER 18

#### **ABILITY CATEGORIES**

BEGINNER NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
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## **DUO CATEGORIES**

#### **AGE CATEGORIES**

UNDER 6	UNDER 8	UNDER 10	UNDER 12
UNDER 14	UNDER 16	UNDER 18	OVER 18

#### ABILITY CATEGORIES

BEGINNER / NOVICE INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED
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Duo Notes: Duos will dance in the same age division as that of the eldest dancer.

For Worlds & Europeans, Duo categories will be split into Beginner & Novice if there are over 20 couples in each category.

**TOP ADVANCED:** All winners from every advanced age division at Worlds can Dance at the same competition in Top Advanced. (Solos & Duos)



## SOLOS & DUOS EXPLAINED

#### **PROCEDURE**

- Dancers will be called to the side of the stage (holding area) in category and age by the MC.
- Dancers will be separated into heats.
- Dancers will dance on the floor at the same time as the other dancers in their heat.
- Recalls will be announced by age division & category, and continue until the final (this is approximately 7 dancers for Solo and 5 pairs for Duo finals).
- Do not miss your category; you will not be permitted to dance in another category.
- If you are not ticked off at the side of the stage before the category begins dancing, you may not be allowed to dance!

#### **MUSIC**

- Music will be played at random by the DJ.
- There will be a set BPM (Beats Per Minute) for each category depending on the level in which you are dancing; the BPM's are as follows for Solo and Duo music:

Beginner & Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
110 - 130 BPM	100 - 130 BPM	90 - 130 BPM

#### WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

- Musicality (Dancing in time with the music)
- Showing a variety of movement & Choreography
- Energy, Enthusiasm and Confidence
- Uniqueness & Interpretation

#### In addition to the above, for Duos the Judges will also look at:

- Synchronicity (Mirror Image)
- Connection (Choreography complementing one another)









## SOLOS & DUOS EXPLAINED

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

For our International **Major Championships,** We want to provide Competitors the opportunity to Dance more than once & to be given another chance to perform to our Judges! After all, you have earned your place to be there!

This is why we have implemented a **PRELIM** System where Dancers / Duos / Teams etc get **TWO** opportunities to Dance to try and make it through to the next round.

This system Operates at all our **International Major Championships (Outside the UK)** including the UDO **World Championships**.

	SOLOS					
DANCERS **	PRELIMS *	QUARTER FINAL *	SEMI FINAL *	FINAL *		
60+	PRELIM 1: 15 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO QUARTER FINAL  PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 15 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO QUARTER FINAL	30 DANCERS FROM PRELIMS 1 & 2 WILL DANCE AND 15 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO SEMI FINAL	DANCERS CHOSEN FROM QUARTER FINAL WILL DANCE SEMI FINAL - 7 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO FINAL	DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		
27 - 59	PRELIM 1: 7 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINAL  PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 8 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINAL		DANCERS SELECTED FROM PRELIM 1 & 2 WILL DANCE SEMI FINAL - 7 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO FINAL	DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		
8 - 26	PRELIM 1: 3 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO FINAL  PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 4 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO FINAL			DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		
7 or less	FIRST LOOK - ALL GO TO FINAL			DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		

	DUOS				
DANCERS **	PRELIMS *	QUARTER FINAL *	SEMI FINAL *	FINAL *	
40+	PRELIM 1: 10 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO QUARTER FINAL  PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 10 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO QUARTER FINAL	20 DANCERS FROM PRELIMS 1 & 2 WILL DANCE AND 10 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO SEMI FINAL	DANCERS CHOSEN FROM QUARTER FINAL WILL DANCE SEMI FINAL - 5 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO FINAL	DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS	
20 - 39	PRELIM 1: 5 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINAL  PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 5 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINAL		DANCERS SELECTED FROM PRELIM 1 & 2 WILL DANCE SEMI FINAL - 5 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO FINAL	DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS	
6 - 19	PRELIM 1: 2 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO FINAL  PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 3 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO FINAL			DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS	
5 or less	FIRST LOOK - ALL GO TO FINAL			DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS	

<sup>\*</sup>PLEASE NOTE THE NUMBER OF DANCERS GOING THROUGH TO NEXT ROUNDS ARE APPROXIMATE AND CAN VARY SLIGHTLY DEPENDING ON JUDGES SELECTIONS.

<sup>\*\*</sup> PLEASE NOTE THE QUANTITY OF DANCERS REGISTERED MAY ALSO VARY ON THE DAY AND BE DIFFERENT TO CALCULATIONS DUE TO ILLNESS/
INJURY ETC.





# UNIOR SENIOR ALLSTARS

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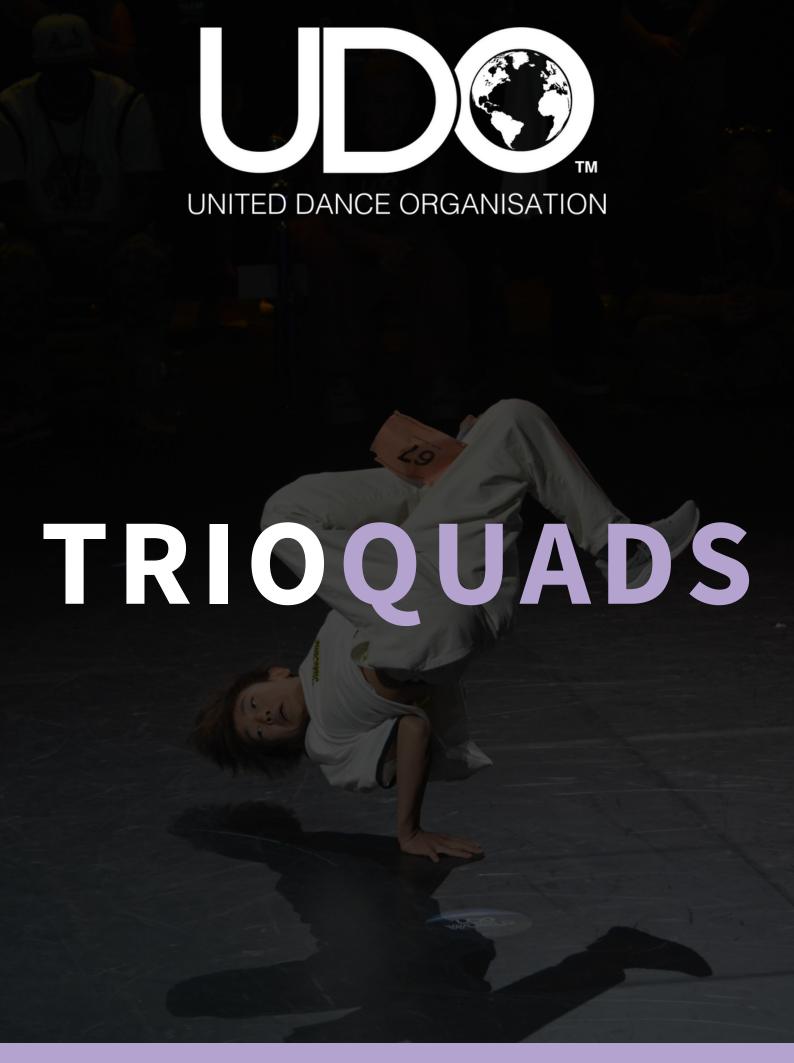
## **JUNIOR & SENIOR ALL STARS**



The All Star division is the highest standard of Street Dance Solos at UDO! We believe that Dancers should always be pushing for more and challenging themselves so this All Star category explores a Dancers choreographic side as well as their freestyle. To compete at this level is a HUGE achievement!

- To qualify for this division, you must achieve 5 wins in the Advanced category with 5 or more
  competitors at a UDO qualifying competition (since you started competing) or you win Top Advanced
  Dancer at a UDO World Street Dance Championships. (You will then compete in All Stars at the next
  Major)
- You must have Placed in your advanced category during the year to compete in All Star, if you have not placed during the year you will need to remain in the advanced category.
- You are not permitted to dance in Advanced and Allstar at the same competition.
- **Junior:** You must be 15 or under. (for that year, not 16 until at least 1st September).
- Senior: you must be 16 or over.
- You will dance a solo spot to your own choice of music for no more than 1 minute 30 seconds.
- You will be judged on the same criteria as teams, out of 10 for each section i.e. Street Dance Technique, Execution, Creativity, Performance Skills, Stagecraft, Judges Opinion. For further details, please see Team Judging Criteria.
- The Allstar category is only offered at the World Championships.





## **TRIOQUADS**



## CATEGORIES

UNDER 10 OPEN UNDER 14 OPEN	UNDER 18 OPEN	OVER 18 OPEN
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#### **PROCEDURE**

- Each Age Division will have a set song in which they have to choreograph to before the event. Please see event details for Music.
- Unless stated otherwise on the TrioQuads section of the relevant event page, the music will start from the beginning of each track and repeat for each heat.
- Dancers will compete in the age of the eldest dancer. There is no 25% rule for TrioQuads.
- Heats of approximately 5 TrioQuads on the floor at any one time down to Semi-Final / Final, each heat will last for approximately 60-90 seconds.
- If you are based in the UK, TrioQuads need to qualify at a 2.0 Championships to compete at Europeans or Worlds. TrioQuads can also qualify at the British Dance Festival.

#### WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

TrioQuads are judged on the same criteria as solos and duos:

- Musicality (Dancing in time with the music)
- Showing a variety of movement & choreography
- Energy, Enthusiasm and Confidence
- Uniqueness & Interpretation
- Synchronicity (Mirror Image)
- Connection (Choreography complementing one another)



## TRIOQUADS EXPLAINED

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TRIOQUADS				
DANCERS **	PRELIMS *	QUARTER FINAL *	SEMI FINAL *	FINAL *
	PRELIM 1: 10 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO QUARTER FINAL		DANCERS CHOSEN FROM	
40+	PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN	N AND 10 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO SEMI	IN AND 10 DANCERS WILL PROCEED TO SEMI QUARTER FINAL WILL DANCE	DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS
	PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 10 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO QUARTER FINAL		WILL PROCEED TO FINAL	
JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINA 20 - 39 PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FU	PRELIM 1: 5 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINAL		DANCERS SELECTED FROM	
	PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN		PRELIM 1 & 2 WILL DANCE SEMI FINAL - 5 DANCERS	DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS
	PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 5 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO SEMI FINAL		WILL PROCEED TO FINAL	
	PRELIM 1: 2 DANCERS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE JUDGES TO GO THROUGH TO FINAL			
6 - 19	PRELIM 2: DANCERS THAT DIDN'T GET SELECTED IN			DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS
	PRELIM 1 WILL DANCE AGAIN AND A FURTHER 3 DANCERS WILL GO THROUGH TO FINAL			
5 or less	FIRST LOOK - ALL GO TO FINAL			DANCERS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS

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\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE QUANTITY OF DANCERS REGISTERED MAY ALSO VARY ON THE DAY AND BE DIFFERENT TO CALCULATIONS DUE TO ILLNESS/
INJURY ETC







# TEAMS AND SUPERCREW

## **TEAMS**

#### **AGE CATEGORIES**

	UNDER 8	UNDER 10	UNDER 12
UNDER 14	UNDER 16	UNDER 18	OVER 18

- Ages are based around the academic / sporting year, e.g. the age the dancer becomes during the school
  year (1st September to 31st August) will be the age that they compete in for the entire year. For example,
  if you turn 12 on 1st July 2018 then you must compete in Under 14 from 1st September 2018 until 31st
  August 2019. Dancers will be ranked with points throughout the year in their category.
- A minimum of 75% of the competing team must be within the age division they are competing in, with 25% permitted to be older. However, they can only be older up to the next age division. e.g. no over 18-year-olds can compete in the u14 team category.
- Once the year is complete (31st August) the Teams that have won with 5 or more teams in their category
  or Teams that have placed twice (from 2nd to 5th) with 8 or more teams in their category, will move up a
  category for the next UDO running Year.
- Once a team has moved up a category, they are not permitted to drop back down. For advanced, if teams have not been placed within 1 year they can send a request to the UDO committee for consideration.

#### **ABILITY CATEGORIES**

	BEGINNER	NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
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#### Each category is open to:

- All teams that have never competed in a UDO Street Dance competition, but wish to compete at the stated level.
- Teams that currently dance at the stated level, and have never won (with 5 or more teams in the category) or been placed in the top 5 (with 8 or more teams in their category) or been placed in the top 7 in BDF or European Championships (with 8 or more teams in their category).
- Please note that for Beginner teams, no more than 50% of team dancers can be above Beginner / Novice level in solo or duos.
- If there are 8 teams or less in a category the UDO reserves the right to combine certain categories.

At Major Championships, there is an Ultimate Advanced Team Section. All Over 18 Advanced Teams will automatically go into this division. Younger Teams can choose to dance up in the Ultimate Advanced Team division to compete for the Prize Money. However, you can't compete in both & will be withdrawn from your original age division.



## **TEAMS**

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

SCORING			
We recognise 11 foundation styles of Street Dance: Hip Hop, House, Locking, Popping, Breaking, Vogue, Waacking, Krump, Dancehall, Litefeet & Afro. You will be marked based on the quality of your performance, portrayal and execution of the style techniques.  The age category and division will also be taken into consideration. There are no numerical or time requirements for what you should show - it is entirely up to you.  You do not have to perform styles in chunks as the judges will recognise legitimate Street Dance techniques wherever you decide to place them in your performance. Your score will take into account each style you perform (if you show more than one) so please bear in mind that quality, rather than quantity, should be the goal.		10	
<b>EXECUTION</b> Choreographic Identity Crew Synchronicity Dynamics and Movement quality Use of Levels	Choreographic Identity Crew Synchronicity  Cryonamics and Movement quality  Choreographic Identity  Can score points for you based on the crew skills on show - synchronicity of the dancers in timing and shapes, use of different heights and levels, the quality of the movement on show and the use of different dynamics in your execution.		
CREATIVITY Originality Concepts/themes Musicality Music choices	As well as wanting to focus on the quality of performances with this update of the criteria we are really looking to push your creativity.  Whether that be with themes and concepts for your sets or originality in your movement or even in your song choices. All of these things will show up as creative, and some facets of your creativity will score you points in more than one criteria (i.e. a creative way of transitioning in your formations will get you points for creativity and stagecraft, well-executed originality in your moves will get you points in creativity and execution etc).  Another aspect of creativity we look for is musicality. Bringing the music to life in interesting ways will add to your performance through your utilisation of musical accents, rhythm and tempos.	10	
PERFORMANCE SKILLS  Confidence Focus Energy Projection	This is where we judge the level of your performance when you hit the floor.  The confidence and focus on show during the performance. The projection of the movement to the audience and whether the energy can be felt beyond the stage. Even the commitment to characters if there is more of a narrative element to the performance. Basically, the way a crew brings life to their performance when they take to the stage.	10	
STAGECRAFT Formations Transitions Positioning Use of the stage	This is where we can judge your utilisation of the stage space during the performance. The accuracy and alignment of your formations. The smoothness and flow of the transitions of the dancers on and around the stage. The positioning of the individual dancers to make the formations appear as they should. Even the use of the whole expanse of the stage. A mixture of these things can really add to a performance.	10	
JUDGES OPINION	This is where we give our judges a chance to score the performance as a whole. It is not as quantifiable as the other criteria but rather it is based on the judges' individual feelings towards the performance, outside of the given criteria. We always have a diverse range of dance specialists represented on our judging panels so as choreographers your job is to try to appeal to the diverse range of judges we have!	10	

#### **General Note**

- Age and level will always be taken into account when scoring. The older and/or higher up the ability scale you go, the more we expect in terms of your execution
- The full scale of 0 10 will be used
- We encourage teams to do what they want to do and not just what they think will win.
- Self-expression, creativity and originality are key.

## **TEAMS**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- Each team must have a minimum of 5 dancers with a recommended maximum of 40 Dancers. If you are concerned, please confirm and check the size of the stage of the event you wish to attend.
- Dancers are permitted to compete in the Team Category and the SuperCrew category at a UDO Event. However, routines must be different!
- If a team changes by over 50% during the competition year and you wish to be considered as a new team, please contact the UDO Head Office hello@theudogroup.com. If you wish to change your team name, category age or division for any reason you will also need to contact the UDO Head Office.

## **TEAM MUSIC & PERFORMANCE**

- It is the Choreographer / teachers' responsibility to ensure that the Team music is checked and uploaded to the UDO website prior to a Regional event and UDO's major Championships (Worlds, Europeans and BDF).
- Each team needs to have back-up music on either a USB / CD / Alternative Device with only the track that they require at the event.
- Music should be free from swearing and inappropriate language as deemed by the judges. Any penalties will be notified to the team representative.
- The music should be balanced at a set level for playing, the DJ will make no adjustments on the day for sound (contact us for help with this).
- There will be a **1 POINT PER JUDGE** Deduction per team if Team Music is handed in / uploaded after the deadline.

**DEADLINE FOR UK REGIONALS - WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE COMPETITION** 

**DEADLINE FOR MAJORS - MONDAY BEFORE A WEEKEND EVENT** 

Any music handed in after these deadlines will have the points deducted.

BEGINNER / NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED	
2 MINUTES	2 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS	

These are maximum timings, there is no minimum time limit.



## SUPERCREW JUDGING CRITERIA

	SCORING			
NARRATIVE / THEME / CONCEPT				
EXECUTION OF STREET DANCE TECHNIQUES AND CHOREOGRAPHY	DANCE TECHNIQUES AND  genuinely add to the performance  3) are suitable for a street dance competition (e.g. traditional native dances such as various African dances or Mambo			
OVERALL CREATIVITY	While focusing upon the strength of the choreography, creativity and originality is paramount to success at competition.  The judges are looking for creativity in all areas of performance; choreography, theme, concept, song choice, transitions, stagecraft etc. Try and bring us a performance that hasn't been seen before.  Musicality will be scored, so bringing the music to life in interesting ways through utilisation of musical accents, rhythm and tempos will gain points. Effective use of props can add to a SuperCrew performance, however please note that any props must be used to elevate a performance, and not be used as a gimmick. All props must be used appropriately and responsibly.	10		
PERFORMANCE SKILLS	This is where we judge the level of your overall performance as a SuperCrew. Judges will base this score upon the stage presence and confidence of the SuperCrew; engage the audience with showmanship and projection.  Synchronisation is key to gaining top marks, as is execution of timing. The whole SuperCrew should remain on the correct beat at all times and remain in sync with one another throughout.  The audience appeal will be considered in this score; dancers should commit entirely to the performance, remaining in character throughout and engaging the audience with strong energy.	10		
STAGECRAFT	Here, the judges will consider the spatial awareness of the SuperCrew, and judge the way in which the overall routine is executed in the space. Dancers should utilise the space well, remaining in accurate, creative formations.  The transitions must be smooth, with excellent flow; in a SuperCrew, this is vital to gaining high scores.  Positioning and patterns will affect the score of this section, as the most successful SuperCrews will execute effective formations and shapes in the space provided.	10		
JUDGES OPINION	This is where we give our judges a chance to score the performance as a whole. In the SuperCrew category, judges will be considering the entertainment value of the overall performance. It is not as quantifiable as the other criteria but rather it is based on the judges' individual feelings towards the performance. We always have a diverse range of dance specialists represented on our judging panels so as choreographers your job is to try to appeal to the diverse range of judges we have!	10		

#### **General Note**

The full scale of 0 - 10 will be used.

SuperCrews  $\mathbf{MUST}$  bring us a story they want to tell along with a theme of the set.

Creativity and originality are key. Judges will grade per section using the following scale:

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

Please note that Judges may use increments of 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1 to scores in accordance with the above scale.

## SUPERCREWS

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- SuperCrews are available at selected UDO events. Dancers are permitted to dance in a SuperCrew as well as their Team category at a UDO Event. The routines must be different.
- All SuperCrews must follow a **theme/narrative** in their routine.
- **18-40** dancers are permitted in a SuperCrew. Additions, substitutions, and deletions of up to **one third** of the SuperCrew may be made, as long as the number of dancers in the SuperCrew does not go below 18 or above 40. If you are concerned, please confirm and check the size of the stage of the event you wish to attend.
- There is **no maximum** of song choices; SuperCrews may dance to as many or as few songs as they like in one routine.
- There are no **age or division** categories for the SuperCrew competition; all SuperCrews will dance against each other regardless of age or ability.
- Tricks are **permitted**, at the dance teacher's/choreographer's discretion.

## MUSIC &

## **PERFORMANCE**

#### **SUPERCREW MUSIC TIMINGS**

**3 MINUTES** 

These are maximum timings, there is no minimum time limit.

- It is the Choreographer / teachers' responsibility to ensure that the Team music is checked and uploaded to the UDO website prior to a Regional event and UDO's major Championships (Worlds, Europeans and BDF).
- Each team needs to have back-up music on either a USB / CD / Alternative Device with only the track that they require at the event.
- Music should be free from swearing and inappropriate language as deemed by the judges. Any penalties will be notified to the team representative.
- The music should be balanced at a set level for playing, the DJ will make no adjustments on the day for sound (contact us for help with this).
- There will be a **1 POINT PER JUDGE** Deduction per team if Team Music is handed in / uploaded after the deadline.

**DEADLINE FOR UK REGIONALS - WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE COMPETITION** 

**DEADLINE FOR MAJORS - MONDAY BEFORE A WEEKEND EVENT** 

Any music handed in after these deadlines will have the points deducted.



## PARENT TEAMS GENERAL RULES

- Parent Teams are available at all UK Regionals. If you are outside the UK, Please speak to your country representative about this category at your qualifiers.
- There is **no maximum** of song choices; Parent Teams may dance to as many or as few songs as they like in one routine.
- There are no **division** categories for the Parent Teams competition; all Parent Teams will dance against each other regardless of ability.
- Tricks are **permitted**, at the dance teacher's/choreographer's discretion.
- Each team must have a minimum of 5 dancers with a recommended maximum of 40 dancers. If you are concerned, please confirm and check the size of the stage of the event you wish to attend.
- All Parents / Dancers need to ensure their UDO membership account is registered as a 'Parent' AND 'Dancer. You will not be able to complete the registration without this in place.

Please see the 'TEAM' Rules regarding Registration & Music Guidelines. These also apply for Parent Teams.

**PARENT TEAM MUSIC** 

2 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS

These are maximum timings, there is no minimum time limit.

## **QUALIFICATION & GUIDELINES**

- If you are based in the UK, You can enter any UDO Regional without qualification.
- You DO NOT need to qualify for the British Dance Festival or Europeans to enter this category at these Majors.
- If you are based in the UK, You will need to place TOP 5 at a Regional or the British Dance Festival to qualify for the UDO World Championships. Please speak to your country representative to see how you can qualify a Parent Team for Worlds.
- Parent Team Judging Criteria is the same as the General Team Criteria and will be judged as Beginners. However, 'Street Dance Technique' is replaced with 'Entertainment Value'.





## TEAM & SUPERCREW SCORING SYSTEM

#### Judges will grade per section using the following scale:

0 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10
BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT

Please note that Judges may use increments of 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1 to scores in accordance with the above scale.

#### Penalties will be given for the following:

L	Obscenities or inappropriate language in music	
С	Inappropriate costume for age category	
М	Inappropriate movement for age category	
Т	Music and/or performance over stated time	

One point per Judge per penalty will be deducted for the above rule breaks.

These penalty marks are deducted from the Judges assessment section of the marks before the teams are placed.





### **ALL TEAM CATEGORIES EXPLAINED**

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

	TEAMS				
TEAMS	PRELIMS	NOTES	FINAL *		
14+	PRELIM 1: ALL TEAMS DANCE A MINIMUM OF 20% GO THROUGH TO THE FINAL PRELIM 2: ALL REMAINING TEAMS DANCE AGAIN A MINIMUM OF 30% GO THROUGH TO FINAL	A MINIMUM OF 9 TEAMS OR 50% OF THE ORIGINAL TEAMS (WHICHEVER IS GREATER) WILL BE BROUGHT THROUGH TO THE FINAL.	TOP 7 TEAMS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		
9 - 13	PRELIM 1: ALL TEAMS DANCE AND TOP 3 GO THROUGH TO THE FINAL PRELIM 2: ALL REMAINING TEAMS DANCE AGAIN AND TOP 4 GO THROUGH TO FINAL		TEAMS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		
8 or less	FIRST LOOK - ALL GO TO FINAL		TEAMS WILL BE PLACED FOR AWARDS		

<sup>\*</sup> PLEASE NOTE ONLY TOP 7 TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED AND PLACED ON STAGE

#### **PARENT TEAMS**

WILL ONLY DANCE ONCE AND TOP 7 PLACEMENTS WILL BE AWARDED

#### **SUPERCREWS**

ALL SUPERCREWS WILL DANCE ONCE ON SATURDAY, THE TOP 7 PLACEMENTS WILL BE AWARDED







## PARENT

AND

CHILD

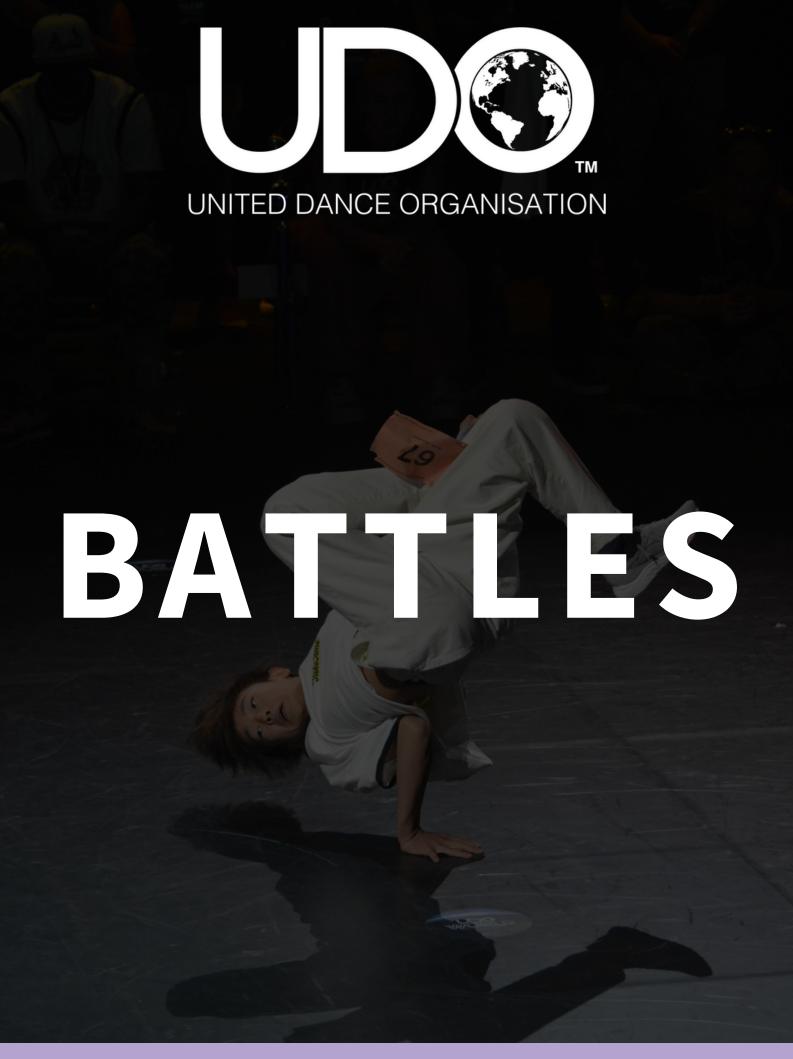
## **PARENT & CHILD**

This category is a crowd favourite at UDO / Encore Events. You can now partner up with up to 2 Children per parent! You do not need to qualify to enter the Parent & Child division at any of our Majors.

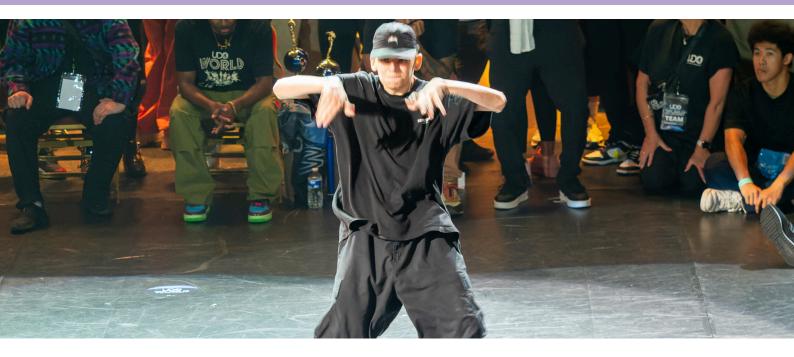
- Dancers will be called to the side of the stage (holding area) by the MC.
- Music will be played at random by the DJ.
- Dancers will dance on the floor at the same time as the other dancers in their heat.
- Recalls will be announced continue until the final (Top 5 is placed for Parent & Child)
- UDO offers Parent and Child categories at selected events. Parent & Child is usually at our Major Championships but could be added into a Regional. This will be updated on a per event basis.
- A parent must be registered as a member of UDO in order to compete. When creating a UDO Membership
  account, you must ensure that your account states 'Parent' AND 'Dancer' If this is not the case, please
  contact UDO Head Office hello@theudogroup.com
- Classification of a Parent and Child Duo or TrioQuad is that of a dancer/child and their Mum, Dad, Aunty, Uncle or Grandparent or Guardian.
- Please note this is not a 'little or large' category, so a younger dancer and older dancer dancing together are not permitted unless they are stated as the relation listed above.
- If you are unsure, please request further details from the UDO Head Office.







## **BATTLES - 1V1**



## **WHAT ARE 1V1 BATTLES?**

UDO Offers 1v1 Battles in 4 different styles throughout the Competition year in 3 age groups. We occasionally offer a Battle Style to compete in at a UK Regional where you can qualify for a Major Championships. If you are outside of the UK, you will need to qualify in your respective country.

Don't have a regional / qualifier in your country? You can submit an entry via our video submission on our website!

#### STYLES CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE 1V1 BATTLES ARE:

НІР НОР	BREAKING	POPPING	AFRO	ALL STYLES	LITEFEET	HOUSE	LOCKING
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Out of the Styles listed above, approximately 4 Styles will be selected for the competition year. These may change on a yearly basis after Worlds. Qualification for these styles will be added into specific Regionals which will be posted on Social Media / Our Website.

#### **AGE DIVISIONS:**

UNDER 12	UNDER 16	OVER 16
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## **1V1 BATTLES**

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

All Dancers will come on to the floor for their chosen Style & Correct age division, the prelims will be run with 3/4 Dancers on the floor at the same time.

FOR MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Top 8 Dancers will compete in the Quarter Finals. The Top 4 will compete in the Semi Final & the Top 2 will Battle in the Final.

### **UNDER 12 & UNDER 16 BATTLERS**

**QUARTER FINALS** 

TOP 8 1 ROUND, 30 SECONDS EACH **SEMI FINALS** 

TOP 4 1 ROUND, 30 SECONDS EACH FINAL

TOP 2 2 ROUNDS, 30 SECONDS EACH

## **OVER 16 BATTLERS**

**QUARTER FINALS** 

TOP 8 1 ROUND, 45 SECONDS EACH **SEMI FINALS** 

TOP 4 1 ROUND, 45 SECONDS EACH **FINAL** 

TOP 2 2 ROUNDS, 45 SECONDS EACH



## **1V1 BATTLES EXPLAINED**

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1V1 BATTLES				
PRELIMS *	TOP 8	TOP 4	FINAL 2	
PRELIMS WILL RUN PER STYLE - IN U12, U16 & O16*			TOP 2 WILL BATTLE.	
DANCERS WILL BE GIVEN 30 SECONDS (U12 & U16) OR 45 SECONDS (O16) EACH AND 3 - 4 DANCERS WILL BATTLE AT A TIME, PER AGE CATEGORY IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE.	EACH DANCER WILL BE GIVEN 1 ROUND OF 30 SECONDS (U12 & U16) OR 45 SECONDS (O16) EACH AND THE JUDGE WILL SELECT A WINNER FROM EACH OF THE BATTLE ROUNDS THAT MAKES IT THROUGH TO TOP 4.	EACH DANCER WILL BE GIVEN 30 SECONDS (U12 & U16) OR 45 SECONDS (O16) EACH AND THE JUDGE WILL SELECT A WINNER FROM EACH OF THE BATTLE ROUNDS THAT MAKES IT THROUGH TO TOP 2.	EACH DANCER WILL BE GIVEN 2 X ROUNDS OF 30 SECONDS (U12 & U16) OR 45 SECONDS (O16) EACH.  JUDGES WILL DECLARE WINNER AND RUNNER UP A THE END OF EACH BATTLE AND AWARD THEM.	

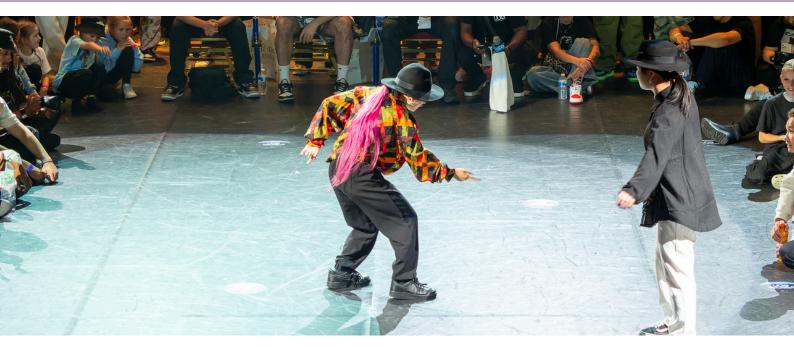
ONCE ALL DANCERS HAVE COMPLETED THE PRELIMS, THE MC WILL ANNOUNCE THE TOP 8 FOR EACH STYLE THAT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH TO BATTLE ROUNDS

\*PLEASE NOTE SOME AGE CATEGORIES MAY BE MERGED OR OPEN TO ALL AGES. AVAILABLE AGES WILL BE ADVISED ON THE SCHEDULE AND/OR AT THE EVENT





## **BATTLES - 2V2**



## **WHAT ARE 2V2 BATTLES?**

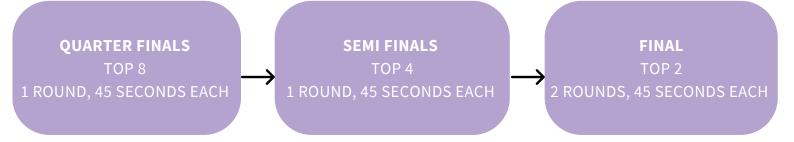
UDO Offers 2v2 Battles in ALL STYLES at UDO British Dance Festival & UDO World Championships.

#### **STYLE & AGE DIVISION**

STYLE	ALL STYLES
AGE	OPEN (ALL AGES)

2v2 Battles run similar to the 1v1 Battles (See Previous Page)

- All Dancers will come on to the floor where the prelims will be run like the 1v1 Battles.
- The Top 8 Dancers will compete in the Quarter Finals. The Top 4 will compete in the Semi Final & the Top 2 will Battle in the Final.





## **BATTLE PRIZES**

EVENT	CATEGORY	PRIZE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	OVER 16 1V1 BATTLERS	CASH PRIZE
	UNDER 16 1V1 BATTLERS	PRIZE (TBD)
	UNDER 12 1V1 BATTLERS	PRIZE (TBD)
	2V2 ALL STYLE BATTLES	CASH PRIZE

**Please Note:** Other UDO Events may offer different prizes for each placement. Please speak to your country representative or visit the specific event page on our website for clarification on the event you are attending.

## **QUALIFICATION TO WORLDS**

In order for a dancer to qualify to compete in any of the previously mentioned styles at UDO Worlds you will need to qualify at one of the UDO Official Battle Qualifiers.

Please check the qualifications of your country. If your country does not offer UDO Competitions or this division - you can enter through video entry available on our website under 'International Partners'

EVENT	PLACEMENT NEEDED TO QUALIFY	
	1V1 BATTLES	2V2 BATTLES
MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (BDF, Europeans, Worlds, Middle East, APAC, Scandinavia)	TOP 4	TOP 4
COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP (German, The Netherlands, Japan, Thailandetc)	TOP 4	PER EVENT BASIS - SPEAK TO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE.
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	TOP 2	NO QUALIFIER IN UK, FOR OUTSIDE UK - SPEAK TO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE.

If you win at UDO Worlds you will automatically qualify to compete in the style you won in the following year.



## CREW BATTLES GENERAL RULES

UDO Street Dance Crew Battles are only available at specific events (this information is located on the event pages on the UDO website).

Ensure that your Crew is at the event and ready to battle before the designated time listed on the running order.

NUMBER OF DANCERS	<ul> <li>MINIMUM - 5 DANCERS</li> <li>NO MAXIMUM BUT BE AWARE OF THE DANCE FLOOR SIZE</li> </ul>
IS THERE A SET STYLE, AGE OR DIVISION?	<ul> <li>A crew is able to be made up of members from any age or division.</li> <li>There is no set style required for this type of battle.</li> </ul>
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	<ul> <li>The dancers in the registered Crew are required to be UDO members.</li> <li>Crew Battle registration is required to be completed by each Crew to be eligible to compete.</li> <li>There is no qualification required to compete in the Crew Battles at the British Dance Festival.</li> <li>If you wish to compete in Crew Battles at UDO Worlds, you must either qualify at the British Dance Festival or of you are not based in the UK, please speak to your country representative on qualification rules.</li> <li>ALL Dancers in the Crew must be from the SAME Country. Crew Battles is all about representing!</li> </ul>

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- All Street Dance Crews will be given a Showcase of 1 minute.
- The MC will advise when the allocated time is completed.
- The Judges will choose the four crews selected for the semi-finals to battle, this will be announced by the MC
- The four semi-final Crews will be randomly chosen to battle against each other
- 2 rounds of 45 seconds each will be allocated for the semi-final Crew Battles
- The MC will announce when the allocated time is completed for each round
- The Judges will indicate the winners of each semi-final and this will be announced by the MC.
- The final two Crews will then battle in the UDO Street Dance Battle Final and be given 3 rounds of 45 seconds each. Judges indicate winners.





# ANY QUESTIONS?

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REGARDING DANCERS	Any queries or questions regarding Dancers should only be asked by the Choreographer / Dance teacher. (Any Parents and or dancers please direct your questions to your Choreographer / Teacher and they will liaise with UDO on your behalf).
AT AN EVENT	<ul> <li>Can be directed to the Contest Coordinator (situated side of stage next to the DJ and MC) or The UDO registration / reception (near the main entrance).</li> <li>If you are unable to find these, then please see a UDO member of staff (clearly marked Event Staff T-shirts) situated at the doors and stewarding in the halls and they will direct you.</li> <li>Under NO circumstances are you to directly approach the Scrutineer or Judges during an event.</li> </ul>
PRE & POST EVENT	<ul> <li>Can be directed via Email using the relevant contact form on the website. For general queries, please email <a href="mailto:hello@theudogroup.com">hello@theudogroup.com</a></li> <li>Social Media: via Facebook private message to our page: @udostreetdance</li> <li>By telephone into the office – please call 02920 799 199.</li> <li>All of the above may only be dealt with during the office hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.</li> </ul>







