



Competing with the UKEDC

Welcome to the United Kingdom Equality Dance Council (UKEDC). Today, the Council continues its campaign to increase the awareness of and participation in same-sex dance competitions. This includes offering a network of advice, providing a directory of all of the equality dance competitions, as well as offering a partner search facility for any member who wishes to begin their first journey into the world of competitive equality dancing.

The information below is a helpful list of competitive opportunities here in the UK, all of whom welcome equality dance couples:

Pink Jukebox Trophy

This competition usually takes place annually around the third week of February at the Rivoli Ballroom in London. This competition is open to all equality dance couples who wish to compete within a full A-D class and Starter Section for both Ballroom and Latin. For further information on the competition, entering or spectating visit [Pink Jukebox Trophy](#)

UK Fun Competition

This fun competition usually takes place annually on the first Saturday in October at the Rivoli Ballroom in London. It's an informal and fun practice competition for starters, beginner and improver same-sex couples. And equality dance couples.

The event is intended to be a fun practice competition without the pressure of larger competitions. There will be no B or A class in the Graded Ballroom & Latin competitions--couples are kindly requested not to enter in a competition in which they have previously competed in B class or higher (classifications in senior competitions excluded), however you may enter another competition in which you have not previously competed in the upper classes (i.e. if you ordinarily dance B in Ballroom you may enter the Latin competition if you have not previously competed in B or A class).

All dancers are welcome to enter the Fun Dance competitions (these categories have no classes).

For further information visit [UK Fun Competition](#)

UK Equality Open

The UK Equality Open aims to bring Competitive Same Sex and Equality Dancing to new areas around the UK. They work with a new location each year, building social dance scenes leading up to the competition, encouraging new competitive couples in the starter categories and opening up Same Sex and Mixed Couple categories to a wider variety of participant groups.

The very first #UKEO was held in Bournemouth in November 2019, a place already so well known within the dance community, encouraging and attracting

dancers particularly from the South West, whilst also adding more opportunities to compete here in the UK for our existing couples as well as attract dancers from the European Equality Dance Circuit.

For more information contact:
info@equalitydance.co.uk or visit:
[Equality Dance](#)

National Medallist Opportunities:

ISTD

For further information visit [ISTD](#)

Competitions: The Grand Final usually takes place in November each year at the Wintergardens in Blackpool . **Qualifiers** take place all over the country approximately one per month.

For further information please contact Nick Miles dance@stardance.co.uk

IDTA

For further information visit [IDTA](#)

NCDTA

For further information visit [NCDTA](#)

UKA Dance

For further information visit [UKA](#)

Other Competition Circuits

Sunday Circuit

The Sunday Circuit holds competitions under the British Dance Council (BDC) rules and usually there is a competition most weeks somewhere in the UK. You have to be a member of the BDC to compete, but membership is open to all and currently stands at £18 as of 2018.

Some of the bigger competitions require advance registration, however the majority of the competitions can be entered just by turning up on the day. Competition fees are reasonable and are often around £15/20. All the competitions are advertised on the Dance Promoters Association (DPA) website. The competitions will tell you what classes they are running, e.g. Open Amateur Novice, Intermediate, Pre-Champ & Championships, Senior 1 Intermediate, Pre & Championship, Senior 2 etc. Some will run Senior (35+ both partners) and Over 50s (both partners). The classes Beginners, Novice, Intermediate, Pre-Champ and Champ are very similar level to that of the Same Sex circuit E-A classes. However, it is often considered a higher standard in this 'mainstream' circuit, especially in the 16-35 age category. It is very easy to turn up and find out for yourself, no pressure to do any more categories than you want –perhaps seek advice from your teacher/coach if you are unsure of which categories would suit you best.

For further information visit [Dance Promoters Association](#)

BDC Membership [British Dance Council](#)

Pro-Am Champions

Pro-Am Events aim to create another stream of competitors/competitions in UK and to make dancing for all. It gives solo dancers opportunity to participate in competitions if they don't have a partner. This would also give the student the chance to dance with their teacher in a competition.

These events are for Professional dancers either competing or non-competing, dancing with an Amateur dancer either registered or non registered. See below for available levels. For further information visit [Pro-Am Champions](#)

Inter Varsity Dance Association (IVDA)

This circuit is specifically for both traditional and same sex dance couples who compete at University level (there are also categories for university alumni). If you are a student dancer then IVDA provide information on the following:

- Find out more about the university circuit and how it works from our [After school activities](#).
- Find details of upcoming university and open circuit competitions (as well as what the individual events in these competitions are and how you can enter) on the [Events page](#).
- Find out about the wide range of [discounts](#) available to students at IVDA-affiliated universities.
- Find [links](#) to the websites of university dancesport teams, dance wear suppliers, dance studios etc.
- Find out about competing on the [open circuit](#).
- Read the latest university dancesport [news and announcements](#).

- Discuss the latest university circuit issues and gossip on the [forum](#).

For further information visit [IVDA](#)

European & Worldwide Same Sex Associations

For further information on competitions outside the UK you can seek further assistance with the following organisations:

European Same Sex Dance Association (ESSDA)
[ESSDA](#)

North American Same Sex Partner Dance Association (NASSPDA) [NASSPDA](#)

Australia & New Zealand Same Sex Dance Community (ANZSSDC) [ANZSSDC](#)