



ALAD

Comp Squad Partnerships

Start- January 2024

Overview

Covering the new terms for 2024 competition season. Addressing class requirements, commitments and updates to Syllabus work in U6 & U8. The very popular and successful pairs events aim to be structured at A.L.A.D with efficiency and inclusivity. Both students in partnership must hold a valid RR medal test from the ISTD exam to enter ISTD events. If a dancer in the couple does not hold this medal a remote examination is required to take place before competing in ISTD events. Open competition can be entered without this medal.

Looking for a dance partner? No worries! If you already have a partner and want to stick with them, that's great! If not, you can choose to partner up with a dancer who is within 2 years of your age. And if you have a partner but would like to dance with someone different in 2024, that's also fine! We appreciate your commitment throughout the season with your partner and acknowledge your great success. If you wish to leave your partnership, please do so with ease and care. While not every competitor will have a partner for the season, we hope that with the growing numbers joining the competition squad, a partner will be just around the corner for you.

Specifications

1. If you choose to commit to a partnership at the start of the year you can not re-partner or swap mid season. You can re-partner at the start of the next season. It's important to create well rounded, caring individuals who input values, commitment and teamwork to build a friendship throughout the year with their partner. The only exception is if your partner leaves in the season. If you are choosing to commit to a partnership please acknowledge the impacts of leaving mid season and leaving your partner without a dance partner. If you can continue until the end of the season this is preferred and appreciated.
2. Qualifying with your partner during the season lands you at Grand Finals day in October! This event is compulsory if you Qualify. Regional ISTD events throughout the season are to be attended with your partner until you qualify.

3. What dances to expect whilst in partnership? Competition pairs compete in Rock N Roll & Disco Pairs. One off events might also include street & slow lyrical pairs. (Costume rules apply)

4. Things to consider when committing to a partnership.

Does your partner want to attend just the compulsory competitions or all competitions on offer?

Do you both like similar style costumes? (To be checked with A.L.A.D before purchase)

Requirements:

Agreeing to partner at the start of the year will require you to adhere to the following commitments from January 2024- December 2024

Pairs class

ALL competition pairs AND any competitors who want to attend

Class time/day- Tuesday 6:00-6:30 pm

Location- LVC NEW GYM

Fee- £4.00 per class (Book the term on the website)

Class basis- Weekly (during term time) What to expect in this class-

Rock n Roll, Disco pairs, street and lyrical will all be covered in these classes inline with up and coming events. Classes are structured with potential absences in mind and your dancer will continue to learn step sequences and those all important fundamentals and partnership tips. Please expect for your child to partner other dancers during the class, this supports social activity & team building which helps make the squad stronger.

Private pairs lessons-

Pairs can book on the website for private lessons to enhance their routine choreography and spend additional time on the routine and with their partner. The lessons operate on a first come first serve basis.

Commitment to your partner-

Failure to attend your term time pairs class on a regular basis may result in A.L.A.D withdrawing you from partnership events. If A.L.A.D deems a partnership is not ready to perform at any up and coming event they will be in touch to discuss this.

A.L.A.D's commitment-

These classes are additional classes to provide inclusivity for the squad that the team works hard to provide. On occasions, circumstances out of our control may affect classes. We aim to keep this class in place for the duration of 2024. We accept no responsibility if the class for any reason has to be moved or canceled. This includes, fall in numbers in which case we revert back to private pairs lessons and any increased facility hire rates. Please note A.L.A.D will always strive to avoid impacts to customers schedules.

As ALAD's competitive numbers increase and our aim to get more children involved in our wonderful sport taking part in all events we welcome changes and believe this is an important part to the future successes of A.L.A.D.

Rock N Roll Syllabus Updates 2024:

Here are the latest updates:

1. U6 Competitors: Starting in the 2024 season, U6 competitors will be required to dance a set routine with their teacher at regional ISTD events. While U6 dancers can still have a partner and enter disco pairs events at ISTD, their RR dance must be performed with a teacher. If your pair is older than you, you can dance up to the U8 category if that is the category they are in. U6 competitors without a partner but still competing in regional ISTD events will be required to attend an additional 30-minute Tuesday pairs class to continue working on their RR routine each week. These requirements, dancing with Teacher will not apply for Open competitions. They can continue as normal at those events.
2. U8s: Similar to U6 dancers, U8s will also be required to perform the same set of sequences at the beginning of their routine. However, they have the flexibility to partner together without the teacher's involvement, along with incorporating any additional choreography given by the teacher.
3. SDT PB RR Levels: The routines for SDT PB RR levels will be updated with new rhythmic footwork and arm links, offering dancers the opportunity to explore fresh elements in their routines and push for further displays of RR syllabus work.

RR Workshop: We are pleased to announce that there will be an RR workshop open to all dancers on Tuesday, 19th December at LVC. In order for ALAD to teach the updated syllabus techniques and begin work on routines, all comp squad dancers are required to attend, regardless of whether they have a partner. This workshop will provide a great opportunity for dancers to familiarise themselves with the syllabus steps in their entirety before competing. If you are unable to attend, please book a 1-1 lesson with Amy to learn the new work for 2024.

What to do next-

Please email amyleighacademyofdance@gmail.com with your chosen partner for 2024. If you would like to partner up for 2024 but you are unsure who is available please send us an email and we will do our best to assist you.