

DANCESPORT VARSITY CONSTITUTION

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(VC = Varsity Competition)

Section 1: Introduction

1.1

OUDC and CDC shall alternate hosting the Varsity Competition each year. The Varsity Competition will consist of a first team Varsity match and a second team Varsity match

1.2

The Varsity Competition shall be held during the third Full Term period of the academic year of both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The Competition shall be held on a Saturday when possible.

1.3

The host shall be responsible for organising the Varsity Competition. The host is liable for all debts resulting from the Competition, and shall receive any surplus from it.

1.4

Any alterations to this constitution must be agreed upon and signed by the team captains and presidents of both OUDC and CDC.

Section 2: Announcement of the Varsity Competition

2.1

The date of the competition shall be announced at least four months in advance.

2.2

The full list of competitions, along with their eligibility criteria, dress restrictions and step restrictions, must be announced at least three months in advance of the Competition.

Section 3: Music at the Varsity Competition

3.1

All music will be of the character of the dance and the number of bars per minute shall be within the limits defined by the International Dancesport Federation.

3.2

Non-dancing introductory sections of any music played must be no longer than 4 bars.

3.3

To ensure a fair representation in the results, there will be no time limit imposed on the length of each heat of the Varsity Matches. The judges shall be informed of this well in advance.

Section 4: Events at the Varsity Competition

4.1

The first team Varsity Match

4.1.1

No restrictions on clothing shall apply.

4.1.2

No step restrictions shall apply.

4.1.3

Both OUDC and CDC shall enter 9 couples.

4.1.4

All entrants must be eligible to compete in a first team Varsity Match subject to their University's Blues Criteria.

4.1.5 Dances

4.1.5.1

The dances shall be Waltz, Quickstep, Cha Cha and Jive, in this order.

4.1.5.2

The Host shall elect 3 couples to be "Group A", 3 couples to be "Group B" and 3 couples to be in "Group C". The Visitor shall elect 3 couples to be "Group D", 3 couples to be "Group E" and 3 couples to be "Group F".

4.1.5.3

Each dance shall consist of nine heats. Each heat shall consist of one Group from CDC and one from OUDC. They shall be danced in the following order.

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
Waltz	A vs D	B vs F	A vs E	C vs F	B vs D	C vs E	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E
Quickstep	C vs F	A vs E	B vs F	A vs D	C vs E	B vs D	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E
Cha	A vs D	B vs F	A vs E	C vs F	B vs D	C vs E	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E
Jive	C vs F	A vs E	B vs F	A vs D	C vs E	B vs D	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E

4.2 The Second Team Varsity Match

4.2.1

No restrictions on clothing shall apply.

4.2.2

No step restrictions shall apply.

4.2.3

Both OUDC and CDC must enter the maximum number of couples available to them eligible under 4.2.4 and 4.2.5. The number of couples must be equal in each team and be exactly 4, 6 or 9 couples determined by the team with lowest number of eligible couples.

This number shall be decided as above by the captains of OUDT and CUDT at least 3 months in advance of the competition.

4.2.4

All entrants must be eligible to compete in a second team Varsity Match subject to their University's Blues Criteria.

4.2.5

No entrant of the first team Varsity Match may also enter the second team Varsity Match.

4.2.6 Dances

4.2.6.1

The dances shall be Waltz, Quickstep, Cha Cha and Jive, in this order.

4.2.6.2.

When both OUDC and CDC can field nine couples the format of the second team Varsity Match will be the same as the first team Varsity Match, so that the Host shall elect 3 couples to be "Group A", 3 couples to be "Group B" and 3 couples to be in "Group C". The Visitor shall elect 3 couples to be "Group D", 3 couples to be "Group E" and 3 couples to be "Group F". When both OUDC and CDC field 6 couples the Host shall elect 3 couples to be in "Group

A" and 3 couples to be in "Group B". The Visitor shall elect 3 couples to be in "Group C" and 3 couples to be in "Group D". When both OUDC and CDC field 4 couples the Host couples shall be "Group A". The Visitors shall be "Group B"

4.2.6.3

Each dance shall consist of nine heats when each team fields nine couples, four heats when each team fields six couples and one heat when each team fields four couples. Each heat shall consist of one Group from CDC and one from OUDC. They shall be danced in the following order.

9 couples:

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
Waltz	A vs D	B vs F	A vs E	C vs F	B vs D	C vs E	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E
Quickstep	C vs F	A vs E	B vs F	A vs D	C vs E	B vs D	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E
Cha	A vs D	B vs F	A vs E	C vs F	B vs D	C vs E	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E
Jive	C vs F	A vs E	B vs F	A vs D	C vs E	B vs D	A vs F	C vs D	B vs E

6 couples:

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Waltz	A vs D	B vs C	B vs D	A vs C
Quickstep	A vs C	B vs D	A vs D	B vs C
Cha	B vs D	A vs C	B vs C	A vs D
Jive	B vs C	A vs D	A vs C	B vs D

4 Couples:

	Round 1
Waltz	A vs B
Quickstep	A vs B
Cha	A vs B
Jive	A vs B

4.3 Beginners' Events

4.3.1

Non-competitive dress shall be worn.

4.3.2

Steps are restricted to those in the BCBD restricted steps syllabus.

4.3.3

Entries are allowed from Beginners only.

Section 5: Order of Events

5.1

The second team Varsity Match shall be held before the first team Varsity Match.

5.2

All events, except Non-team events, must be held after the Varsity Match.

5.2.1 The Beginners' Events may take place before the second team match if one team has not arrived within one and a half hours of the start of the competition.

5.3

Non-team events may be held at any point during the day. They must not interfere with the running of either the first or second team Varsity Matches.

5.4 Before the Ballroom and Latin events of each team competition, the teams have the option of performing a walk on.

5.4.1 the walk on may be no longer than one minute twenty seconds long.

5.4.2 The Judges must be given the option of watching the walk on.

Section 6: Judging and Scrutineering

6.1

There is to be a minimum of five adjudicators, who are all Associate Members, or higher, of Modern Ballroom, Latin American and Rock 'n' Roll Branches of any recognised Society of Teachers of Dancing, and have not been a teacher for either OUDC or CDC in the last ten years.

6.1.1 The Adjudicators must be announced 3 months before the competition

6.1.2 The host side will pick three adjudicators, including the chairperson. The away side will select the remaining two adjudicators, which will make the panel a minimum of five persons in total.

6.2

The Scrutineer must possess a scrutineering diploma.

6.3

All scrutineering must be checked by the Chairman of the Adjudicators.

6.4

A named representative of each society shall have access to the stage at all times.

6.5

Any discussions held with the Judges on the day of the Varsity Competition relating to the Varsity Matches must be held in the presence of a member of OUDC and CDC.

6.6

A judge may only adjudicate the Varsity Matches once every three years

6.7

The scrutineer's working shall be made readily available and the judges' sheets shall be kept for at least 24 hours.

6.8

For the Varsity Matches marks will be allocated as follows.

6.8.1

In each heat, the adjudicators shall order the couples from first to last place. The marks awarded are the reverse of this, so that the couple marked in first place receives x points, with x equalling the number of couples in the heat. Each subsequent place will be awarded one less point than the place above it.

6.8.2

The scrutineer shall total the marks awarded to each couple by each adjudicator in each heat of each dance. The Team with the most marks shall be declared the winner. In the event that both teams have equal marks, the match shall be declared a draw.

Section 7: Trophies and Presentations

7.1

The host shall ensure that there are two trophies per couple entering the Varsity Matches.

7.2

The results of the second team Varsity Match shall be read first, with the host team's score read first. Then the first team Varsity Match results shall be read, again with the host's score first.

7.3

Results for Beginners and other competitions shall be read in order from last to first.

Section 8: Health and Safety

8.1

The host shall ensure that adequate first-aid provision shall be present throughout the competition.

Section 9: Definitions

9.1

OUDC = Oxford University Dancesport Club

9.2

CDC = Cambridge Dancers' Club

9.3

Host = The club which is organising the current Varsity, OUDC or CDC.

9.4

Visitor = OUDC or CDC, whichever is not the Host.

9.5

Beginner = An individual who has not received professional tuition (in groups or individually) in Ballroom dancing before the Varsity Competition of the previous year.

9.6

Each year, the meaning of "Non-competitive dress" shall be taken from the most recent definition in the IVDA constitution.

9.7

Entrants of non-team events may not have competed in either the first or second team Varsity Match of that year