

Oxford University Dancesport Club

Cuppers 2023

Cuppers is the annual intercollegiate dancing competition - it's your chance to show off your dancing skills and compete for your college! Each year, the Acheson Shield is awarded to the winning A-Team, and the Rob Stevens Cup is awarded to the best overall college. There are also individual prizes for the finalists in each dance and the best inexperienced couples overall.

This year the competition will be held on Saturday of 5rd Week of Trinity Term (27th May) in Iffley Sports Centre, with doors opening 12:00. The entry fee for competitors will be £10 per person. Many colleges allow you to claim this back, so check with your JCR sports representative!

If you have any queries about the competition that are not answered in the information below, please email them to the Club Secretary, James Moore, at cuppers@oudancesport.co.uk.

Formation of teams and amalgamations

A full team is comprised of four couples, who each dance one of waltz, quickstep, cha and jive. A college may enter as many teams as they like, and dancers within a team need not be ranked. Your best-scoring couple in each dance will automatically form your A-Team, your next best your B-Team, and so on. Colleges may also enter incomplete teams, which can then be amalgamated with incomplete teams from other colleges. (The amalgamated team will be the lowest ranking team for each of the colleges concerned.) All the points scored by dancers from a college will count towards their own college's overall total, which is used to determine the winner of the Rob Stevens cup. Thus fielding more couples makes it much more likely for a college to win the Rob Stevens cup!

If a partnership is comprised of two dancers from different colleges, then they may form part of an amalgamated team between those two colleges, which must be the lowest ranking team for both colleges. For example:

- Lonsdale College has one full team, one quickstep couple, and a spare boy.
- Beaumont College has two full teams, a cha couple, a jive couple, and a spare girl.

The spare dancers can waltz together and the amalgamated team (Lonsdale B-Team / Beaumont C-Team) will be made up of the amalgamated waltz couple, the lowest-scoring of Lonsdale's two quickstep couples, and the lowest scoring of the three couples in jive and in cha for Beaumont.

The experienced rule

No two experienced dancers may dance together at Cuppers. For the purposes of this competition an experienced dancer is defined as anyone who satisfies any of the following criteria.

- The dancer has competed in any capacity on the university circuit in this academic year.

- The dancer has ever competed in a team match at any of the major IVDA-affiliated competitions, except as part of an all-beginners team. (e.g. Warwick, Nottingham, Sheffield, NUDC, SUDC, IVDC).

If you require clarification or there are any exceptional circumstances, please contact the Club Secretary via cuppers@oudancesport.co.uk with all relevant details and they will rule on the matter.

Eligibility

- Any member of a college, including staff, may compete for their college. They will score full points.
- An ineligible partner may dance with an eligible dancer. The couple will score half points.
- Partners from different colleges can dance together as part of an amalgamated team, in which case they will both score half points for their respective colleges.
- An old member of one college who is a current eligible member of another college may request permission to dance for their old college. Requests should be sent to cuppers@oudancesport.co.uk.

Step and dress restrictions

Steps are unrestricted.

Dress is restricted. For further details please see the IVDA dress restriction guidelines.