



A.L.A.D

Comp Squad Partnerships

Start- January 2025

Overview

- Covering the new terms for the 2025 competition season.
- Addressing class requirements and commitments.
- 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 competitions can be entered without this medal.

Dance partnerships 2025 options:

- Do you already have a partner and want to continue competing together next season, that's great!
- If you have a partner but would like to dance with someone different in 2025, 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.
- If you aren't currently competing in pairs events, you can choose to partner up with a dancer who is within 2 years of your age.
- 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 cannot 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 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 2025- December 2025

Pairs class

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

Location- LVC NEW GYM

Fee- £4.50 per class (Book the term on the website)

Compulsory for ALL competition pairs AND open to any competitors who want to attend

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 upcoming 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. If you are entering a new partnership for 2025 you must schedule a minimum of two private lessons with your partner before you can enter a competition. If you have moved up an age group please also consider booking some private lessons with your partner so Coaches can work on choreography that is enhancing for their age group.

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 upcoming 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 2025. 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 A.L.A.D'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 2025:

Here are the latest updates:

1. U6 Competitors: Starting in the 2025 season, U6 competitors will be required to dance a different set routine to 2024 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 partner 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 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 a teacher will not apply for Open competitions. They can continue as normal at those events. Please note if your dancer is brand new to ALAD Comp squad, we will be in touch with you when we feel your dancer is ready for the partnership events.

What to do next-

Please email amyleighacademyofdance@gmail.com with your chosen partner for 2025. If you would like to partner up for 2025 but you are unsure who is available please send us an email and we will do our best to assist you.