



# UK Aerial Performance Championships 2022

## Entry Criteria

### JUNIOR COMPETITORS

All junior categories are open to ages 6-10 years only. To take part in these categories the participant must be within the age range on 27th August 2022. There are no restricted moves in any categories but all junior competitors must use a mat appropriate to the skills and height they are performing. We also advise all junior competitors to have a spotter close by who knows the performance well enough to identify any trouble you may be facing.

There will be three separate solo Junior categories: Junior Lyra, Junior Open and Junior Silks. Junior Doubles may participate in the Amateur Doubles category. All junior performances must be between 2 and 3 minutes.

### YOUTH COMPETITORS

All youth categories are open to ages 11-16 years only. To take part in these categories the participant must be within the age range on 27th August 2022. There are no restricted moves in any categories but all youth competitors must use a mat appropriate to the skills and height they are performing. We also advise all youth competitors to have a spotter close by who knows the performance well enough to identify any trouble you may be facing.

There will be three separate solo youth categories: Youth Lyra, Youth Open and Youth Silks. Youth Doubles may participate in the Amateur Doubles category. All youth performances must be between 2 and 3 minutes.

### AMATEUR COMPETITORS

All amateur categories are open to anyone aged 17 or above on the date of the final (27<sup>th</sup> August 2022). There are no restricted moves but participants are strongly advised to use the mat provided and participants are permitted to have a spotter close by if required.

To participate in the amateur categories, participants can not have made money in any way on any aerial apparatus. This includes instructing and performing.

This category is also not open to any person who has undertaken instructor training in any aerial discipline or is actively seeking work as a performer.

Any competitor that has undertaken work that would normally be performed by a paid aerial performer, even if they have not been paid, is not eligible to enter this category.

Performing in studio showcases, amateur displays or amateur guest performances does not affect your eligibility to enter the amateur level categories.

There will be three separate solo amateur categories: Amateur Lyra, Amateur Open and Amateur Silks, and an Amateur Doubles category. All amateur performances must be between 2 and 3 minutes.

### INSTRUCTOR COMPETITORS

All instructor categories are open to anyone aged 14 years or above. There are no restricted moves. Participants are permitted to use a mat and have a spotter close by if required. To participate in the instructor categories, participants can not have made any money from performing in aerial arts or actively be seeking work as a performer. The instructor categories are for instructors of any aerial discipline or those who have undertaken instructor training ready to work as an instructor in the future.

Any competitor that has undertaken work that would normally be performed by a paid aerial performer, even if they have not been paid, is not eligible to enter this category.

Performing in studio showcases, amateur displays or amateur guest performances does not affect your eligibility to enter the instructor level categories.

There will be three separate solo instructor categories: Instructor Lyra, Instructor Open and Instructor Silks. Instructor doubles may participate in the Professional Doubles category. All instructor performances must be between 2 minutes 30 seconds and 3 minutes and 30 seconds.



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### **NEW PERFORMER COMPETITORS**

All new performer categories are open to anyone aged 14 or above on the date of the final (27<sup>th</sup> August 2022) that has recently started working as an aerial performer. There are no restricted moves. Participants are permitted to use a mat. This level is open to participants that are new to performing and have not been seeking/undergoing paid work prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and have participated in fewer than 10 professional aerial performances.

There will be three separate solo new performer categories: New Performer Lyra, New Performer Open and New Performer Silks. New Performer Doubles may participate in the Professional Doubles category. All new performer performances should be between 2 minutes and 30 seconds and 3 minutes and 30 seconds long.

### **PROFESSIONAL COMPETITORS**

All professional categories are open to anyone aged 14 or above on the date of the final (27- 08-2022) There are no restricted moves. Participants are permitted to use a mat. This level is open to any participant who has earned money performing on any aerial apparatus or is actively seeking work as an aerial performer.

There will be three separate solo professional categories: Professional Lyra, Professional Open and Professional Silks, and a Professional Doubles category. All professional performances should be between 2 minutes 30 seconds and 3 minutes 30 seconds long.

## **CATEGORIES:**

### **LYRA**

Lyra categories are open to participants using double point, single point and 0 point hoop. Participants are permitted use of their own hoop in all lyra categories providing they meet industry standards of safety and are rigged correctly. If a double or tippy hoop is used it must be rigged to a paw plate or spreader bar. The only hoops provided are a 95cm 0 point hoop and a 95cm double point hoop. Please ensure you let us know if you would like to use our apparatus. Hoop height can be set by the competitor at the start of their performance.

### **SILKS**

Silks categories are open to participants using silks. Height restrictions at regional events are posted on the Facebook event pages. During the final the silks can be set up to 8m high. Participants are permitted to use their own silks. The only silks provided are 8m Ducks55aerial silks. Please ensure you let us know if you would like to use our apparatus.

### **OPEN**

Open categories are open to participants using any apparatus that can be mounted to a single point swivel that is not included in our lyra or silk categories. If a double point apparatus is to be used (e.g. trapeze, hammock, net, etc) it must be rigged to a paw plate or spreader bar so it can be safely rigged to the single point swivel. The only apparatus provided are a 2.3m pole covered in silicone tape, a Firetoys hammock, a 65cm trapeze, a 7m uncovered rope and a 3m Ducks55aerial sling. Competitors can choose the height of their apparatus.

### **DOUBLES**

Doubles categories are for competitors on any aerial apparatus that can be mounted to a single point swivel, including silks and lyra. Only one piece of equipment is permitted. Competitors can choose the height of their apparatus.