



WGUK 2021 Virtual Season

Announcement

Over the past several months the WGUK Board in conjunction with its member organisations have been holding regular discussions to review and plan for the forthcoming 2021 season within these very challenging times as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic.

Throughout this period, we have been working with and taking advice from the National Youth Council and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in relation to how to safely operate our activity in line with National, Regional and Location Restrictions and Guidelines.

As result of the recent Government Announcements, the WGUK Board in consultation with its member organisations have made the decision to operate a “Non-Competitive Virtual Season in 2021”.

Virtual Season Overview

The WGUK 2021 Non-Competitive Virtual Season will provide a valued platform and focus for colour guard organisations through these ongoing challenging times.

This will enable socially distanced performance programmes recognisable, and within the spirit of “Winter Guard”, which encompass traditional forms of equipment work (silk, rifle & sabre) and movement to be developed and more importantly be performed upon a “Virtual Platform”.

Performance Divisions

For the 2021 Season we will amend our traditional class approach and adopt the following “Performance Divisions” that reflect the current socially distancing guidelines based upon on age of the performer on the day of the virtual event:

- 12 years old & under
- 17 years old & under *(this can include performers 12 years old and under)*
- 18 years old & over/Open Age *(this can include performers 17 years old and under)*

Division Membership Criteria

- a) 12 years old & under
 - minimum of 5 performers, no maximum number
- b) 17 years old & under
 - Minimum of 5 performers, no maximum number
- c) 18 years old & over/Open Age
 - Minimum of 5 performers, maximum of 6 performers (including a staff performer) *Any performers in this group aged 17 years and under count towards the maximum 6 performers*

Division Timings

Division	Minimum	Maximum
12 years old & under	0	5 min
17 years old & under	0	7 min
18 years old & over/Open Age	0	9 min

Video Procedure

- a) Recordings must be “One Take” – spliced footage will not be accepted

- b) Recordings must be taken from one “Central Elevated” perspective – zooming in or moving the camera is not permitted.
- c) You will be required to upload your recordings for each “Online Event” separately – information on how to upload will be circulated at a later date.
- d) All performance recordings submitted deemed not to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines will be refused. If you require clarification on this please check the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak> or email if still unsure please email us admin@wguk.org.uk and we will do all we can to assist.

Virtual Event Schedule

- 1) Sunday 17th January 2021
- 2) Sunday 14th February 2021
- 3) Sunday 14th March 2021
- 4) Saturday 3rd April 2021

Our intention is to ensure that all “Virtual Events” will be initially aired/screened “FREE” on our dedicated WGUK Facebook Page and once screened these recordings will be available on UK Fan Network.

As 3rd April 2021 is the date of our scheduled “Championships”, we are exploring and planning to make this online event our “2021 Celebration Event” and please watch this space for more exciting information and the opportunity to participate.

Evaluation

Organisations will have the option to gain valued evaluation (feedback) from the WGUK Judging Team.

Evaluation will be based within the following areas:

- a) General Effect
- b) Design Analysis
- c) Equipment
- d) Movement

Even though our “Performance Divisions” are different for the 2021 Virtual Season due to age, each performing unit will have the opportunity to request feedback based on the traditional class criteria of:

- a) Kids/Cadets
- b) Junior
- c) “A”
- d) Open
- e) World

The format of evaluation (feedback) is currently being explored and will be circulated at a later date.

2021 Fees

£50 MPAUK Annual Membership Fee
£25 WGUK Virtual Season Fee

Included in the WGUK Virtual Season Fee, each registered performer will receive a “2021 Virtual Season Patch”.

Registration

Registration to the WGUK 2021 Virtual Season opens on 1st November 2020 and is open to ANY colour guard regardless of whether they have taken part in a WGUK event in the past.

To continue with the WGUK Long Service Awards, we will once again be requiring each organisation to register their performers with a cut of date of 28th February 2021.