



All England Dance Update February 2009

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM in December, Cynthia Carr was elected Chairman and Linda Lear Vice Chairman. As an adjudicator member, Cynthia is well known within the festival world, and needs no introduction. Linda has been associated with Torbay Festival since 1977 and been its Chairman since 1993. She joined the All England committee in 1999 and became the South West Regional Director following the sad death of Joanne Marsden-Blackwell in 2003. Cynthia and Linda have worked closely together on many occasions in the past and very much look forward to serving All England Dance in the future.

TEACHER MEMBERS

If you haven't already renewed your membership, you need to do so **now**. Regional Final entries require your signature and current membership number on the entry form. Entries received without a current member's signature **will be returned**. New members will need to send a passport size photo, current members retain their photocard. Use the slip below, plus cheque for £30, (payable to All England Dance).

It is worth a reminder that the Teacher Membership renewal goes to the address below, while entries for Regional Finals **must** go to the address listed on the website and in the Syllabus for the Regional Final to which you have qualified. There is an 'example' page in the syllabus and on the website which shows how the completed form should look.

SOME REMINDERS..... and FAQs

- Groups will be restricted to no more than 24 dancers.
- Schools may enter only TWO groups per age group/discipline at Regional and National Finals (this is a correction from the newsletter which was posted out.)
- Duets: Dancers may enter only FIVE duets.
- Trios and Quartets continue to be in the same section. Dancers may enter only FIVE trios/quartets.

- A School with a Group placed 1st at the National Finals may enter a group with the same choreography in the next competition, but thereafter not for the subsequent TWO competitions.

- As a very general guide, anything which is not purely classical will fall into another category, namely:

Character (classical work but telling a story or using props (fans, hoops, etc) or **Contemporary** or **Modern Ballet**

- If any of the Regional Finals is seriously over-subscribed, we reserve the right to re-allocate a school to their next nearest Final. This will not be done lightly and only as a last resort.
- Any entries with understamped envelopes will incur a charge of £5 to cover the Regional Director's visit to the Sorting Office!

If you are in doubt about any of the above, see the Rules in the syllabus or on the website or talk to us (or email info@all-england-dance.org.uk) and we will clarify further.

FAQs:

My daughter qualified with a Song & Dance but it's now a bit young for her, can we give her a new one for the Regional Final?

Absolutely NOT – the dance which is entered for the RF must be the same one that qualified.

Some of the Group have outgrown their costume, can we change it?

Provided the new costumes are similar in style, yes. Don't be tempted to add frills and tiaras!!

We have qualified to two Finals, can we dance at both?
No, you may only enter a dance at one Regional Final.

RENEWAL: Send to: Membership Secretary, 6 Thorne Park Road, Torquay, TQ2 6RX

Name: _____ TM No. _____

School: _____

Address: (ONLY IF CHANGED) _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: (ONLY IF CHANGED) _____ Email: _____