



Virtual Festival 2024 – Branch and Affiliated Group brief and guidelines

Thank you for your interest in Virtual Festival 2024. The theme for 2024 is **Steps into the Future.**

Criteria:

- The Virtual Festival, organised by the Youth Services Committee, is open to all branches and affiliated groups around the world. Please note that not all dancers in the team need to be members of the RSCDS
- You must use RSCDS copyrighted music, or obtain signed permission from the music creator, if non-RSCDS
- Videos can be up to 5 minutes long
- Teams can be made up of any number of dancers, including just one
- Under 18s must have the permission of a parent/guardian to take part

Video Guidelines and Specifications:

- Where possible, please film the video in landscape
- Recommended video dimensions 1280 x 720 for landscape (if filming on a mobile phone, please use the Full HD setting)
- Recommended video formats are .MP4 and .MOV.
- Please ensure that the video is steady, and where possible use a tripod or selfie stick
- Screen Skills offer top tips for filming on a mobile phone – access this resource on our website or email ysc@rscds.org for more information.

Music:

Please note that when you are choosing the music for your video you need to be aware of the copyright and performing rules which govern the uploading of material to YouTube - this is where we will be hosting the Virtual Festival submissions. The Society gives permission for branches and groups to use any material that has been produced by the RSCDS.

To use any other recordings, you should seek permission from the owners of the recording before submitting your entry. Please complete the music permissions section on the application form. If you have any questions, please contact us at ysc@rscds.org.

2024 Categories:

Book 53 – choose a dance from Book 53. You can view the list [here](#). The book can be purchased on the [RSCDS Shop](#). All the videos for these dances can be viewed for free on the [RSCDS YouTube channel](#).

Creative - dancing any dance, this category allows you to use your creativity to reference the theme of Steps into the Future; we're excited to see what you produce!

You may enter one or both categories, with one video per category.

Permissions and consent:

Permission should be obtained from parents/guardians for all dancers under 18. Please note, all entries will be uploaded to the RSCDS You Tube channel, shared on our social media platforms and on the RSCDS website.

Submissions:

Please complete the submission form and send your video to ysc@rscds.org. When sending files over 10MB please use a file sharing service or Cloud storage such as We Transfer, One Drive or Google Drive. A folder can be sent to you to upload any videos directly, please email ysc@rscds.org to request this.

Please submit your video by 30th September 2024.

Judging and winners:

Judging will take place during October, with the People's Choice vote closing on 31st October. The winning entries will be announced in November 2024.

Judging categories:

Overall winner – Virtual Festival trophy and £20 voucher for RSCDS shop
Winner of Book 53 category
Winner of Creative Category
People's Choice winner - £20 voucher for RSCDS shop

Special commendations:

Choreography
Teamwork
Would like to join in with
Videography
Musicality

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