



AERIAL Junior

Novice 6 - 12, Mixed Aerial

Age 8 and under, Mixed Aerial

Age 9 - 12, Open

Age 9 - 12, Hoop

Age 9 - 12, Silks

Doubles - Groups 6 - 12

AERIAL Youth

Elite Doubles - Groups, ages 6 - 16, Mixed Aerial

Novice 13 - 16, Mixed Aerial

Age 13 - 16, Open

Age 13 - 16, Hoop

Age 13 - 16, Silks

Ages 13 - 16, Doubles - Groups

Elite Youth 13 - 16, Mixed Aerial

AERIAL Adults

Instructor Doubles - Small Groups

Beginner

Intermediate Open

Intermediate Hoop

Intermediate Silks

Advanced Mixed Aerial

Instructors - Performer (lower)

Instructor - Performer (higher)

Doubles - Small Groups

POLE CATEGORIES

Junior - Youth Doubles - Small Groups

Junior Aged 6 - 12

Youth Aged 13 - 16

Beginners

Intermediate

Advanced

Instructors - Performers

Adults Doubles - Small Groups

Junior and Youth Novice category is open to anyone who is new to aerial and competing. You may not of competed or taken classes for more than a year to enter this category. There are no restrictions on moves, however this category is aimed at beginners and therefore we would not expect to see big tricks. The judging criteria will be more weighted to performance. You may only enter this category once regardless of what equipment you are on.

Youth Elite

If you are a Category Winner at any of the below competitions then you should enter Elite. This applies if not leveled or at advanced level. If at Beginner, Intermediate or Novice levels this does not apply.

Does not apply if you were a junior - mini at the time. Applies if you were aged 13 - 16 at the time of winning.

If you won on Hoop for example you may enter on Silks in your age category, but you may not enter your age category on Hoop. If you enter on Hoop you must enter Elite..

This category is also for Youths who perform professionally.

This category is also for Youths who hold any Certifications, Qualifications to teach or teach. Please see further clarification under the Instructor-Pro category for our definition on Youths who teach.

Competitions

South West Aerial and Pole Championship

UKAPC

IPAAT

United Aerial Arts

South Coast Aerial Tournament

Aerial Art

Previous Overall Champions of any of the above competitions Must enter Elite regardless of equipment they won on. For example if your won the title of Overall Champion on Hoop but want to enter on Silks you must still enter Elite.

Please take into consideration if you enter on more than one piece of equipment you will be competing against yourself and maybe required to perform in quick succession if you qualify for the final on more than one piece of equipment.

There are no restrictions on moves.

Age is age at date of final.

Doubles - Small Groups

There are no restrictions on moves.

You may use one or two rigging points.

You must enter age group of the oldest person in group, doubles.

If one person is an instructor and the other not you must enter Elite Doubles.

If any of the above Elite criteria applies to anyone in a doubles or group then you should enter Elite.

Adult Beginner

Beginner category is anyone who considers themselves to still be a Beginner. Your fitness level and ability should be at Beginner level and the classes you attend and the level you train at are focused on Beginner Level Moves. At least 90% of your routine should be beginner level moves. Please use the Spin City Bibles or discuss this with your instructor or us if you are unsure. You may only win this category twice and are then excluded from this category regardless of the equipment you are on.

You will be asked to sign a statement to confirm the above and we reserve the right to check with your instructor - studio.

Adult Intermediate

Intermediate category is anyone who considers themselves to be at Intermediate level. Your fitness level and ability should be at Intermediate level and the classes you attend and the level you train at are focused on Beginner - Intermediate Level Moves. At least 90% of your routine must be at Beginner - Intermediate level moves. Please use the Spin City Bibles or discuss this with your instructor or us if you are unsure. You may only win this category three times and are then excluded from this category regardless of the equipment you are on. You will be asked to sign a statement to confirm the above and we reserve the right to check with your instructor - studio.

Adult Advanced

There are no restrictions on moves within this category.

Instructors - Pro

Instructors - Pro are anyone who holds any Aerial or Pole Certifications. Anyone who is paid to teach or assist. Anyone who is paid to perform. If your status changes after you enter please inform us as you will be required to move categories.

Aerial Instructors who do not teach Pole or hold Pole Certifications do not need to enter instructors in Pole.

Pole Instructors who do not teach Aerial or hold Aerial Certifications do not need to enter instructors in Aerial.

There are no restrictors on Moves.

Youths who assist or teach should enter the Elite Youth Category.

Youths may hold a certification to teach and assist teaching on a casual basis, less than 5 times a year and be treated as a regular competitor, for example assisting with parties, festivals, summer fates, special occasions. But if they teach or assist more than 5 times per year they are classed as instructors and should enter Youth Elite.

The Pole and Aerial Competitions are treated as separate competitions. Therefore you could be advanced in one but intermediate in another.

Lower Instructors - Performers are those who have not won an Instructor Category more than once in the previous 2 years.

Higher Instructors - Performers are those who have won 2 or more Aerial competitions in an Instructor Category in the previous 2 years, you should also enter this category if you were a previous Overall Youth Champion at any of the above competitions and moving straight from Elite to Instructor.

If not enough performers on one particular piece of equipment we may merge categories into Open - Mixed Aerial.

Clarification.

Adult Beginner - Intermediate - Advanced

As Aerial and Pole has progressed so much over the last few years and with the addition of so many different types of equipment it has become more and more difficult to separate the levels, especially with new moves and variations added daily.

Some people maybe particularly flexible so able to do one or two advanced moves on this basis but not strong enough to do a solid strength move. Someone maybe extremely strong as comes from a sporting background so able to do one or two advanced strength moves but only been doing Aerial a short time so does not have the conditioning or knowledge to do a full advanced routine. It is difficult to categorise individuals in this way.

Therefore we have decided to eliminate the list of moves allowed or disallowed at each level. However we expect **at least 90%** of your routine to follow the guidelines in the Spin City Bibles.

This means that if you are a beginner but you can do 1 or 2 intermediate moves you can include them, but we would not expect to see a full routine of intermediate moves for example. if you are a Intermediate but you can do 1 or 2 advanced moves you can include them, but we would not expect to see a full routine of intermediate moves for example. You must remain in the 90% limit.

The classes you take and train at should be at the level you are entering. If you attend an intermediate class we would not expect you to enter Beginners and if you attend Advanced classes we would not expect you to enter Intermediate.

Please seek your instructors or our guidance if you are unsure.

Please consider, Your fitness level, classes you attend, experience, ability.

Be honest as we will be operating on a trust basis but may check with your instructor - studio.