



# Drum Corps United Kingdom

Providing an exciting competitive circuit for Drum & Bugle Corps.



**If you run a Drum & Bugle Corps or a Corps style unit then this is your chance to expand the opportunities for, and development of, your members.**



**Be the best!**

[www.dcuuk.org.uk](http://www.dcuuk.org.uk)



# DRUM CORPS UNITED KINGDOM

## Information

Drum Corps United Kingdom (DCUK) is a charitable organisation registered with The Charity Commissioners and run BY the members FOR the members. The organisation runs events during the summer and early autumn months. DCUK elects a Board annually to run the activity. Three of these board members also stand as trustees and serve on the board of our governing charity - Marching & Performing Arts UK (MPA:UK).

### Competitive Classes

In 2017 DCUK will organise and run four regional Drum Corps competitions plus the 38<sup>th</sup> British Drum Corps Championships.

There are three competitive classes;

- **Open Class**
- **A Class** (*Championships only*)
- **Junior Class**
- **Plus SoundSport & DrumLine Battle**

The Open & A Classes are divisional classes based primarily on performance standard with no age restrictions.

The Junior Class is open to new/inexperienced units or Cadet Corps with the emphasis on performance and enjoyment rather than competition.

All styles of marching units will be warmly welcomed to perform an exhibition at any of our Regional shows.

There are no qualifying criteria for the DCUK Championships – however Corps do need to compete in at least one DCUK event to be eligible for the Drum Corps Europe Championships.

Corps are able to compete using any form of instrumentation.



# SoundSport & Drum Line Battle



SOUNDSPORT®

**SoundSport®** events showcase instrumental ensembles of any instrumentation and any skill level year-round, spotlighting their unique talents and creativity like never before.

- SoundSport®'s goal is to be local, low cost and entertaining for both the participants and the audience
  - SoundSport® teams can be colleges, high schools, middle schools, independent, alumni corps, small drum corps or whatever you can dream up
  - There are no age restrictions and all instruments are legal
  - SoundSport® teams consist of five or more members
  - Shows are 5-7 minutes in length with a focus on music
  - The performance area is 20 yards deep and 30 yards wide
- **Virtual Performances** – ongoing online exhibitions, contests and tournaments, featuring performance videos submitted from teams competing to score points, prizes and bragging rights against other groups from every continent—all in an environment where everyone can be a judge!
- **Live Competitive Events** – held throughout the year in a wide variety of exciting settings and environments, featuring a new level of entertainment-focused competition on high-energy, up-close performance stages smaller than the traditional American football stadium.



## ABOUT DLB

**DRUMLINE BATTLE™** EVENTS SHOWCASE MARCHING PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES OF ANY INSTRUMENTATION AND ANY SKILL LEVEL YEAR-ROUND, SPOTLIGHTING THEIR UNIQUE TALENTS AND CREATIVITY IN A HIGH ENERGY FACE-TO-FACE COMPETITION.

### HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

Simply prepare a 1.5 to 2.0 minute marching percussion drum solo (*battery only*). Add some visuals, stunts and stick tricks and you're good to go! It's that easy and it's a lot of fun. You can use material from your winter line, fall show or something produced just for this event.

- Battles are staged head-to-head against another drumline.
- Each team will perform a 1.5 to 2.0 minute solo facing the other team in their own 12 meter x 12 meter battle zone, separated by a 2 meter wide neutral zone.
- Judges will instantly determine the winning team, based on a combination of drumming skills, movement, visuals, stick tricks, stunts and overall showmanship.

SoundSport® & DrumLine Battle™ are programs of Drum Corps International

SoundSport® events showcase instrumental ensembles of any instrumentation and any skill level year-round, spotlighting their unique talents and creativity like never before. for more information visit the official website at [www.soundsport.com](http://www.soundsport.com)

DrumLine Battle™ events showcase marching percussion ensembles of any instrumentation and any skill level year-round, spotlighting their unique talents and creativity in a high energy face-to-face competition and for more information visit the official website at [www.drumlinebattle.com](http://www.drumlinebattle.com).

## Membership Requirement

Membership of DCUK is open to all British Drum and Bugle Corps (and Corps style units) as defined in the rules of the organisation. Interested potential members should initially contact the DCUK Board for an information pack and application form.

On receipt of their application, Corps will be contacted by the local member of the DCUK Board who will arrange to visit or have an informal chat, to answer any questions and to offer advice. There is no audition or "standards" qualification for membership although we may wish to visit you if you are a "main" Corps and decide to enter the Junior Class.

None member units are actively encouraged to exhibit (and be judged if required) at any DCUK Regional contest – contact us for details.

Much more information can be found on our website

<http://www.dcu.org.uk>

## The Management of DCUK

The management team of Drum Corps United Kingdom, who were elected by their fellow Corps Directors and Corps Representatives, consists of Chris Gibbs, Mark Nicholson, Jason Oates and the Chair of MPA:UK, Alan Thompson.

**Contact the board at**

[board@dcuk.org.uk](mailto:board@dcuk.org.uk)

**or the Charity Chairman at**

[chairman@mpauk.org.uk](mailto:chairman@mpauk.org.uk)

## Income Generation



DCUK generates income to support the activity. Mostly this comes from profits from the Championships and the membership/registration fee charge member Corps but DCUK also runs a booster stall and online merchandising section.

DVDs are produced for each Championships event and are sold on a not -for -profit basis.



**DCUK – PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE.....**

**A member of Marching & Performing Arts UK  
Registered Charity Number 328541**

## **Benefits of Membership of DCUK**

**Four Regional Competitions in 2018**

**Quality judging and advice via our Judges Association**

**Spectacular "Finals" event for all classes**

**Souvenir DVD's of each "Finals"**

**Pay as you Play – you only pay for the shows you enter**

**Advice on running a corps and any problems encountered**

**An informative and regularly updated website with essential  
download documents for guidance on running a corps effectively**

**Free embroidered patches for all members marching finals**

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SINCE 1980***



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