

Hire Terms of Use 2025/6



Booking Information

- The individual making the booking must be 18 years or above
- One partnership* per set of leotards only
- The partnership is permitted to use the same hire leotard for multiple routines

Any intention to take items outside of the UK must be notified in writing prior to commencement of the hire. Where customers are flying abroad, items must be kept in hand luggage for security.

*Partnership - for the avoidance of doubt, is defined as 1 entry in 1 category. For example, 1x Grade 5 WG. Using the leotard for Balance & Dynamic is permitted.

Hire Start Date - leotards will arrive by 1pm on or before this date.

Hire Return/End Date – leotards must be posted back to us on or before this date.

Delivery Information

Competitions leotards will be shipped via Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed by 1pm.

Other items (bodysuits or leotards under £150 value) will be shipped via Royal Mail Tracked 24Hr or 48Hr. If ordered with a competition leotard, these will be shipped together where possible.

If you are not in at the time of delivery, you are able to re-schedule or arrange collection from a local Post Office via the tracking link. The hire period shall remain as shown on the order confirmation.

Collection

For competitions we are attending, there is the option to collect and/or return your hire leotards at the event. In this case, you will be provided with information and a contact number.

Inspection & Acceptance of Goods

All items are checked prior to despatch. It is the responsibility of the hirer to inspect the items on delivery or collection. If you identify any damages or shortages, you must inform us in writing within 24 hours of delivery, providing sufficient details. Other than by agreement, we will only accept returns if we are satisfied the items are defective and, if required, have carried out an inspection.

We will be under no liability or further obligation in relation to the items if:

- You fail to provide notice as set above
- You make any further use of the items after giving notice under the clause above relating to damages and shortages
- The defect arises because you did not follow our oral or written instructions about the storage, use and maintenance of the items
- The defect arises from normal wear and tear
- The defect arises from misuse or alteration, negligence, wilful damage or any other act by you, your employees, your agents or any third parties

Acceptance of the items will be deemed upon inspection of them by you and in any event within 24 hours after delivery.

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Temporary Alterations

The hirer is allowed to conduct minimal alterations, provided they are temporary and removed before return of the items. No attempt shall be made without prior written permission to conduct repairs to damaged equipment or permanent modifications.

The following alterations are permitted:

- Sewing of country flags when representing a national team
- Tacking skirts down
- Adjustments to improve sizing/fit of the leotard

Failure to remove any temporary alterations before returning the leotards may result in a surcharge.

Return Information

The return address & instructions will be provided via email and/or via document included with your items when they arrive. If you lose/delete/misplace this information, please contact us in advance of your return date. Late returns due to loss of return information will not be considered.

Do not wash the items before returning them (this will be done for you once received back).

The customer must return items as delivered using the appropriate service and with packaging securely sealed. Where the hirer has failed to either contact us and explain the circumstances, or request an extension, we will investigate and may inform the police to report items as stolen.

Once the goods have been returned, unpacked, and checked by Derivative Leotards the booking will be marked as complete. Missing/broken items will require payment. See 'Surcharges' section.

Cancellation, Return and Refund Policy

Cancellations will be confirmed via **email only**. Notification via an alternative source will not be treated as confirmed and does not follow the timescales below until sent via email.

Cancellations requested within 4 hours of initial order confirmation, will be refunded in full.

For cancellations *14 days or more before* the hire start date, you are entitled to a full refund less £5.00 admin fee.

For cancellations *less than 14 days before* the hire start date, you are entitled to a refund of the full postage cost only. Hire fees for bookings within this period are non-refundable, unless we can find another customer who wishes to hire the leotards in your place.

*Alternatively, you can claim a credit to the full value of the hire booking. Credit can be used on any hire booking (not including Annual Hire) and will be valid until the end of the season (31st July 2026).

Once the items have been shipped (up to 5 days before the hire start date), defects or deficiencies notwithstanding, the customer agrees to pay the full hire and courier charges for said booking.

Refunds for early return of the items will not be given.

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Surcharges

By receiving the leotards, you agree to the following charges if terms are not adhered to correctly:

- £5.00 per leotard per day items remain unreturned to the Company (after the hire end date). Charges apply to full set, even if 1 leotard is returned earlier than others.
- £10.00 per leotard if returned incorrectly – to an address not stated on the hire confirmation document or using an incorrect courier service. Further charges may apply if items are subsequently lost / never returned.
- £50.00 per leotard if used by more than one partnership without prior booking
- £5.00 per fault for minor damage - stains or wear that requires additional treatment
- £10.00 per leotard w/ temporary alterations not removed
- £15.00 per fault for medium damage - that which requires a seamstress to repair

Loss or major damage will be assessed and calculated up the full value of the complete leotard set.

We understand that leotards may, overtime, pick up the odd fault such as crystals falling off or threads coming undone. However, major faults and obvious neglect will be treated as damage.

Loss or Damage

The customer is responsible for the safe keeping of items throughout the hire. Items must be returned in the condition in which they were received and in functional working order. In the event of loss or damage, please contact us immediately.

To minimise the risk of loss/damage, we strongly recommend the following:

- Items are not washed before returning (this is done for you upon their return)
- Do not wear the items for longer than is required
- Ensure items are well kept, in a leotard bag or case when not in use
- Do not consume food or drink (other than water) with competition leotards on

If items [arrive damaged from the courier](#) and we establish that nothing can be done to rectify the existing items, we will attempt to redeliver a replacement where possible.

[If you damage the items during your hire](#), a preliminary quotation for repair/replacement will be obtained. Depending on the severity, cost for repair or replacement will need to be covered by the customer. See 'Surcharges' section for more information.

In the event of [loss or theft](#), the incident must be reported to the police immediately and a crime reference number obtained. If the leotards are [lost during a flight](#), you should report upon arrival at the airport. You may receive a Property Irregularity Report (PIR). You will also need to put in a written claim to the airline within seven day and send Derivative Leotards proof of this.

Derivative Leotards will investigate all losses thoroughly. Please note you will remain liable up to the full value of the items and we will take whatever action necessary to recover these costs. The hirer shall also be liable for loss of rental income resulting from such loss for the period it takes to effect repairs, up to and including the replacement value of the items.

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International Hire (outside the UK)

All information is applicable to International Hire, other than points below:

- Please refer to the 'International Hire' section of the website when booking. Any orders from our standard hire collection which require international delivery will be cancelled
- Shipping will be via international courier. While we aim to ensure all leotards will be delivered on or before the hire start date, this cannot be guaranteed in case of courier delay
- The customer is liable to pay any potential duty/customs fees for the initial delivery
- International customers must cover the return delivery cost and any potential duty/customs fees for the return. It is advised this is paid up front when shipping, to avoid delay.

The hirer will be liable and charged accordingly for items not shipped back to us on or before the hire end date. *Please see 'Surcharges' section for more information.* We would expect items to be received at our warehouse within 14 days of the hire end date. Where the hirer has failed to contact us and explain the circumstances, or request an extension, we will investigate and may inform the police to report the items as stolen.

Acrobatic Gymnastics – Crystal Size

"British Gymnastics have now confirmed that the FIG rule regarding the size of diamantes on leotards (10mm diameter) will be phased in this cycle (2025-2028) for NDP and FIG National Events. The Technical Committee will not penalise the gymnasts this cycle.

Gymnasts competing internationally (outside of the UK) need to be aware that if they have leotards with diamantes bigger than 10mm they can be deducted."

We now provide the crystal size of all hire leotards on our website. If you require a leotard with crystals 10mm or under, please ensure you book one which confirms this size on the product page. We will not be able to change crystals without agreement prior to booking.

Any cancellations due to crystal size will follow our Cancellation, Return & Refund Policy. No refund can be provided for leotards worn in competition that result in deduction.

Payment

Payment of any monies payable to Derivative Leotards in respect of any booking shall be made before items are dispatched. The customer shall pay all sums due to Derivative Leotards under this contract without any set-off, deduction, counterclaim and/or any other withholding of monies. Derivative Leotards reserves the right to charge the customer to the full value of the leotards if the customer is in breach of these Terms and Conditions.

If payment has not been received within 3 days of making the booking, Derivative Leotards reserves the right to cancel your order and make the items available for other bookings. If booked online, selection of 'Bank Transfer' with no payment within 24 hours will be subject to cancellation.

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Reservations

Booking cannot be made without payment. Making an enquiry either by phone, email or in person, does not constitute booking the leotards.

Where the equipment, for reasons outside of our control, ceases to be available for the duration of the hire period, we shall inform the customer as soon as practically possible. Derivative Leotards will endeavour to provide suitable replacement. Where such alternative is not available to fulfil the order, the Customer can cancel all or part of the order and receive a full or part refund as applicable.

In the event of a courier misrouting or error, Derivative Leotards will endeavour to deliver the items before 1pm on the chosen hire start date (where available). Any times quoted for delivery are an estimate, and the Hirer acknowledges that delivery may be postponed due to circumstances outside the direct control of the Company. In such event, Derivative Leotards shall not be liable for any damages, compensation, or penalty.

Ownership

The leotards and accessories on hire shall remain the absolute property of Derivative Leotards and the customer has no right, title, or interest in the items, except that it is hired to the customer for an agreed period. The hirer shall not assign, transfer or otherwise part with possession of the items beyond that which is reasonably necessary.

Privacy

All information gathered, received, or relied upon by Derivative Leotards will be regarded as private and will not be shared or divulged to third parties. The exception will be if the Hirer fails to return the items and an investigation is conducted, in which circumstances information may, as appropriate, be shared with the police, insurance companies and other interested parties in pursuance of recovering the Company's items.

We reserve the right to withdraw the offer to hire equipment within 5 working days if we are not satisfied with the validity of information provided.