



VARIETY CATEGORY

SCORE SHEET EXPLANATION

A Variety routine must incorporate a blend of at least two or more dance styles listed in the USASF Categories. (Jazz, Pom, Hip Hop, Contemporary/Lyrical and/or Kick) All styles will compete together in this category. The style of dance performed will determine which "category" rules a team will follow in the appropriate age division

CHOREOGRAPHY

COMPOSITION OF MOVEMENT

Judges will credit: how well the movement complements unique musicality and dynamics; the originality of the routine, new concepts and movement, incorporation of a variety of movements within each style that supports the flow of the routine and compliments the music.

STAGING / VISUAL EFFECTS

Judges will credit: how the choreography utilizes the stage and how the dancers are presented on the floor; the structure of challenging formations and seamless transitions. Incorporation of unique and unpredictable visuals within the movement developed through use of creative floor work, group/partner work, level changes, opposition, etc.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Judges will credit: difficulty of the routine considering both movement and skills (does not reflect execution); overall level, pace, and intricacy of movement such as footwork, direction changes; effective incorporation of challenging elements. Appropriate utilization of team's ability level.

EXECUTION

UNIFORMITY / SYNCHRONIZATION

Judges will credit: how well the team dances together as a group, rather than the execution. The ability of the team to maintain accuracy, clarity and control along with commitment to the style and interpretation of movement as a group.

SPACING

Judges will credit: the ability of the dancers to use spatial awareness to position themselves correct distances between each other in and throughout all formations and transitions.

MOVEMENT PROFICIENCY

Judges will credit: The dancers' ability to exhibit the presented style effectively and distinctly throughout the routine. This includes the overall ease and execution in the strength of movement, superior musicality, motion control, and precision, including the accuracy of body placement within each style presented. This includes the accuracy of body placement, alignment and posturing.

MOVEMENT DYNAMICS

Judges will credit: movement intensity and control in terms of musicality, strength, and velocity.

ELEMENTS & SKILLS

Judges will credit: demonstration of correct approach, execution and completion of elements such as, but not limited to: leaps, turns, lifts, kicks, pom passes, etc.

PRESENTATION

COMMUNICATION

Judges will credit: genuine use of projection, confidence, expression and emotion to convey and maintain mood and emotion of intended style/story/concept through both facial expression and body energy.

SUITABILITY

Judges will credit: effectiveness of the music, costuming, and choreography as fulfillment of the genre per the category description; and suitability for family viewing.