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<u>ACU Dance Documents</u>

- 1. IASF Dance Rules:
 - Outlines the rules for All Star Dance
- 2. IASF Dance Glossary
 - Outlines terms used and their definitions.
- 3. ACU Dance Age Grid:
 - Outlines the divisions on offer, including ages, team sizes and levels for each division
- 4. ACU Dance Deduction System
 - Outlines the definitions for routine infractions and rule violations
 for All Star dance routines
- 5. ACU Dance General Scoring
 - Outlines general information regarding divisions and dance styles
- 6. ACU Novice and Intermediate Dance Rules
 - Outlines specific requirements within the novice and intermediate divisions





Routine Infractions

Athlete Requirement

- 1.1. Failure to meet minimum athlete requirement to enter petite or small division.
 - 1 dancer missing from minimum number 1.0
 - 2 dancers missing from minimum number DQ

2. Age Violation

- 2.1. Teams that perform with an athlete that does not meet their registered division.
 - Any number of athletes within the team DQ

3. Performance Commencement

- 3.1. Athletes must take to the performance surface within 30 seconds of their team name or other que being announced or directed to the team itself
 - Failure to appear for performance within 30 seconds DQ

4. Time Limit Violations

- 4.1. Routines must adhere to their allocated time allowance as per their division, failure to do so may result in a deduction. Timing will begin with the first choreographed movement or note of music. Timing will end with the last choreographed movement or note of the music (whichever happens last).
 - Routine undertime 0.5
 - 3-5 seconds overtime 0.5
 - 6-10 seconds overtime 1.0

• 11+ seconds overtime - 2.0

5. Boundary Violation - 0.5

- 5.1. A 0.5 deduction will be assessed per occurrence for an athlete that makes contact with both feet outside the competition floor.
- 6. Pom or Costume Hazard 0.5
- 6.1. Pom or costume drops will incur a deduction only if the item becomes a hazard i.e.
 - pom or costume drops in the middle of the floor, but picked up quickly, will not receive a deduction.
 - Pom or costume dropped in the middle of the floor with dancers performing over the top of it, team will receive a 0.5 deduction.

7. Major Error - 1.0

- 7.1. Drops or falls to the floor during choreography, jumps, leaps, tumbling, kicks, tricks, lifts or freezes
- 8. Unsportsmanlike Conduct 1.0
- 8.1. When a coach is in discussion with an official, other coaches, athletes and parents/spectators they must maintain proper professional conduct. Failing to do so will result in 1.0 deduction and removal of coach or disqualification.

Includes the following:

- Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between athletes during the event
- Abuse of equipment or any items associated with the event
- Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive, or insulting



- Using language or gestures that offend race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
- Failing to perform a routine
- Excessive appealing at Score Reviews
- Showing dissent towards scoring official decision by word or action
- Threat of assault to an event representative
- Public criticism of an event related incident or event official

9. Choreography, Music & Costuming Violation - 1.0

- 9.1. As defined by the IASF dance rules.
 - Suggestive, offensive or vulgar choreography, costuming, makeup and/or music are inappropriate for family audiences and therefore lack overall audience appeal. This may affect the judges' overall impression and/or score of the routine. Vulgar or suggestive choreography is defined as any movement implying something improper or indecent, appearing offensive or sexual in content, and/or relaying lewd or profane gestures or implications.
 - All choreography should be age appropriate.
 - Every effort should be made to ensure that the lyrics of the music are appropriate for all audience members.
 - Performing in socks and/or footed tights, high heels, roller skates, roller blades or any other footwear that is inappropriate for the sport is not allowed. If in doubt, please contact the IASF Rules Committee for approval.
 - Jewellery as part of a costume is allowed.
 - All costuming should be secure. Costume malfunctions resulting in team members being exposed may be grounds for disqualification.
 - No cheers or chants allowed.

- 10. IASF Rule Violation 2.0
- 10.1. Refer to current IASF Dance Rules, this includes:
 - General Rules
 - Choreography, Music & Costuming
 - Props
 - Division Specific Rules
- 11. ACU Rule Violation 2.0
- 11.1. Novice Division: Any violation of the ACU Novice rules may include a 2-point deduction
- 11.2. Intermediate Division: Any violation of the ACU Intermediate rules may include a 2-point deduction
- 12. DanceABILITY 2.0
- 12.1. Any violation of the DanceABILITY rules may include a 2-point deduction.