

## UNITED SCORING DANCE DEDUCTIONS

Category	Deduction Value	Explanation	More Information
General Rules	0.50 points	Each team will have a minimum of 1 minute and 45 seconds (1:45) to a maximum of 2 minutes and 15 seconds (2:15) to demonstrate their style and expertise. Timing will begin with the first choreographed movement or note of the music. Timing will end with the last choreographed movement or note of the music, whichever happens last.	Novice teams have no time minimum but a maximum of 1 minute and 30 seconds (1:30).
Choreography, Music & Costuming	0.50 points	Routine choreography, music, costuming (including make up) should be appropriate and acceptable for family viewing.	
		Footwear is recommended but not required. Wearing footwear with wheels, socks and/or footed tights only is prohibited.	Exception: Socks are permitted on a carpeted performance surface.
Props	0.50 points	Wearable and/or handheld items are allowed in all categories and may be removed and discarded from the body. They may NOT be used to elevate dancer(s) from the performance surface.	Clarification: The safety of the dancer should be considered.
		Standing props are NOT allowed.	
		Props CANNOT be used to intentionally obscure/cover skills that need to be viewable by a legality official.	
Performance Error	0.50 points	Any skill or trick executed incorrectly that then makes it an illegal skill/trick	
ALL USASF PREP/NOVICE RULES	0.75 points	Any infraction of the USASF Prep/Novice Dance Rules	
ALL USASF RULES	1.0 points	Any infraction of the USASF Dance Rules (Tiny/Mini/Youth/Junior/Senior/Open)	