

UNITED DANCE SCORING

DEDUCTIONS



CATEGORY	DEDUCTION VALUE	EXPLANATION	MORE INFORMATION
USASF 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 (2:00) 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. Exception: Teams competing in the Novice Tier have no time minimum and a maximum of 1 minute and 30 seconds (1:30).	Dancers must remain on stage throughout the performance. Wings may not be used for staging.
USASF 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. (Clarification: Socks designed for dance that provide shock absorption, arch support, ankle stability, traction are allowed.)
USASF 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 Intermediate + Novice Rules	0.75 points	Any infraction of the USASF Intermediate + Novice Dance Rules	
All USASF Premier Rules	1.0 points	Any infraction of the USASF Premier Dance Rules (Tiny/Mini/Youth/Junior/Senior/Open)	

*NOTE: Additional USASF General Rules and Choreography, Music & Costuming Rules are available on Page 3 of the 2026-2027 USASF Dance Rules. The most common violations are listed in this chart.