**2022-23 LEGALITY JUDGE - SCORING GUIDELINES**

**SCHOOL SONG/POM, PEP FLAG, MASCOT, AND GAME DAY DIVISIONS**

**SAFETY VIOLATION/ DIVISION LIMITATION VIOLATION – (2.0) per occurrence**

**Given when a skill is performed beyond division limitations, or other violation occurs, that is not allowed by 2022-2023 USA Song/Pom, Song/Jazz, Pep/Short Flag Safety Rules for School and Rec teams, or violation of Mascot or Game Day guidelines.**

**MASCOT PROP 1 MINUTE SET UP/BREAK DOWN TIMING – (1.0) for every 1-10 seconds over time limit. (1-10 = 1 point; 11-20 = 2 points; etc.)**

**PEP/SHORT FLAG 45 SECOND ENTRANCE/EXIT TIMING – (1.0) for every 1-10 seconds over time limit. (1-10 = 1 point; 11-20 = 2 points; etc.)**

**TIME LIMIT VIOLATION FOR TOTAL ROUTINE LENGTH – (1.0) for every 1-10 seconds over time limit. (1-10 = 1 point; 11-20 = 2 points; etc.)**

**SONG/POM – POM USE RESTRICTION (Poms must be used for at least 80% of the routine)– (1.0) for every 5 seconds under pom usage. (1-5 = 1 point; 6-10 = 2 points; etc.)**

**PEP/SHORT FLAG USE RESTRICTION (Flags must be used for at least 80% of the routine)– (1.0) for every 5 seconds under flag usage. (1-5 = 1 point; 6-10 = 2 points; etc.)**

**PEP/SHORT FLAG DROPPED – (.50)**

**BOWS – (.25)**

**Bows should not be excessive in size and shouldn’t be a distraction to the performance. Bows should be worn in a manner to minimize risk for the participants, should be adequately secured on the back of the head with the tails facing down, and should not fall over the forehead.**

**COSTUMING/FOOTWEAR/PROPS/FLAG SHAFT TIPS – (3.0) penalty for each violation of guidelines listed in the General Information**

**UNECESSARY CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE ORDER – (3.0) determined by competition officials/directors**

**INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC/LYRICS/CHEER WORDS, APPEARANCE AND/OR MOVEMENTS – (3.0) determined by competition officials/directors in accordance with the guidelines listed in the General Information**

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT – (1.0)**

**When a coach is in discussion with an official, other coaches, athletes, and/or parents/spectators, they must maintain proper professional conduct. Failing to do so may result in a 1.0 deduction and removal of coach from event. Severity of infraction may lead to team disqualification. Penalty determined by competition officials/directors.**

**DISQUALIFICATION PENALTIES – Examples include violation of eligibility requirements, age/grade requirements, participating on two teams within the same category type/and or divisions, entering/performing in the incorrect category/division, failing to provide proof of music licensing, and severe sportsmanlike conduct. Disqualification will be determined by event officials and the Director of Special Events.**

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