



2025-26 LEGALITY SCORING GUIDELINES

SONG/POM, SONG/JAZZ, PEP FLAG, MASCOT AND SONG/POM 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 2024-2025 USA Song/Pom, Song/Jazz, Pep/Short Flag Safety Rules, or violation of Mascot or Game Day guidelines.

MASCOT PROP 1 MINUTE SET UP/BREAK DOWN TIMING – (1.0) for every 1-5 seconds over time limit. (1-5 = 1 point; 6-10 = 2 points; etc.)

PEP/SHORT FLAG 30 SECOND ENTRANCE/EXIT TIMING – (1.0) for every 1-5 seconds over time limit. (1-5 = 1 point; 6-10 = 2 points; etc.)

TIME LIMIT VIOLATION FOR TOTAL ROUTINE LENGTH – (1- 5 seconds over time limit = 1.0 point. 6 or more seconds over time limit = 2.0 points.)

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)

COSTUMING/FOOTWEAR/PROPS/FLAG SHAFT TIPS – (1.0) penalty for each violation of guidelines listed in the General Information

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

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC/LYRICS/CHEER WORDS, APPEARANCE AND/OR MOVEMENTS – (1.0) 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.