SPIRIT



2025-2026 DANCE COMPETITIONS

College Jazz

Team Name: Division: # On Team

Choreography	Max Value	Score	Comments:
JAZZ STYLE/CREAT IVITY Dance Movement/Variety Visual Effects Musical Interpretation	15		
ROUTINE STAGING Transitions/Continuity Formations/Use of Floor	15		
 TECHNICAL SKILLS/SPECIALTIES Turns Kicks Leaps/Jumps Use of Team 	10		
Execution			
MO VEMENT TECHNIQUE Control/Placement Strength/Precision	15		
UNIFORMITY • Synchronization • Timing/Rhythm/Pace • Spacing	15		
TECHNICAL SKILLS/SPECIALTIES Turns Kicks Leaps/Jumps Overall Technique	10		
Performance			
SHOWMANSHIP Carriage/Projection Energy/Expression/Emotion Eye Contact/Confidence Recoveries	10		
OVERALL IMPRESSION Judge's impression of the entire performance encompassing all scoresheet categories. This may also include elements such as: Appearance, Appropriateness and Crowd Appeal.	10		College Jazz
TOTAL SCORE	100		Judge:

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COLLEGE JAZZ ROUTINE PROCEDURE: A college jazz routine incorporates stylized jazz dance movements and combinations, visuals effects, level changes, formation changes and dance technique. Emphasis should be on uniformity of the selected jazz style, proper dance technique, timing and showmanship.

CHOREOGRAPHY (40)

Jazz Style/Creativity (15)

- Dance Movement/Variety Variety of dance movements incorporated effectively throughout the routine.
- Visual Effects Use of visual effects, level changes, roll-offs, etc. to make routine more exciting and original.
- Musical Interpretation Music selection and appeal, should complement choreography, movement and skills match the beats/hits in music. Sound effects should accentuate choreography not overpower it.

Routine Staging (15)

- Transitions/Continuity Smooth, clean transitions from element to element, throughout routine. Pace, visual effect and creativity of transitions will increase difficulty.
- Formations/Use of Floor Variety of formations and effective use of formation changes to increase excitement. Ability to utilize the performance area to reach the entire audience.

Technical Skills/Specialties (10)

- Turns Variety and incorporation of turns and turn sequences, ability to perform and execute them successfully, difficulty is also taken into consideration.
- Kicks Variety of kicks and how they are incorporated into routine.
- Leaps/Jumps Incorporation and variety of leaps/jumps, and how they are used to enhance routine, difficulty is also taken into consideration.
- Use of Team How many team members are used to perform skills listed above, looking for good utilization of the team
 overall.

EXECUTION (40)

Movement Technique (15)

- Control/Placement Proper control, placement and posturing of angles and body positions. Looking for full extension and completion of movement.
- Strength/Precision Ability to perform movement with the proper level of strength continually and effectively.

Uniformity (15)

- Synchronization How well a team dances together. The ability to be "in sync" and maintain accuracy of movement.
- Timing/Rhythm/Pace The ability to dance on beat with the music, avoiding going too fast or too slow.
- Spacing Centering and even positioning of formations and the ability to keep it consistent during transitions.

Technical Skills/Specialties (10)

- Turns Ability to use proper technique in execution of turns and turn sequences (spotting, body placement, balance).
- **Kicks** Ability to execute with proper technique (straight legs, pointed toes, even height, good extension and flexibility, timing and uniformity).
- Leaps/Jumps Ability to perform leaps/jumps with proper technique, good height in air and proper body position.
- Overall Technique Proper technique performed throughout routine by the team as a whole.

PERFORMANCE (20)

Showmanship (10)

- Carriage/Projection Genuine use of projection, engaging the audience, naturalness.
- Energy/Expression/Emotion Ability to convey and maintain the appropriate energy, mood and emotion throughout the
 performance.
- Eye Contact/Confidence Eye contact on the audience, not watching each other or looking down. Nice confidence, poise, and sportsmanship.
- Recoveries Good recoveries, keeping showmanship strong even through mistakes.

Overall Impression (10)

Judge's impression of the entire performance encompassing all scoresheet categories. This may also include elements such as: Appearance, Appropriateness and Crowd Appeal.

POINT SCALES

15 Point Scale:

Superior 14-15 Above Average 12-13 Average 10-11 Below Average 0-9 10 Point Scale:

Superior 9-10 Above Average 7-8 Average 5-6 Below Average 0-4

