



2025-2026 SPIRIT COMPETITIONS

SONG/JAZZ

Team Name:
Division:
On Team

Choreography

 Max
Value

Score

Comments:

JAZZ STYLE/CREATIVITY

- 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

MOVEMENT 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

SONG/JAZZ

TOTAL SCORE

100

Judge:



SONG/JAZZ ROUTINE PROCEDURE: A songleader-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. Props are not allowed. Costuming is allowed in this category.

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 with 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 and 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 & posturing of angles and body positions. Looking for full extension & 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, 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, 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

