



Varsity Performing Arts

2026 - 2027

Point Deductions

Deductions can be given prior to, during , or after a performance.

Warm-up Infractions – up to 1.0 point for each infraction

- More than 2 people playing during visual only warm-ups
- Percussion playing during visual only warm-ups (Including hands/pads, sticks only)
- Exceeding your warm-up time

Out of Bounds – Up to .5 point for each infraction

- One hand, one foot, or any part of the seat/torso completely outside of the performance area

Prop Infractions

- Unapproved prop use – up to 5.0 points
 - Prop approvals or prop questions can be submitted to PerformingArts@varsity.com and must be received at least 2 weeks prior to your event.
- Prop bearing the weight of a performer – up to 1.0 point for each infraction
- Equipment tips not padded or taped – up to 1.0 point for each infraction
- A person throwing, tossing, twirling or discarding a prop to themselves or another person with the intent of distance or height. – 0.5 point for each infraction

Guard/Majorette/Auxiliary

- A person throwing, tossing, twirling or discarding a piece of equipment to themselves or another person with the intent of distance, height, or rotation. – up to 2.0 points for each infraction (Excludes baton. See Rules and Regulations of baton tosses)
- A baton exceeding the height of the performer's extended arm position – up to 2.0 points
- A baton exceeding the number of allowed rotations – up to .5 points for each extra rotation.
- A baton hitting, dropping, or landing on the performance area after a toss – up to 3.0 points

Instruments – up to 1.0 point for each infraction

- Must be handheld or harnessed

Timing Infractions

- All athletes and performers have 30 seconds from the team's introduction to take the floor and begin the routine. The 30 second entrance time is NOT included in the 5 minutes total time limit. If a team exceeds the time limit, a penalty of a .25-point deduction for 1-5 seconds or a .5-point deduction for 6 seconds and over will be assessed.
- If a team exceeds the performance time limit, a penalty of a .25-point deduction for 1-5 seconds or a .5-point deduction for 6 seconds and over will be assessed.

This list contains the most common infractions from our Rules and Regulations. Any infractions not listed will be discussed at the event with an established rules committee comprised of at least 2 people from VPA including but not limited to scoring director, chief judge, judges, or event representatives. A full list of rules and regulations can be found on our website [HERE](#).