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MUSICAL INTERPRETATION

Creativity and connection to rhythm, groove, and flow of music. Use of intricacies including rhythm variations, syncopations, accents, dynamics, etc.

- Creativity originality, innovation, unique visuals/concepts
- Musicality intricacies, rhythms, movement style
- This caption is important to give credit for, but without strict parameters to not limit creativity





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ROUTINE STAGING

Variety of formations. Quick and seamless transitions. Adequate use of the performance floor. Effective staging for creative and clear visuals.

- Formations variety in shapes and sizes
- Transitions seamless, continual, keeps routine flowing
- Use of performance floor utilization of floor, ability to see visuals

- · Difficulty is not used to describe this caption
- Should make sense for the choreography/routine and fill the space adequately





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MOVEMENT COMPOSITION

Creativity and originality of movement phrasing. Complexity of movement implemented through full body movement, weight changes, momentum, suspension, isolations, variety in movement, etc.

- Focuses not only on the difficulty of the movement but also the variety
- Is movement always stationary?
- Does the movement utilize the full body/torso or just limbs?
- · How difficult is the movement within the style?

- For Kick variety and complexity of hookups and footwork
- For Hip Hop the number of different styles performed in a routine should not be considered





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Level of difficulty implemented through technical elements and skills.

Appropriate utilization of team's ability level.

- How many dancers are performing the skill? Full group or highlight?
- How was the team's ability level utilized? Was routine too difficult for team to perform? Were skills too easy for ability of team?
- How well the skills are performed are not evaluated in this caption
- Intermediate divisions will have skill restrictions that limit what skills can be performed and how many times.





OVERALL SECTION

COMMUNICATION/PROJECTION

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COMMUNICATION/PROJECTION

Ability to connect with the audience throughout the performance. Includes: projection, genuine expression, emotion, energy and entertainment value.

- Does the entire team convey the same energy and emotional level throughout the routine?
- Is there projection not only from their face but also through their movement?
- Ability to convey the intended emotion/story/concept of the routine





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Appropriateness of the music, costume and choreography. Impact of performance while fulfilling the category description.

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- How well did the routine come together as a whole?
- How well did it fit the category description?
- How did the music, costume, and choreography complement each other?
- Was it appropriate for age of dancers and or audience members of all ages?
- Did it leave a lasting impression?

 Teams are not required based on rules to look "uniform" from head to toe in terms of costuming/hair/makeup.





THANKSFOR WATCHING

