

POM CATEGORY

SCORE SHEET EXPLANATION

A Pom routine contains important characteristics such as strong pom quality of movement (clean, precise, sharp motions), synchronization, visual effects and may incorporate **purposeful** pom elements (i.e. pom passes, jump sequences, leaps/turns, kick lines, etc). **Poms should be used throughout the routine. Inadequate use of poms may also affect the panel judges' overall impression and/or score of the routine.**

CHOREOGRAPHY

COMPOSITION OF MOVEMENT

Judges will credit: how well the movement complements unique musicality and dynamics; the originality of routine, concept, and Pom motion/full-body movement **and element** variety. Piece displays balanced use of all dancers and incorporation of elements that supports and enhance the routine **versus dominate the piece.**

STAGING / VISUAL EFFECTS

Judges will credit: how the choreography utilizes the stage exploring all directions/aspects and how the dancers are presented on the floor; the structure of challenging and unpredictable formations and seamless transitions. Incorporation of creative **surprising** visual effects developed through purposeful use of Pom motion variety, floor work, level changes, group/ground work, opposition, etc.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Judges will credit: difficulty of the routine considering both movement and **elements/skills** (does not reflect execution); overall level and intricacy of Pom motions, variety of movement, footwork, and athletic demand. Appropriate use of team's ability level.

EXECUTION

UNIFORMITY / SYNCHRONIZATION

Judges will credit: how well the team dances together as a group, rather than the execution. The ability of the team to maintain strong team timing with accuracy, clarity and control.

SPACING

Judges will credit: the ability of the dancers to use spatial awareness to position themselves with correct distances between each other in and throughout all formations and transitions.

MOVEMENT PROFICIENCY

Judges will credit: accuracy of Pom motions noting superior placement, pathways, control, and precision.

MOVEMENT DYNAMICS

Judges will credit: the dancer's endurance and ability to maintain strength, sharpness and stamina throughout the routine.

ELEMENTS & SKILLS

Judges will credit: demonstration of correct approach, execution and completion of elements such as, but not limited to: Pom Passes, Jump Sequences, Leaps/Turns, Kick Lines, etc.

PRESENTATION

COMMUNICATION

Judges will credit: genuine use of projection and energetic expression through facial and body energy.

SUITABILITY

Judges will credit: **fulfillment of the genre per the category description; and suitability for family viewing.**