

# 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 pom elements (i.e. pom passes, jump sequences, leaps/turns, kick lines, etc). Poms must be used 80% 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 variety. Piece displays balanced use of all dancers and incorporation of elements that supports and enhance the routine.

#### STAGING / VISUAL EFFECTS

Judges will credit: how the choreography utilizes the stage and how the dancers are presented on the floor; the structure of challenging formations and seamless transitions. Incorporation of creative and unpredictable 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 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: effectiveness of the music, costuming, and choreography as fulfillment of the genre per the category description; and suitability for family viewing.