

THE U.S. FINALS

DANCE GENERAL SAFETY RULES AND ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

Anything typed in red and bold is new for 2010-2011 or has been adjusted or moved from another section

1. All teams must be supervised during all official functions by a qualified director/advisor/coach.
2. All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout the event. The director/advisor/coach of each team is responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents, and any other person affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Severe demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification.
3. All directors, advisors and coaches should have an emergency action plan in the event of an injury.
4. Teams must have at least 4 members. There is no maximum limit.
5. Each team will have a maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds (2:30) to demonstrate their style and expertise. Timing will begin with the first choreographed movement or note of the music. Timing will end with the last choreographed movement or note of the music, whichever comes last. If a company adds the production/show category, the time limit may be increased to 5 minutes. Event producers may allow a maximum of 5 second leeway/grace period.
6. Participants may compete in more than one dance division and/or category as long as they abide by the age restrictions in all divisions in which they compete. **Dancers may not compete in more than one routine in the same category and division. Example: A dancer cannot compete in 2 Senior Jazz routines. Exception: If a dancer is on a Senior Hip Hop team and a Senior Coed Hip Hop team and the event producer combines the divisions, this rule does not apply.**
7. Substitutions may be made in the event of any injury or other serious circumstance. Substitutes must also abide by the age restrictions in all divisions in which they compete.
8. Any team proven to be in violation of the age restrictions will be automatically disqualified from the event.
9. **Footwear** is recommended but not required. Wearing socks and/or footed tights only is prohibited. *(Exception: Socks are allowed on a carpeted performance surface.)*
10. Jewelry as a part of a costume is allowed.