DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY GUIDELINES – JUMPS

	Jump Requirements				
5	All athletes perform 3 of the 6 Advanced Jumps				
	 □ Toe Touch □ Left or Right Side Hurdler □ Left or Right Front Hurdler □ Double Nine (left leg straight and right leg bent knee facing the crowd) □ Pike □ Around the Word (Pike to Toe Touch – Counts as 1 jump only) 				
		'All' Athletes). The three chosen jumps must be a variety, for example right and left y one jump, teams must choose a variety of jumps to score the maximum points in			
4	All athletes perform 2 of the 6 Adv	anced Jumps			
	 □ Toe Touch □ Left or Right Side Hurdler □ Left or Right Front Hurdler □ Double Nine (left leg straight and right leg bent knee facing the crowd) □ Pike □ Around the Word (Pike to Toe Touch – Counts as 1 jump only) 				
	Jumps must level or better (75% of 'All' Athletes). The 2 chosen jumps must be a variety, for example right and left side hurdler will be counted as only one jump, teams must choose a variety of jumps to score the maximum points in this category.				
	All athletes perform 1 of the 6 Advanced Jumps Jumps must level or better (75% of 'All' Athletes).				
3	 □ Toe Touch □ Left or Right Side Hurdler □ Left or Right Front Hurdler □ Double Nine (left leg straight and right leg bent knee facing the crowd) □ Pike □ Around the Word (Pike to Toe Touch – Counts as 1 jump only) 				
2	Some athletes perform 1 Advanced Jump Jump must level or better.				
	☐ Toe Touch ☐ Left or Right Side Hurdler ☐ Pike	☐ Double Nine ☐ Left or Right Front Hurdler ☐ Around the Word			
	And the rest / all do a minimum of 2 ☐ Tuck ☐ Spread Eagle	2 Beginning / Intermediate jumps ☐ Double Hook ☐ Herkie			
1	Limited Jumping abilities or less tha	an whole team jumping			

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY – TUMBLING

Difficulty Level →	5	4	3	2	1
# of Team Members ↓	3/4 -Full Team Back hand or better	½ Team Back hand or better	½ Team Back hand or better	Less Than 1/4 Team Back hand or better	Full Team Roll, Cartwheel, or Round Off, or <u>one</u> member does a Backhand Spring
25	18 - 25	13 - 1 <i>7</i>	6 - 12	2 - 5	*
24	18 - 24	12 - 17	6 - 11	2 - 5	*
23	17 - 23	12 - 16	5 - 11	2 - 4	*
22	16 - 22	11 - 15	5 - 10	2 - 4	*
21	15 - 21	11 - 14	5 - 10	2 - 4	*
20	15 - 20	10 - 14	5 - 9	2 - 4	*
19	15 - 19	10 - 14	5 - 9	2 - 4	*
18	14 - 18	9 - 13	5 - 8	2 - 4	*
17	13 - 1 <i>7</i>	9 - 12	5 - 8	2 - 4	*
16	12 - 16	8 - 11	4 - 7	2 - 3	*
15	11 - 15	7 - 10	3 - 6	2	*
14	10 - 14	7 - 9	3 - 6	2	*
13	9 - 13	6 - 8	3 - 5	2	*
12	9 - 12	6 - 8	3 - 5	2	*
11	8 - 11	5 - 7	3 - 4	2	*
10	7 - 10	5 - 6	3 - 4	2	*
9	6 - 9	4 - 5	3	2	*
8	6 - 8	4 - 5	3	2	*
7	5 - 7	3 - 4	2	*	*
6	4 - 6	3	2	*	*
5	3 - 5	2 - 3	1 - 2	*	*

Note

Any team members performing an elite skill (tuck, layout etc...) will <u>add</u> a maximum of one (1) point to tumbling difficulty category. <u>Only one</u> (1) bonus point will be awarded regardless of the number of elite elements performed or number of athletes performing the element.

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- One (1) athlete performs a standing tuck = 1 Bonus point
- Five (5) athletes perform round off, handspring, layout series = 1 Bonus point

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY GUIDELINES – STUNTS

		Stunting Requirements				
5	Whole Team is utilized to build maximum number of groups for all elements. Flyers must perform and dismount from 2 different one-legged extended body positions. One pyramid structure utilizing 'Whole Team' OR a basket toss element utilizing 50% of the total number stunt groups must be included to achieve maximum points in this category. Basket toss is a one-trick minimum element. Twisting from straight legs or dropped skills do not count towards difficulty. Transitions and load-ins must be of a variety.					
	Sequence 1 Transitional Element	☐ Extended One-Legged Body Position 1	☐ Twist Dismount			
	Sequence 2 Advanced Load-In AND Transitional Element Sequence 3	☐ Extended One-Legged Body Position 2	☐ Twist Dismount			
	☐ Basket toss (one trick minimum) OR	□ Pyramid Structure				
4	OPTION #1- Fulfilling all of the requirements for a Degree of Difficulty '5' with one (1) less group than Whole Team OPTION #2- Whole Team is utilized to build maximum number of groups for all elements. Flyers must perform and dismount from 2 different one-legged extended body positions. Twisting from straight legs or dropped skills do not count towards difficulty. Transitions and load-ins must be of a variety.					
	Sequence 1 Transitional Element	☐ Extended One-Legged Body Position 1	☐ Twist Dismount			
	Sequence 2 ☐ Transitional Element OR ☐ Advanced Load-In	☐ Extended One-Legged Body Position 2	□ Cradle			
	Sequence 3 (choose one of the two following options) 1. Transitional Element OR Advanced Load-In	□ Extended One-Legged Body Position 3	☐ Advanced dismount other than a twist			
	2. Transitional Element OR Advanced Load-In	☐ Extended Two-Footed Body Position 1	☐ Twist Dismount			
3	OPTION #1- Fulfilling all of the requirements for a Degree of I OPTION #2- Whole Team is utilized to build stunt seque Sequence 1 Transitional Element OR Advanced Load-In Sequence 2 Extended One-Legged Body Position 1 Sequence 3 Transitional Element OR Creative Load-In	Difficulty '4' with one (1) less group than Whole Team ences as outlined. □ Prep Level 1 OR 2-Footed Prep Body Position 1 □ Cradle □ Extended Two-Footed Body Position 1	☐ Prep Level Twist Dismount ☐ Advanced dismount other than a twist			
2	OPTION #2- Whole Team is utilized to build 2 stunt sequents that includes 1 two-footed extension that ends in a stra	Difficulty '3' with one (1) less group than Whole Team uences at prep level (one or two footed) with cradles or sight cradle. Transitional elements or creative loan-ins ar ent is required for the extended stunt sequence. A log ro Prep Level Body Position 1 Prep Level Body Position 2				
1	Utilizing the <u>majority</u> of groups to build <u>three</u> stunts at Sequence 1 Prep / Shoulder / Thigh Level Stunt 1 Cradle / Assisted dismount to the floor	shoulder level or below with cradle dismounts or assist Sequence 2 Prep / Shoulder / Thigh Level Stunt 1 Cradle / Assisted dismount to the floor	ed dismounts to the floor. Sequence 3			

Please Note:

- 'Whole Team' is defined as the number of athletes on the team divided by 5 to give maximum number of stunt groups unless the team demonstrates they are stunting effectively with an alternate number of athletes (ie: one to all groups don't use fronts etc...). Some stunts may require more or less athletes per stunt group during transitions; this will be taken in to consideration when assessing 'Whole Team' requirements. For basket toss elements, odd numbered teams (stunt groups) will round up. 'Majority' is defined as 1 less stunt group than 'Whole Team'.
- Lower level stunting may also be included once requirements are met. Sequences can be presented in any order in the routine.
- Twisting / dismounting from straight legs or dropped skills do not count towards degree of difficulty. All skills should be waist height or above to qualify as a body position.
- All sequences must be completed by all participants to qualify for degree of difficulty scores.
- Where 'Variety' is specified, transitions and load-in cannot be repeated in the routine ... they must be different to count towards degree of difficulty.
- Teams not meeting the Degree of Difficulty guidelines will be assessed at a '0' for D of D and receive execution scores only.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY GUIDELINES – DANCE

	Dance Requirements				
5	Whole team (all athletes) must perform a minimum of TEN 8 counts of choreography that contains the following criteria: Use of level changes by 50 % of the team Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement Groundwork by 25% of the team Variety of movements by 75% of the team Variety of movements by 75% of the team Group work / partner work by 25% of the team Tricks by 25% of the team Tricks by 25% of the team Tricks are any quick, visual mini stunts / lifts that should not exceed 4 counts in order to maintain a fast pace feel. Quick lifts with kicks etc., should make a definite impression in the routine.				
4	Whole team (all athletes) must perform a minimum of EIGHT 8 counts of choreography that contains the following criteria: Use of level changes by 50 % of the team Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement Groundwork by 25% of the team Variety of movements by 75% of the team Variety of movements by 75% of the team Variety of transitions by 50% of the team Variety of transitions by 50% of the team *Use of Footwork is the act of moving or using the feet with a variety of intricate and complex movements by at least 75% of the team. *East Pace dance is quick, energetic and typically moves at a minimum of 130 BPM. *NOTE: Pace and intricacy of footwork MUST match or exceed the speed of the music (ie: 'and' Counts). As degree of difficulty requirements increase choreography is expected to become more intricate, difficult and visually effective.				
3	Whole team (all athletes) must perform a minimum of SIX 8 counts of choreography that contains the following criteria: Use of level changes by 50 % of the team Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement Use of ripples by 100% of the team / Variety of formations - min 3 Variety of movements by 75% of the team Variety of movements by 75% of the team *Variety of Transitions is when athletes are moving from one spot to another with ease, creating a visual effect, having multiple transitions. *Variety of Formations is where the team demonstrates a variety of formations, creating a visual effect, having multiple formation changes.				
2	Whole team (all athletes) must perform a minimum of FOUR 8 counts of choreography that contains the following criteria: Use of level changes by 50 % of the team Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement Groundwork by 25% of the team Variety of movements by 75% of the team *Variety of Movements is to avoid repeating the same movements / motions; becoming predictable and uninteresting. *Groundwork is when the athlete is dancing while sitting, laying, or in a face down (prone) position etc., for a minimum of 4 counts.				
1	Whole team (all athletes) must perform a minimum of TWO 8 counts of choreography that contains the following criteria: Use of level changes by 50 % of the team Use of ripples by 100% of the team / full team involvement *Level changes are changes in elevation, such as lunging, squatting, down on knee(s) etc., creating recognizable level changes by at least 50% of the team. *Ripples are the repetition of a movement done in a sequence, one group or person at a time.				

Please Note:

- Dance sections are to be presented in <u>one designated section</u> indicated on your routine outline. Templates will be provided.
- Additional dance sections will contribute to execution scores only.
- Where 'Variety' is specified, elements cannot be noticeably repeated in the routine ... they must be different to count towards degree of difficulty.
- Percentages listed are the minimum athletes involved, these percentages can be exceeded.
- * indicates the definition of that element. As difficulty increases, elements are added and minimum requirements increase... please refer to all levels to see definitions for complete requirements.