

DEDUCTION GUIDELINES 2026

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DESCRIPTION	DEDUCTION/SCORE	JUDGE
ARTISTIC		
Costume: Too brief / too revealing/ not age appropriate	1 rank	Artistic Judge(s)
Costume: Hair bun falling out, hair pieces or scrunchies falling off, shoe comes off	1 rank	Artistic Judge(s)
Body jewellery: No jewellery allowed; no belly button rings, body piercings, no rings, no sleepers in ears (1 simple pair of studs is ok)	1 rank	Artistic Judge(s)
Music: swearing / sexually explicit / incorrect bpm / incorrect length / varied bpm throughout (music must be same bpm entire track)	1 rank	Artistic Judge(s)
Choreography: Sexually explicit / not age appropriate	1 rank	Artistic Judge(s)
MINOR BREACHES		
Underwear showing (nude/tan coloured allowed), noticeable colouring on shoes, makeup is not age appropriate, dirty shoes, coloured soles on shoes	<i>Extent of breach will determine if deduction/score should be affected. (Head judge will advise)</i>	Artistic Judge(s)
excessive use of hair gems and hair appliqué (including shoes, stockings and socks)	<i>Extent of breach will determine if deduction/score should be affected. (Head judge will advise)</i>	Artistic Judge(s)
Going outside square.	<i>Extent of breach will determine if deduction/score should be affected. (Head judge will advise)</i>	Artistic Judge(s)
PRE-CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES		
Adding a skill, team lift or gymnastic element in start or end own choreography	1 rank	Technical Judge(s)
Any changes to set choreography including changes to arm and leg lines, Adding arm lines, changes to transitions	1 rank	Artistic Judge(s)
Compulsory Push – ups not done in Pectoral (bicep) position	1 rank	Technical Judge(s)
GENERAL		
Incorrect FRF (skills out of order etc) or not meeting min / max skill requirements	<i>1 rank to be applied at the end of category (head judge will advise)</i>	ALL Judges
Unacceptable moves / illegal lifts etc.	1 rank	Technical Judge(s)
Coach/s performing routine behind or in visibility of audience (Excludes Super Series events)	No deduction applicable - <i>unless repeated offence</i>	Head Judge discretion
MINIMUM NUMBER JUDGING RULES		
Minimum numbers on stage not met (States & Nationals). <i>Teams without minimum numbers cannot medal or qualify for nationals.</i>	Maximum Score = 1.0	ALL Judges
Minimum with someone on stage in corner (States & Nationals) <i>Teams with minimum numbers can still medal and qualify for nationals as per head judge discretion.</i>	Maximum Score = 2.0	ALL Judges

Please Note:

- The Head Judge may use their discretion on competition days for extenuating circumstances – for all breaches