

iv. **CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:**

1. **DESCRIPTION OF STUDIO AND COMMUNITY/RECREATION CATEGORIES:**

NOTE: - At the AAU Junior Olympic Games, all Studio and Community/Recreation competitions will be on a theater stage. If props and scenery are used, in the proper categories, they must be put on and taken off by the dancers or those designated by the dancers.

- a. **BALLET** - All ballet entries, regardless of style, will be judged together in the BALLET category only (classical, modern ballet, abstract and character). Props are permitted but must not be a major point in the routine. Time: 2 – 3 minutes.
- b. **POINTE** - Any style of dance may be used however all female dancers must wear pointe shoes. At least 50% of the routine must be on pointe. Time: 2-3 minutes. Must be three (3) or more teams in each division and age group or Pointe will be judged in the Ballet category.
- c. **JAZZ** - All Jazz (up-tempo, funk, and hip-hop) entries will be judged together in the JAZZ category only. Routine or costumes should not be thematic or characteristic. Dance movements must be in good taste and appropriate for family viewing and for age of performers. Props are permitted but must not be a major point in the routine. Time: 2 – 3 minutes.
- d. **LYRICAL** - Routine must have poetic styled choreography. Any appropriate costume may be worn. Props are permitted but must not be a major point in the routine. Time: 2 – 3 minutes.
- e. **TAP** - All tap entries judged together in TAP category only. Props are permitted but must not be a major point in the routine. Time: 2 – 3 minutes.
- f. **NOVELTY** - Any variety of dance styles may be used. Routine emphasis must be on characterization or be of unique thematic nature. Entrants must use clever costumes, make up and unusual or innovative moves extensively. Overall general effect of presentations must be novel in nature. Props are permitted but must not be the major focal point of routine. Backdrops must be protected and secure, check AAU/Score4Dance Safety Rules. Pyramids and lifts may be used under AAU/Score4Dance Safety Rules. Time: 2 – 3 minutes.
- g. **ALL MALE** - Any variety of dance styles may be used. Movements and costumes must be appropriate and in good taste. Props are permitted but must not be the major focal point of routine. Time: 2 – 3 minutes.
- h. **SHOW PRODUCTION** - Any variety of dance or acrobatic/dance styles may be used. Routine emphasis should be on over all entertainment value. This category is open to