

1. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals awarded to overall individual team winners.
2. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals awarded to solo participants.
3. Placement will be determined by ranking scored. The score from each judge will be ranked according to the place they fall within each individual team score.
  - a. Ranking points are as follows:
    - i. 1st place: 1 point
    - ii. 2nd place: 2 points
    - iii. 3rd place: 3 points
    - iv. 4th place: 4 points
    - v. 5th place: 5 points

If there is a tie in the points one judge gives to two teams, then the ranking points are added together and divided in half.

**Note:** Each judge will keep a running total of their scores to prevent them from tying two teams. If there is a tie in ranking points, then the total points are used. If the total points are also the same, then both will be awarded the placement.

Ranking points rather than total points is a safe guard from a low scoring judge, because even though their score may be low, the teams get credit for where that judge places them in relationship to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. This allows the team to receive points for the placement they receive from each judge's individual scores.

**Example:**

**Judge 1 Judge 2 Judge 3 Ranking points Total ranking points**

**Team 1** 93 80 91 1-3-3 7

**Team 2** 85 99 94 3-1-2 6

**Team 3** 88 90 96 2-2-1 5

The lowest numbers are the best ranking scores.

**Team results:**

1st place: Team #3

2nd place: Team #2

3rd place: Team #1

c. **COMPETITION**

i. **QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Any competition sanctioned by the AAU or under the direction of Score4Dance will be a qualifying competition. Other reputable competitions sanctioned by Score4Dance will also be qualifying events. The board of directors may offer a bid to any team that meets the standards required for the Dance Division of the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Check our web site at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) for qualifying competitions.

**1. QUALIFYING STANDARDS:**

Participants must compete and qualify at an AAU Sanctioned or Score4Dance approved competition held throughout the country. If

no qualifying events are held in your area, contact Jackie Fullmer – Dance National Chair – (801) 867-3639 or [jackiefullmer@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiefullmer@hotmail.com); Wade Collings – (619) 482-2511 or [score4dance@excite.com](mailto:score4dance@excite.com); or Anastasia Saunders (407) 934-7200. Check the AAU Dance web site at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) for a list of events.

- a. Not all-qualifying competitions will be AAU sanctioned events.
- b. All participants must be members of AAU to compete in AAU sanctioned events and in the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

## ii. **ELIGIBILITY**

### 1. **CLASSIFICATION ELIBILITY AND AGE DIVISIONS:**

- a. **SCHOOL** - Eligibility for performers in elementary school, middle school/junior high school, high school and collegiate competitions will be determined by the grade level at the time of the qualifying competition.
  - i. Elementary classification will be elementary schools.
  - ii. Junior classification will be junior high/middle schools.
  - iii. Senior classification will be high schools.
  - iv. Collegiate classification will be College/University schools.

\*Solo and Officers competition in the Junior High/Middle School, Senior High School and Collegiate divisions only (12 & up). \*Minimum competition age is 6 years old - Maximum competition age is 22 years old.

### b. **STUDIO AND COMMUNITY/RECREATION**

**PROGRAMS** - Eligibility for studios, community and recreation programs will be determined by the age of the participant at the time of the qualifying competition.

- i. *Individual Competition Classification* 8 to 9 years old 10 to 11 years old 12 to 14 years old 15 to 17 years old 18 to 22 years old
- ii. *Team Classification - determined by the average age of the team*
  - 1. Elementary Classification - average age of 6 to 8 years old and 9 to 11 years old
  - 2. Junior Classification - average age of 12 to 14 years old
  - 3. Senior Classification - average age of 15 to 17 years old
  - 4. Collegiate Classification - average age of 18 to 22 years old

\*These guidelines will be used for each individual event.

\*Minimum competition age is 6 years old – Maximum competition age is 22 years old. \*Solo, duo and trio competition begins at 12 years of age.