

- i. **DANCE/SPORT (BALLROOM)** – Please refer to their specific rules.
- j. **SWING** - Please refer to their specific rules.
- k. **CLOGGING** - Please refer to their specific rules.
- l. **ALL MALE** - May be organized through the dance/drill team adviser or any school official dance team or club. 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. Pyramids and lifts may be used under AAU/Score4Dance Safety Rules. Time: 2–3 minutes.
- m. **SHOW PRODUCTION** - Any variety of dance styles may be used. Routine emphasis should be on over all entertainment value. Props and backdrops may be used. Thematic costumes, music, and choreography may be used. Pyramids and lifts may be used under AAU/Score4Dance Safety Rules. Minimum of 15 participants. Time: 3–5 minutes.
- n. **MODERN/ABSTRACT** - Movements should be predominately modern/abstract in style, concentrating on the use of time, space and energy. Other styles may be incorporated within the routine. May use a theme, idea, vision or pure modern technique. Time: 2 – 3 minutes. Must be three (3) or more teams in each division and age group or Modern/Abstract will be judges in the Lyrical category.
- o. **OFFICERS** - Participants must be official team offers in leadership position. (must follow guidelines for solos). **2-5 participants**
- p. **SOLO** - Any or all styles of dance within the DANCE/DANCE DRILL TEAM CATEGORIES may be used. Props are permitted but must not be the major focal point of routine. No more than three gymnastic tricks may be used. Time: 1 1/2–2 minutes.
- q. **DIVISIONS** – Competition divisions will be based upon the number of participants in each routine.
 - i. Small Division: 4 – 10 participants
 - ii. Medium Division: 11 – 16 participants
 - iii. Large Division A: 17 - 30 participants
 - iv. Large Division B: 31+ participants

* May enter 1 performance in a Division per Category
 ** May not duplicate routine in any Division or Category

v. **RULES/RESTRICTIONS:**

1. **ROUTINE PENALTIES**

As stated in the definition section of the Dance category, thematic uniforms cannot be used. In the Prop category, costumes, music and props shall not carry a theme. If the routine judge feels that you are in violation, he/she will reflect it in the score.

a. **TIMING PENALTIES:**

- i. Length of the routine will be 2 - 3 minutes in all categories except Production which will be 3 - 5 minutes and solos, duos, trios, and officers which will be 1 1/2 - 2 minutes.
- ii. Judging and timing will start with the first note of music. The entrance and exit must be walk on, concise and direct. Entrances and exits are not to be judged unless they are to music and part of the 3-minute time limit.
- iii. Judging and timing will stop with the last note of music. The combined total time from entrance and exit may only be 60 seconds. For prop and novelty category, entrance and exit may only be a combined total time of 2 minutes (prop and team). The penalty judge will assess a 3-point penalty for time violation.

SWING

II. SPORT POLICIES

a. BEHAVIOR

All Competitors must demonstrate courteous and professional behavior at all times at the AAU Competition, both on and off the competition floor. Failure to adhere to these standards could cause disciplinary action by the Organizer, or penalties from the Judges.

e. REQUIREMENTS

The AAU Swing Dance Championships Director encourages all Competitors, who believe they are qualified, to submit their application.

All who plan to compete must adhere to the following requirements in (a) through (e):

- i. Must have AAU Membership - please visit our web site at www.aausports.org.
- ii. Pay the required entry fees when the application is submitted.
- iii. Sign the waiver. No Competitor will be allowed to compete without a signed Waiver, and every member of a Team or Cabaret Act must sign the Competition Waiver. Competitors under 18-years of age must have a parent or guardian sign their Waiver and any other required forms
- iv. Register by the official entry deadline and complete the following:
 - 1. The Entry Form
 - 2. The signed Waiver for each competitor
 - 3. Payment for Entry into the competition
 - 4. Meet all the specific requirements outlined in these rules.

f. ENTRY FEES

i. Refund of Competition entry fee

After the cut-off date, competition fees will not be refunded for any reason.

g. AGE DIVISION

20 and under = youth

21 and up = adult