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## **COMPETITIVE DANCE ADVISORY AGENDA**

Meeting: November 12, 2024

1:30 p.m. via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88553029396>

### Competitive Dance Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Nic Karn, Rapid City Stevens	2027(1)
Supt./Principal	Jason Uttermark, Ab. Cent.	2026(2)
Class "A" Coach	Sarah Taggart, Winner	2026(2)
Class "AA" Coach	Ashley Hoffman, Brandon V.	2025(2)
Official	Christina Bennett, Pierre	2026(1)
Native American Rep.	Misty Mousseaux, Lakota Tech	2027(2)

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Select Recording Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities
5. Review Rule Changes for 2024-25
  - a. Changes to tumbling skills allowed; defining tumbling series.
  - b. Limit the number of Dance Routines to any two styles.
  - c. Base of a T-lift may walk only.
  - d. Inquiry Process.
6. Review List of Deviations in Competitive/Sideline Cheer and Competitive Dance
  - a. No glitter hairspray
  - b. A head judge will be designated for cheer and dance. Judges scores from low to high shall be no more than 10 points.
7. Report on State Event
8. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
  - a. A and AA Coaches Representatives- Sarah Taggart and Ashley Hoffman.
    - i. Proposal #1

- ii. Proposal #2
- b. Supt./Principal Representative- Jason Uttermark
- c. Athletic Directors Representative- Nic Karn
- d. Official Representative- Christina Bennett
  - i. Proposal #3
  - ii. Proposal #4
- e. Native American Rep.- Misty Mousseaux
- f. SDHSAA Rep. – Kristina Sage

9. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion.

10. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Competitive Dance.

11. Next meeting date: Monday, November 10, 2025 - 1:30 pm.

12. Adjourn

**ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE**

Schools wishing to make a rules proposal change for the advisory committee to consider shall complete this form and submit to the SDHSAA office preferably two weeks PRIOR to the meeting date so the proposal may be added to the agenda.

Please select the sport in which the rules proposal is being submitted.

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| <input type="radio"/> Cross Country/Track    |                                  |                                |  |

Title of Proposal: Score Sheet Review by Coaches

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B  
☒ Class A  
☒ Class AA

**Proposed Rule Change:**

After a routine has been performed and score sheets arrive at the Head Table, Coaches will have the opportunity to view the score sheets for mathematical review and to ensure Judges have met within the (5) point range.

Head table would first review/enter the scores and after entry in the computer will write the time on the sheet. Score sheets would then be made available to the coach in a review area and coaches would be responsible for reviewing within 10 minutes. An inquiry form would be used if math is wrong or scores are not within range and the Coach would return the scores/inquiry form to the head table who will again write the time on the score sheet. Head table staff would return to Judges in a manner to be decided. If the score sheets are returned outside the 10 minute inquiry then it would not be accepted.

**Rationale for Rule Change:**

During the 2024 season there were multiple competitions that mathematical errors were discovered after the competition was over and scores were released. There were also events when Judges did not meet the identified range limits. By allowing Coaches to review for math/range, it will place responsibility back on coaches to ensure accurate scores are entered into the system.

Alisha Lockhart  
Print Coach Name

Mitchell High School  
Member School

Alisha 2  
Coach Signature

Cory Aadland  
Print Athletic Director Name

Mitchell High School  
Member School

[Signature]  
Athletic Director Signature



## ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

Dance 2

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Basketball

Football

Soccer

Volleyball

Comp. Cheer

Golf

Softball

Wrestling

Comp Dance

Gymnastics

Tennis

In-/Out-of-Season

Cross Country/Track

Title of Proposal: Schedule Warm-up times for all competitions

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

Class B

Class A x

Class AA x

Proposed Rule Change:

At all cheer and dance competitions, warm-up times will be assigned to each school participating.

Rationale for Rule Change:

Scheduled warm-up times allow school to plan their travel more precisely. It also allows athletes to remain in school longer because of a guaranteed warm-up time. It would eliminate standing around and down time before the start of competitions.

Print Coach Name

Member School

Coach Signature

Winner



## ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

Dance 3



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Comp. Cheer	Golf	Softball	Wrestling
<u>Dance</u>	Gymnastics	Tennis	In-/Out-of-Season
Cross Country/Track			

Title of Proposal: Changes to the Dance Rubric

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

Class B  
☒ Class A  
☒ Class 2A

**Proposed Rule Change:** There would be changes to skill level for some skills shown on the dance rubric, adjustments to the name of some others, and then additional skills added to the rubric. All are listed below:

### Additional Skills and place on the Dance Rubric:

- Cartwheel added to Beginning Tricks & Stalls
- Basic T-Lift added to Beginning Tricks & Stalls
- T-Lift with a Fan Kick added to Intermediate Tricks & Stalls (matching where a Fan Kick is listed under Intermediate Kicks)
- Front or Back Walkover added to Intermediate Tricks & Stalls
- Webster (/Suicide?) added to Advanced Tricks & Stalls
- Side Sumi/Baerials added to Advanced Tricks & Stalls

### Changes to Existing Skills on the Dance Rubric:

- Change Side Hurdler under Intermediate Jumps to Side Hurdler/Herkie
- Move the Toe Touch/Russian from Advanced Jumps to Intermediate Jumps
- Change Ring under Advanced Jumps to Ring/Firebird
- Move the Front Handspring from Intermediate Tricks and Stalls to Advanced Tricks and Stalls

**Rationale for Rule Change:** There are skills that teams are performing that are not listed on the dance rubric and it was thought it would be helpful to add these so teams could get credit for the skills they're performing.

There is also a suggestion to move the toe touch jump from the Advanced Category to Intermediate. Several teams connect two toe touches or a toe touch to a pike (for example) and get they get the 8.5 score where other teams are incorporating advanced skills throughout with no connection and they only earn a 7.

Thirdly, adding the term Firebird with Ring under Advanced Jumps as some call it a Ring jump and others call it a Firebird. And Finally, moving the Front Handspring from Intermediate Tricks and Stalls to Advanced Tricks and Stalls with Back Handsprings as front and back handsprings are listed together on the cheer rubric.

## ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

Dance 4



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Comp. Dance

Gymnastics

Tennis

In-/Out-of-Season

Cross Country/Track

Title of Proposal: Changes to the Inquiry Process

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

Class B



**Proposed Rule Change:** Upon completion of each routine, the safety judges will only meet with the coach(es) to notify them of any deductions where a rule is cited or if there are 5 or more points in deductions.

**Rationale for Rule Change:** Currently, the inquiry process requires the safety judges to inform the coach(es) of any deductions immediately following the routine. This proposal would require the inquiry process only when a rule is cited, for example, when illegal skills are performed, or when the total deductions are 5 points or more.

If a team performed a skill where the safety judges cited a rule, even if it's a 1-point deduction for an illegal skill in dance, there would be an inquiry process with the coaches following the performance. Also, if the 1-point deductions added up to five points or more, there would be an inquiry process following the performance.

However, if a team had two non-stunting falls (for a total of 2-pts in deductions), there would not be an inquiry process at the conclusion of the routine.

This suggestion was made by judges that regularly do safety judging. This proposal will be shared with the Cheer Advisory Official as well since this would impact both cheer and dance. The current inquiry process description from the Cheer and Dance Judges Manual is shown below:

### INQUIRY PROCESS

Upon completion of each routine, the safety judges will meet with the coach(es) at an area designated by the safety judges before the meet begins. The safety judges will inform the coach(es) of any safety violations with a brief explanation. If the discussion becomes confrontational, an unsporting deduction may be assessed. If there are no deductions, the safety judges will simply give a "thumbs up" to let the coach know there were no major deductions. Coaches should remain in the vicinity until the safety judges have had the opportunity to converse with each other.

Note: It is often better not to meet for the inquiry process in front of the performance judges' table, so that the performance judges can discuss difficulty scoring together without the coaches listening in.



# ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

Dance #5



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Title of Proposal: Restructure of Dance Grand Champions

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Class B  
☒ Class A  
☒ Class AA

### Proposed Rule Change:

Dance Grand Champion will be figured by each placing receiving a point value that is equal in each division. Grand Champion will then be figured by the highest scoring team. If a tie results, deductions would first be used and then difficulty score.

### Example:

1st place in each division (pom, jazz, hip hop) - each team would score 10 points  
2nd place in each division - each team would score 9 points  
3rd place in each division - each team would score 8 points

A team receiving a 1st in pom, 2nd in jazz would receive 19 points. A team receiving 2nd in

### Rationale for Rule Change:

Giving each division an equal number of points in figuring the grand champion would alleviate any division being scored or weighted differently than others. It would remove any bias, preference, or inconsistency.

Tie breaking rules would need to follow things such as deductions and difficulty vs. highest scoring routine to follow suit.

Ashley Hoffman  
Print Coach Name

Brandon Valley  
Member School

C. L. Hoffman  
Coach Signature

BILL FREKING  
Print Athletic Director Name

BRANDON VALLEY  
Member School

[Signature]  
Athletic Director Signature