



Judging criteria for Heels Categories

Competitors will be judged on the following four core criteria, with each section clearly defined to avoid overlap and double marking.

Total Marks per Judge: 40

Judging Criteria Overview

Theme & Show – 10 points

Is there a clear and intentional theme or overall vibe to the performance?

Judges will consider:

- Clarity and consistency of the theme or vibe
- How well the theme aligns with the music and costume
- Balance of the routine (tricks, floorwork, transitions)
- Audience engagement and overall stage presence
- Cohesion of the performance from start to finish

Focus: The overall impact, balance, and clarity of the performance — not technical difficulty.

Basework Tricks, Transitions & Spin Combinations – 10 points

Does the performance demonstrate a variety of basework content appropriate to the category?

Judges will consider:

- Variety of basework tricks, transitions, and spin combinations
- Creativity and interest within heel work and combinations
- Smooth, intentional movement between tricks
- Confidence and safety in execution
- How well basework links with travelling and use of space

Focus: Variety, flow, confidence, and safe execution of basework elements.

Fluidity & Technique – 10 points

Does the performance flow smoothly with strong technical control?

Judges will consider:

- Seamless transitions and smooth entry/exit of tricks
- Clean, intentional lines and angles
- Purposeful foot articulation (pointed or flexed to create shape)
- Control, confidence, and technical consistency throughout

Focus: Technical quality, line awareness, and fluid movement rather than trick difficulty.

Choreography – 10 points

Is the routine thoughtfully structured and musically driven?

Judges will consider:

- Structure and composition of the routine
- Musicality, timing, and pacing
- Variety and creativity in movement choices
- How well choreography reflects the theme and music

Focus: Creative construction and how the routine is built from start to finish.

Special Awards (Not Scored)

The following awards are judged separately and do not contribute to the overall score:

- **Best Stage Presence**
 - **Most Creative Tricks**
 - **Best Choreography**
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General Judging Notes

This scoring system applies to both video entries and live finals

All judges' decisions are final

A 2-point deduction will be applied for any move deemed illegal within the entered category

If a routine is considered too advanced for the entered category, judges may move the competitor to a more advanced category