



Judging criteria for Doubles / Troupes Category

(Heels, if worn, are considered part of the costume and are not judged as a separate technical element.)

Judging for Doubles / Troupes focuses on the **performance as a whole**, the **unity and connection between performers**, and the **quality of choreography and partnering**, rather than individual difficulty alone.

Total Marks per Judge: 40

Judging Criteria Overview

Performance, Theme & Group Unity – 10 points

Does the routine feel cohesive, engaging, and unified?

Judges will consider:

- Clarity and consistency of the theme or overall vibe
- Relationship between theme, music, and costume
- Audience engagement and stage presence
- Balance of the routine (tricks, floorwork, transitions)
- Connection, awareness, and synchronicity between performers

Focus: Overall performance impact and how successfully the group performs as one.

Choreography & Use of Space – 10 points

Is the choreography well-structured and thoughtfully composed?

Judges will consider:

- Structure and flow from start to finish
- Musicality, timing, and pacing
- Variety of movement and formations
- Effective use of the pole(s), stage, and space
- Intentional partnering and group composition

Focus: Creative construction and clarity of choreographic choices.

Tricks, Transitions & Partnering – 10 points

Does the routine demonstrate appropriate and well-chosen pole content?

Judges will consider:

- Variety of tricks, transitions, and combinations
- Quality of partnering between flyer and base
- Balanced contribution between performers
- Confidence and control within combinations

Focus: How well tricks and transitions support the routine and partnership.

Strength, Control & Safety – 10 points

Does the routine demonstrate strong physical control and safe execution?

Judges will consider:

- Strength shown through stability, holds, and controlled movement
- Smooth, secure transitions between partnered elements
- Clear control without visible struggle or instability
- Safe execution of lifts, catches, and assisted movements
- Confidence and trust between performers

Focus: Control, safety, and physical clarity rather than difficulty alone.

General Judging Notes

This scoring system applies to **both video entries and live finals**

All judges' decisions are final

There are no illegal moves in this category.