

Awards 2026

TEAM & DANCE OFFICER

Teams and Dance Officers must enter 3 different categories in one Classification to be eligible for the "Classification Champion" and "Overall Grand Champion" awards.

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPIONS and RUNNER-UPS

presented to the highest combined scoring teams in the overall competition for both Team and Dance Officers

- + HS Division Spectrum I Teams and Officers Awarded to 3 groups (minimum number of 3 teams competing)
- + HS Division Spectrum II Teams and Officers Awarded to 5 groups (minimum number of 3 teams competing)
- All Other Divisions Awarded to 3 groups (minimum number of 3 teams competing)
- To award more Overall Grand Champion Runner Ups, the Challenge Elite (Top Scoring Teams) award has been eliminated
- Grand Champion and Runner-Ups by Classification presented to the top scoring Teams and Officers in each Division, Spectrum and Classification for three routines entered (Public/Private Schools and Community/Studio)
- Best in Category High Point presented to the highest scoring Teams and Officers in each Category regardless of Division or Classification (Minimum of 3 entries in category)
- Best in Class and Runner-Ups presented to the top scoring Teams and Officer in each Classification and Division
- "APEX" High Point Performance Award presented to the Team or Dance Officer performance with the highest single combined score in Spectrum I, Spectrum II and Community/Studio for the entire competition if a minimum score of 95 is attained
- Judges Award presented to Teams with three scores of 90+
- Sweepstakes Award presented to Teams with three scores of 80+
- Technique, Choreography, Execution, Performance Quality recognition for teams with the overall highest averages for these criteria in Team and Officer Competition
- SPECIALTY AWARDS:
 - → Judge's Choice Award presented by the Judges to Routines that are extraordinary, memorable and have entertainment value
 - + Esprit de Corp Award presented by the Staff to Teams who display inspiring, enthusiastic devotion and a strong regard for the honor of their team
 - + Academic Excellence: HS Highest GPA presented and Academic Achievement presented to teams who have an Overall 3.0 GPA.

 Application must be submitted 4 weeks prior to Contest Date. Overall Team GPA calculated on an unweighted 4.0 scale

SOCIAL OFFICER

• 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place presented to the top three scores

DUET, TRIO, and ENSEMBLE

- Champion and Runner-Up Awards presented for the top three scores
- Ties will be broken by technique score

SOLOS

- Superior Division Ratings (80+) will be awarded an Ascension pin
- Ties will be broken by technique score
- Champions and Runner-Ups presented to each Classification (5 places)