

## **SECTION II: JUDGING**

### ***JUDGING PROTOCOL***

Dance Team Union appoints judges based upon a host of factors, including their relevant experience and feedback received throughout the year judging at our regional competitions. The appointed judges will be evaluating each performance based upon a 50, 80 or 100-point system as specified in the applicable score sheet. The total score from each judge will be combined with scores from the other judges and averaged, generating the team's overall score.

### ***EVALUATION PROCESS***

Each judge will evaluate performances using an individual score sheet designated to the performing team. The judge will be responsible for providing a thorough evaluation and sufficient feedback for each competing team. Score sheets will be released to each individual team after each competition or competition round, and detailed score rankings will be available for teams to review after the competition.

### ***ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DTU JUDGING AND EVALUATION POLICIES***

Each judge will be evaluated after regional competitions and the national championship based upon, among other things, input from competing teams. Each judge's responsibility is to make fair decisions based solely upon the score sheet, using his/her knowledge of dance and training as a professional DTU judge. Each participating team acknowledges that the decisions of the judges are final. However, because the integrity, transparency and professionalism of our judging process is key to our competition philosophy, we encourage each team to bring any judging issues to our attention either through our formal post-competition evaluation process or by other means. Just as our judges' frank evaluation of your routines will help your team to improve, your frank evaluation of our judges and judging process will help us at DTU and our judges to improve as well.