



## **Difficulty Scoring Guidelines**

*(Applies to Team/Officer Entries Only)*

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**1-2** = **VERY BELOW AVERAGE DIFFICULTY** (appropriate to age)

- ✓ Very simple choreography – no parts/groups, all double-counted movement
  - ✓ Little to no Staging & Transitions
  - ✓ Little to no Technical Elements
  - ✓ Very few weight shifts, mostly stationary movement
  - ✓ **Overall Less than Beginner Skill Level**
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**3** = **LESS THAN AVERAGE DIFFICULTY** (appropriate to age)

- ✓ Choreography – few parts/groups, double-counted & simple movement
  - ✓ Simple Staging & Transitions – basic forms and few transitions
  - ✓ Single Pirouettes
  - ✓ Regular Jetes
  - ✓ Few weight shifts, mostly stationary movement
  - ✓ **Overall Beginner Skill Level**
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**4** = **AVERAGE DIFFICULTY** (appropriate to age)

- ✓ Solid Choreography – parts/groups, single-counted movement
  - ✓ Solid Staging & Transitions – average forms and transitions
  - ✓ Double Pirouettes (adv turns done in a small feature grp)
  - ✓ Intermediate Leaps (adv leaps done in small feature grp)
  - ✓ Good balance of weight shifts and stationary movement
  - ✓ **Overall Intermediate Skill Level**
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**5** = **ABOVE AVERAGE DIFFICULTY** (appropriate to age)

- ✓ Complex Choreography – lots of parts/groups, syncopated movement
  - ✓ Intricate Staging & Transitions – complex forms and transitions
  - ✓ Multiple Pirouettes/Turn Combos performed by ALL dancers
  - ✓ Advanced Leaps/Combos performed by ALL dancers
    - *\*\*Feature grps are still present, but overall, performers are doing upper level skills*
  - ✓ Constant weight shifts
  - ✓ **Overall Advanced Skill Level**
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**\*\*Remember - this is a UNANIMUS panel score\*\***