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**America's Clogging Hall of Fame**

**Rules as of January 2018**

***Time Limits: No Minimums***

**Sanctioned Categories Sanctioned Categories**

**Country Hoedown 8 max Buck and Wing 3 max**

**Southern Appalachian Hoedown 8 max Traditional Duo 3 max**

**Smooth 8 max Contemporary Duo/Duet 3 max**

**Running Set Hoedown 8 max Show Duo/Duet 3 max**

**Running Set Precision 8 max Choreographed Solos 2 max**

**4 Couple Precision 8 max Short Duo/Duet**

**6 or 8 Cpl Precision 8 max Traditional Solos**

**4 or More Cpl Open Hoedown 5 max Contemporary Solos**

**4 or More Cpl Open Precision 3 max Flatfoot Solos**

**Traditional Line 3 max Acapella Solos**

**Traditional Line Formations 3 max**

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**Line Formations 3 max**

**Exhibition 3 max**

**Small Team Exhibition 3 max**

**Props Exhibition 3 max Traditional Categories are in red**

**Show 8 max Open Traditional Categories are in green**

**Acapella 3 max Contemporary Categories are in blue**

**Open Acapella (Stomp) 3 max Open Contemporary Categories are in orange**

**Progressive Acapella 3 max**

***Hoedown Categories* -- Timing begins when last dancer starts dancing and ends when first dancer stops dancing.**

***Precision Categories* -- Timing begins when the first dancer starts dancing and/or uses body movements, and ends when the last dancer stops dancing and/or uses body movements. (Knee bouncing doesn’t signify the start of timing)**

***Age Divisions***

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| Team and Duo/Duets (age division determined by average age) | |
| Tiny Tot | **6 and Under** |
| Pee Wee | **7-9 years old** |
| Elementary | **10-12 years old** |
| Junior | **13-15 years old** |
| Senior | **16-18 years old** |
| Young Adult | **19-29 years old** |
| Adult | **30-50 years old** |
| Senior Adult | **51 and Over** |

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| Solos |  | Flatfoot & Acapella Solos |
| 3 and Under | 16-19 years old | 15 and Under |
| 4-5 years old | 20-25 years old | 16-30 years old |
| 6-7 years old | 26-31 years old | 31 and Over |
| 8-9 years old | 32-40 years old | 1. *Age division varies by event* |
| 10-11 years old | 41-50 years old | 1. *Males and Females compete* |
| 12-13 years old | 51 and Over | *against each other* |
| 14-15 years old |  |  |

***General Information***

1. Music and Dress must be age appropriate in all categories. Think School Dress Code! No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage and No Ragged clothing in any/all categories.
2. Teams must place 1st or 2nd with each category and age division at two sanctioned competitions to qualify for the World Championships in October. All solos and Duo categories must compete at two sanctioned competitions (doesn’t have to place) in order to compete at the National Championships. Any team located more than 250 miles or 3 hours from qualifying competition may compete at one competition and place first or second in any category in order to qualify for Nationals. All dancers Must have a copy of their birth certificate on file so they can be verified as they are registered and recorded in the correct age. Registration will be verified for each regional competition as well.
3. 5 judges are required (All must be certified and be Members of ACHF in good standing) at all ACHF competitions. Highest and Lowest scores are dropped and the 3 middle scores are averaged.
4. The same 5 judges must judge an entire dance category. Different judges shall not be used for different age divisions for the same category.
5. A Rules "Rep" Official will be in attendance and will have the final say regarding any rule infractions.
6. Point Deductions:
   1. 5 point deduction for improper number of dancers in routine
   2. 2 point deduction for everyone not dancing at all times in Acappella Team
   3. 1 point deduction for a dancer missing a step in Acapella Team
   4. 1 point deduction for every 15 seconds, or portion thereof, exceeding the time limits given
   5. 1 point deduction for each dancer not dressed correctly
   6. (Male position dancer must wear slacks In Smooth, Female position dancer may wear skirt or dress (slacks preferred by only required in Smooth)
   7. 1 point deduction for placing dancers on stage *EXCEPTION: Tiny Tot age division*
   8. 1 point deduction for "directing" off stage *EXCEPTION : Tiny Tot age division*
   9. 1 point deduction for not holding HOME position in Traditional Categories.
   10. 1 point deduction for couples not becoming active, if required, to perform small circle figures
   11. 1 point deduction for each required figure not performed and each corner/partner swing not performed when required in figure
   12. 1 point deduction for improper progression
7. Disqualification : Use of alcoholic beverages or Unsportsmanlike or Obscene actions on premises of any ACHF event !!!
8. Disqualification : If a team dances in the wrong age division. Example: You register in Adult age division and dance, when your average age of your dancers that dance are really Young Adult. You will be disqualified. Verified by birth certificates on file.
9. Disqualification : No parking lot teams allowed, except for Team Collaboration Categories.
10. Disqualification : When a team registers one count of dancers and then at the competition puts more than what was registered on the stage and competes without notifying the competition director, you will be disqualified.
11. Please be conscious of the dance environment and do not throw and fiber or materials that will require either cleanup after the routine or would make the dance surface slick and dangerous for the next team and/or dancer. Failure to follow this rule could result in disqualification.
12. To Average your team age: you add the ages of every dancer then divide that by the total number of dancers and you don’t round up or down. Example: 15.6 is 15 is your age division.

**Country Hoedown And 4 Couple Precision**

**Dancers** 4 Couples -- Any number of males and/or females

**Figures**

* + Traditional Mountain Figures
  + Minimum of 2 different big circle figures (opening & closing). An additional big circle break figure must be used between the 2nd & 3rd small circle figures.
  + Minimum of 4 different small circle figures with progression between each figure.
  + Even AND Odd Couples must start small circle figures. Either even couples or odd couples may lead simultaneously when directed by the caller. If the caller has a single couple lead, then an additional big circle break figure must be performed when the single lead couple has returned to their home position.
  + Corner/Partner swing required after each small circle figure. (Exceptions are figures not requiring a corner swing).

**Dress Code**

* Traditional apparel required
* Dancer dancing male position should wear slacks( preferred but not required ), Dancer dancing female position MUST wear dress or skirt.
* All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color. (couples should coordinate colors but are not required to color match rest of couples )
* No Fannies, No midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

**Steps**  ***Country :*** Freestyle footwork using Southern Appalachian steps with rhythmic sound.

***4 Couple Precision*** : Precision footwork. Traditional drag slide steps encouraged. Progressive steps are allowed.

**Movement**

* Dancers must Not start simultaneously in Country Hoedown; Must start simultaneously in 4 Couple Precision.
* Couples must "square set" prior to doing 1st figure. (Identify HOME position by swinging partner).
* Progression must be on inside of set in a counter-clockwise direction.
* Quadrille - 4 couple square formation with 1 or 2 couples traveling. Inactive couples must hold Home position.
* No dance lifts, pull through, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, or flips are allowed.

**Music**  Traditional music - No vocals

**Time Limit** 8 minutes max - no min

***For Country Hoedown***, Timing begins when last dancer starts dancing, and ends when the first dancer stops dancing.

***For 4 Couple Precision***, Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, and ends when dancers stop dancing and/ or stop using body movements.

***Country Hoedown and 4 Couple Precision continued........***

*Below is one Framework example of how a routine should flow.* This is one common order of dance for Country

Hoedown. Several others are described in the Encyclopedia of Traditional Appalachian Square Dance.

* Couples must "square the set" prior to doing the 1st figure, meaning all couples must stop in their designed HOME positions in the squared set.
* Once the square is set , the HOME position must be identified by each couple swinging their partner with a full swing
* Big Circle Figure # 1 (Opening Figure) -- All Couples Active
* Small Circle Figure # 1 :
  + Couple #1 (Odd Cpl) performs a small circle figure with Couple # 2(Even Cpl) by progressing counterclockwise inside the set to visit the Home position of Couple # 2; while at the same time, Couple # 3 (Odd Cpl) performs a small circle figure with couple # 4 (Even Cpl) by progressing counterclockwise inside the set to visit to Home position of couple # 4.
  + Corner/Partner swing
  + Couple # 1 (Odd Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to face couple # 4 (Even Cpl) at their Home Position; at the same time, couple #3 (Odd Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to face couple #2 (Even Cpl) at their Home position.
* Small Circle Figure # 2 :
  + Couple # 1 (Odd Cpl) performs a small circle with couple # 4 (Even Cpl) at the Home Position of couple #4; while at the same time, couple # 3 (Odd Cpl) performs a small circle with couple # 2 (Even Cpl) at the Home position of couple # 2.
  + Corner/Partner swing
  + Couple # 1 (Odd Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to their own Home position; at the same time couple # 3 (Odd Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to their own Home position.
* Break Figure -- An additional big circle break figure #2 must be used between 2nd & 3rd small circle figures.
* Small Circle Figure # 3 :
  + Couple #2 (Even Cpl) performs a small circle figure with couple #3 (Odd Cpl) by progressing counterclockwise inside the set to visit the Home position of couple #3; while at the same time, Couple # 4 (Even Cpl) performs a small circle figure with couple # 1 (Odd Cpl) by progressing counterclockwise inside the set to visit the Home position of Couple # 1.
  + Corner/Partner swing
  + Couple #2 (Even Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to face couple #1 (Odd Cpl) at their Home position; at the same time, Couple #4 (Even Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to face couple #3 (Odd Cpl) at their Home position.
* Small Circle Figure # 4 :
  + Couple #2 (Even Cpl) performs a small circle figure with Couple #1 (Odd Cpl) at the Home position of Couple #1; while at the same time, Couple # 4 (Even Cpl) performs a small circle figure with couple #3 (Odd Cpl) at the Home position of Couple #3.
  + Corner/Partner swing
  + Couple #2 (Even Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to their own Home position; at the same time Couple #4 (Even Cpl) progresses counterclockwise inside the set to their own Home position.
* Big Circle Figure # 3 (Closing Figure) -- All Couples Active

**Southern Appalachian Hoedown**

Dancers 6 or 8 Couples -- Any number of males and/or females

Figures

* + Traditional mountain figures
  + Minimum of 2 big circle figures
  + Progression to the first small circle figure must be done from a big circle; therefore a big circle figure is required at the beginning of the routine.
  + Minimum of 4 different small circle figures with progression between each figure.
  + Even Couples Must hold Home position.
  + Corner/Partner swing required after each small circle 4 figure. (Exception are figures not requiring a corner swing).

Dress Code

* + Traditional apparel required
  + Dancer dancing male positions should wear Slacks, (preferred but not required) Dancer dancing female positions MUST wear dress or skirt.
  + All outfits must coordinate in material, style, and color.
  + No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Freestyle footwork using Southern Appalachian steps with rhythmic sound to include Buck dancing and Flatfoot

Movement

* + Dancers must Not start simultaneously
  + Couples oriented dance while performing figures and formations.
  + Progression must be on the inside of set in a counter-clockwise direction.
  + Couples may not progress across the center of the set while performing small circle 4 figures.
  + No dance lifts, pull thrus, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, or flips are allowed.
  + Progression led by Odd Couples MUST be COUNTER-clockwise within set

Music Traditional music -- No vocals

Callers Figures must be called and heard within the set

Time Limit 8 minutes max -- no min Timing begins when last dancer starts dancing, & ends when the first dancer stops dancing.

**Smooth And 6 or 8 Couple Precision**

Dancers 6 or 8 couples -- Any number of males and/or females

Figures

* + MUST use SICILIAN SETUP for small circle figures.
  + Traditional smooth mountain figures.
  + Minimum of 2 different big circle figures (opening & closing)
  + Progression to the first small circle figure must be done from a big circle figure; therefore a big circle figure is required at the beginning of the routine.
  + Minimum of 4 different small circle figures with a progression between each figure
  + Corner/Partner swing required after each small circle figure. (Exception are figures not requiring a corner swing).
  + Even Couples must hold HOME position.

Dress Code

* + Traditional apparel required
  + Dancer dancing male positions MUST wear slacks,
  + Dancer dancing female positions MUST wear dress or skirt.
  + All outfits must coordinate in material, style, and color.
  + No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps **Smooth**-> Precision footwork. Gliding step on the ball of foot.

**6/8 Couple Precision**-> Precision footwork. Traditional drag slide steps encouraged. Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* + Progression must be on the perimeter of the circle in a counter clock wise direction.
  + Couples may Not progress across the center of the set while performing small circle 4 figures.
  + Progression led by Odd Couples on the circumference of the set MUST be Sicillian
  + Couple oriented dance while performing figures and formations.
  + No dance lifts, pull thurs, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, or flips are allowed.

Music Traditional music -- No vocals

Callers Figures Must be called and heard from within the set

Time Limit 8 minutes max - no minimum

**Smooth** -> Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, & ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**6/8 Couple Precision**-> Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, & ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Running Set Hoedown And Running Set Precision**

Dancers 4 Couples -- Any number of males and/or females

Figures

* 1 Opening figure. 1 Closing Figure. Theses must be 2 different Big Circle Figures.
* 4 Different visiting couple figures (Corner/Partner swings not necessary) led by 4 different couples.
* Break figure occurs at end of progression by the active couple when they return to home position

in the circle.

* Couples must return to Home position after each Break Figure is performed.
* Column figures are not allowed.

Here is the framework of how the routine must flow :

* + - Big Circle Figure #1 (Opening Figure) - All Couples Active
    - Couple # 1 performs a small circle figure with couples #2,3,4
    - Break figure - All couples Active
    - Couple #2 performs a small circle figure with couples #3,4,1
    - Break Figure - All couples Active
    - Couple #3 performs a small circle figure with couples #4,1,2
    - Break Figure - All couples Active
    - Couple #4 performs a small circle figure with couples #1,2,3
    - Big Circle Figure #2 (Closing figure) - All Couples Active

Dress Code

* Traditional apparel required
* Dancer dancing male positions should wear Slacks (preferred but not required), Dancer dancing female positions MUST wear dress

or skirt.

* All outfits must coordinate in material, style, and color.
* No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps

***Precision:***

* Precision footwork using Running Step (Performed using a soaring, graceful run on the ball of the foot).
* Active couples must not stop with running step.
* Variation allowed - Inactive couples may perform some rhythmic motion with no break when again becoming active.

***Hoedown:*** Freestyle footwork using Southern Appalachian steps with rhythmic sound.

Movement ***Hoedown:*** Dancers must not start simultaneously.

***Precision:*** Dancers must start simultaneously.

* Progression must be on inside of the set in a counter clockwise direction.
* No dance lifts, pull throughs, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, or flips are allowed.

Music Traditional music - No vocals

Callers Figures must be called and heard from within the set.

Time Limit 8 minutes max - no min

***Hoedown***: Timing begins when last dancer starts dancing and ends when the first dancer stops dancing

***Precision***: Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, & ends when

dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**4 or More Couple Open Hoedown**

Dancers

* Min of 8 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females.
* Must have and even number of dancers.

Figures Traditional Mountain Figures

Minimum of 1 big circle figure.

Minimum of 2 small circle figures.

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material and style.

No Fannies, No midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Freestyle footwork using Southern Appalachian steps with rhythmic sound including buck dancing and flatfoot.

Movement Dancers must not start simultaneously.

Couple oriented dance while performing figures and formations.

No dance lifts, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, or flips are allowed.

Music Traditional music - No Vocals

Callers Figures must be called and heard from within the set.

Time Limit 5 minute max.

Timing begins when the last dancer starts dancing and ends when first dancer stops dancing.

**4 or More Couple Open Precision**

Dancers Min of 8 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females.

Must have and even number of dancers.

Figures Traditional Mountain Figures

Minimum of 1 big circle figure.

Minimum of 2 small circle figures.

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material and style.

No Fannies, No midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Precision footwork. Progressive steps allowed.

Movement Dancers must start simultaneously.

Progressive movements are allowed.

Couple oriented dance while performing figures and formations.

No dance lifts, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, or flips are allowed.

Music Traditional music - With or without vocals. Music breaks are allowed.

Callers Figures may be called but not required.

Time Limit 3 minute max

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements and

ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Traditional Line**

Dancers Minimum of 4 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures Figures are not allowed

Dress Code

* Traditional apparel required
* All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color. Don’t let sequins/rhinestones or bling overshadow the outfit.
* No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps

* 100% precision footwork.
* Footwork must be Traditional style steps - drag slide clogging/buck dancing/flat foot
* No progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* The dance must be choreographed for one but danced by many
* No hand, head, or body choreography from waist up
* All dancers must face same direction at the same time. Dancers are not allowed to face each other in the same line.
* All lines must move in the same direction at the same time.
* Dancers must start and stop on stage. No clogging onto or off stage.
* No progressive movements. No dancing as couples, No rise & shine or individual dancing.
* No body contact is allowed.
* No stage movement that appears to be a stage production.
* ONLY feet may touch the floor.

Music Country, Bluegrass, or Traditional-style music only -- with or without vocals

Callers Dance must not be called or cued from on or off stage.

Time Limit 3 minute max

Timing begins when dancers start dancing, & ends when dancers stop dancing. (knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

**Traditional Line Formations**

Dancers Minimum of 4 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Dress Code Traditional Apparel Required

All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color. Don’t let sequins/ rhinestones or bling overshadow the outfit.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No Ragged Clothing.

Steps 100% Precision Footwork. Must be Traditional style steps - drag slide clogging.

Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* The dance must be choreographed for one but danced by many
* No Hand, Head, or body choreography from the waist up
* No dancing as couples
* No Rise & Shine/individual dancing
* No body contact is allowed.
* Trading of lines, twisting of lines, passing through lines, bending of lines, rotation,
* V's, columns, interaction of lines are allowed and encouraged
* No dancing onto or off stage. Dance must begin and end on stage.
* Only Feet may touch the floor.

Music Country, Bluegrass, or Traditional-style music only - with or without vocals

Callers Dance must not be called or cued from on stage or off stage

Time limit 3 minute max

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and ends when dancers stop dancing.(knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of the routine)

**Line**

Dancers Minimum of 4 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures Figures are not allowed

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Precision footwork. Progressive steps are not allowed.

Movement

* The dance must be choreographed for one but danced by many.
* All dancers must face same direction at the same time. Dancers are not allowed to face each other in the same line.
* No placing dancers onstage except for Tiny Tot Age Division.
* No cueing from OFF stage except for Tiny Tot Age Division.
* All lines must move in the same direction at the same time.
* Dancers must start from and end from set lines on stage.
* Dancers must start and stop on stage. No clogging onto or off stage.
* No progressive movements. No dancing as couples, No Rise & Shine or individual dancing.
* No body contact is allowed.
* No stage movement that appears to be a stage production.
* Hand, Head, body movements are encouraged. Jazz & floor movement are allowed
* Don't overshadow footwork.

Music Any type of music allowed. NO OBSCENE OR NON\_FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Callers Dance must Not be called or cued from on or off stage

Time Limit 3 minute max – No minimum

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements. (knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

**Line Formations**

Dancers Minimum of 4 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures Figures are not allowed

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Precision Footwork. Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* The dance must be choreographed for one but danced by many
* Dance must start and stop on stage. Dance must start from and end from set lines on stage. No clogging onto or off stage.
* No placing dancers onstage except for Tiny Tot Age Division.
* No cueing from OFF stage except for Tiny Tot Age Division.
* Progressive movements are allowed. No dancing couples. No rise & shine/ individual dancing.
* No body contact is allowed.
* Trading of lines, twisting of lines, passing through lines, bending of lines, rotation, V's, columns, interaction of lines are allowed and encouraged.
* Hand, Head, body movements are encouraged. Jazz and floor movement are allowed.
* Don't overshadow footwork.

Music Any type of music allowed. NO OBSCENE OR NON\_FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Callers Dance must Not be called or cued from on or off stage

Time Limit 3 minute max – No minimum

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements. (knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

**Exhibition And Small Team Exhibition**

Dancers ***Exhibition***: Minimum of 5 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

***Small Team*** : Minimum of 3 dancers, Max of 5 - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures No Figure Restrictions. This dance may NOT be recognized as choreography that fits any other category

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Precision footwork. Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* Stage production numbers should be performed in this category.
* Progressive movements are allowed.
* Body Contact Is REQUIRED. (This is not a line form category with one touch)
* Any type of movement is allowed.
* Hand, head, body movements are allowed and encouraged.
* Lifts, pull throughs and stunts are acceptable.
* No props are allowed.
* All dancers and dance must start on stage but can clog on on/off stage during routine and all dancers do not have to end on stage.

Music Any type of music allowed. NO OBSCENE OR NON\_FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Callers Dance must Not be called or cued from on or off stage

Time Limit 3 minute max - No min Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, &

ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements. (Knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

**Props Exhibition**

Dancers Minimum of 3 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures No Figure Restrictions. This dance may NOT be recognized as choreography that fits any other category

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing

Steps Precision footwork. Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* Stage production numbers should be performed in this category.
* Dance must start and stop on stage. Can clog onto or off of stage.
* Progressive movements are allowed.
* Body Contact is REQUIRED.
* Any type of movement is allowed.
* Hand, head, body movements are allowed and encouraged.

Props Are REQUIRED

* Lifts, pull throughs and stunts are acceptable.
* Props must be used throughout routine and cannot be placed on stage and left, else the prop becomes a stage prop which is SHOW category. One point will be deducted every time a prop is placed on the stage or dropped (by the Rep)
* Prop can be taken off stage and re-entered. If prop is not used, it must be taken off stage. (don’t set it down on stage
* Props can be traded, exchanged or tossed.
* All dancers and dance must start on stage but can clog on on/off stage during routine and all dancers do not have to end on stage.

Music Any type of music allowed. NO OBSCENE OR NON\_FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Callers Dance must Not be called or cued from on or off stage

Time Limit 3 minute max - No min - Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, &

ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements. (Knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

**Show**

Dancers Minimum of 3 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures No Figure Restrictions

Dress Code Costumes should enhance the theme of the routine.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Minimum of 80% clogging steps. 20% any other type of steps.

Movement

* Theme is required. Stage choreography is required. Must Not be recognizable of another category.
* Performance must tell a story.
* Creative Opening & Closing is required.
* Heavy Emphasis on creativity and showmanship ability to carryout story line.
* Stage props are allowed.
* Music, choreography, and costumes, must all blend to carry out a theme and tell a story.
* Any type of dance movement/style is allowed.
* All participants must CLOG at some point.

Music Any type of music allowed. NO OBSCENE OR NON-FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Callers Dance must Not be called or cued from on or off stage

Time Limit 8 minute max

Timing begins when the first dancer starts dancing and/or uses body

movements, & ends when the last dancer stops dancing and/or using body movements. (knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

Setup Time 3 minutes to setup and 3 minutes to take down

**Acappella Team**

Dancers Minimum of 5 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures No Figure Restrictions

Dress Code No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing

Coordinated, Neat and Clean Uniform or Costume

Steps

* Precision footwork. Steps are performed on the same foot
* Dancers must start together and end together.
* Missed steps are considered as not dancing.
* Progression steps are allowed (steps have to be executed on the same foot by all dancers)
* No props are allowed.
* All sound must be caused by feet in clogging shoes on floor and some claps.

Movement Dance must start from and end on stage. No dancing on or off stage.

Music No music is allowed.

Callers Dance must not be called or cued from on or off stage (Except to begin routine).

Judging Judges will watch but will still judge the clarity & intricacy of performance.

Judges will deduct for missed steps, stopped dancing, faking steps & execution of steps.

Judges give points for Sound, Rhythm, Melody, Skill, Choreography & complexity of steps.

Time Limit 3 minutes max

Timing begins when dancers start dancing, & ends when dancers stop dancing (knee bouncing doesn’t signify start of routine)

**Open Acappella Team (Stomp)**

Dancers Minimum of 3 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures No Figure Restrictions

Dress Code No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing

Steps Progressive steps are allowed. Props are Required. Emphasis on Creativity.

Movement Dancers may Enter & Exit stage during routine. Can Change Formations.

Music No Music is allowed.

Callers Vocal cues are allowed.

Judging Judges will face the stage and judge the clarity, complexity, and intricacy of performance as well as how props, claps, and vocal cues compliment the overall sound and footwork.

Time Limit 3 minute max

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Progressive Acappella Team**

Dancers Minimum of 5 dancers - Any combination of males and/or females

Figures No Restriction to figures

Traditional Figures are allowed & encouraged. Any figure is allowed & encouraged.

Dress Code All outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No Ragged clothing.

Steps

* Precision Footwork. Progressive steps and body movements are allowed.
* No Rise & Shine individual dancing.
* Two or more dancers must be dancing at all times.
* Sound must come from Feet Clogging, Claps & Vocals from dancers in unison.

Movement

* Dance must start from & end on Stage. No dancing on or off stage.
* Claps, Hand, Head & Body movement are allowed & Encouraged.
* Teams can dance as Couples and/or Individuals ( Both are encouraged).
* Where the Lines may twist, bend, rotate, trading of lines, V's, columns and boxes are allowed and encouraged. ( No restrictions on formations)
* Creativity in choreography plus great Sound & Energy is the focus.
* No dance lifts, pull through, splits, tosses, leaps, cartwheels, flips.

Props No Props Allowed

Music No music allowed

Callers Dance must not be called or cued from on or off stage - Except to begin Routine.

Judging Judges will watch & judge the Sound, clarity, complexity, rhythm, and intricacy of

performance as well as how the claps, hand, head and body movement compliment

the overall sound and Footwork.

Time Limit 3 minute max

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, & ends when dancers stop dancing and/or use body movement

**Qualification: In order to compete at Nationals:**

**The dancer’s birth certificate has to be on file**

**The duo or duet must have competed at 2 regional competitions (they do not have to place)**

**For Nationals Duo of the Year: If you win in more than one category, you choose one of your qualifying Over All wins to dance for that honor. (You pick one category to dance)**

**Example: If you win overall in Traditional & Contemporary, you choose one at Nationals to compete for the Over All Duo/Duet of the year.**

**Buck And Wing - Traditional Duet**

Dancers 1 Couple Male/Female

Dress Code

* Traditional Costumes - Male must wear pants; female must wear dress or skirt
* Outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.
* No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps

* Precision Footwork.
* Traditional drag slide steps are required and includes buck dancing and flatfoot.
* Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* Use the whole stage (all 4 quadrants).
* Do Not separate from partner and dance across stage from each other.
* No clogging onto or off stage.

Interaction Dance as couple holding hands as much as possible using plenty of arm turns.

Dance WITH EACH OTHER -- not just to the audience.

Music Country, Bluegrass, or Traditional-style music Only, with or without Vocals.

Time Limit 3 minute max - NO min

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Traditional Duo**

Dancers 1 Couple -- Male/Male or Female/Female

Dress Code

* Traditional apparel required - Male must wear slacks. Females may wear slacks or dress.
* Outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.
* No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps

* Precision Footwork.
* Traditional drag slide steps are required and includes buck dancing and flat foot.
* Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement Use the whole stage. Do Not separate from partner and dance across stage from each other.

No clogging onto or off stage.

Interaction Dance as couple holding hands as much as possible using plenty of arm turns.

Dance WITH EACH OTHER -- not just to the audience.

Music Country, Bluegrass, or Traditional-style music Only, with or without Vocals.

Time Limit 3 minute max - NO min

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Contemporary Duet**

Dancers 1 Couple -- Male/Female

Dress Code Any Type of costumes.

Outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Precision Footwork. Any type of clogging steps are allowed. Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* Use the whole stage ( all 4 quadrants).
* Do Not separate from partner and dance across stage from each other except for short period of time.
* No clogging onto or off stage.

Interaction Dance as couple holding hands as much as possible using plenty of arm turns. (includes Male/male)

Dance WITH EACH OTHER -- not just to the audience.

Music Any type of music. NO OBSCENE OR NON-FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Time Limit 3 minute max - NO min

Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Contemporary Duo**

Dancers 1 Couple -- Male/Male or Female/Female

Dress Code Any Type of costumes.

Outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Precision Footwork. Any type of clogging steps are allowed. Progressive steps are allowed.

Movement

* Use the whole stage (all 4 quadrants).
* Do Not separate from partner and dance across stage from each other.
* No clogging onto or off stage.

Interaction Dance as couple holding hands as much as possible using plenty of arm turns. (includes Male/male)

Dance WITH EACH OTHER -- not just to the audience.

Music Any type of music. NO OBSCENE OR NON-FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Time Limit

* 3 minute max - NO min
* Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

**Show Duo/Duet**

Dancers 1 Couple -- Male/Female or Male/Male or Female/Female

Dress Code Should Coordinate with the theme and/or story line.

Outfits must be coordinated in material, style, and color.

No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged clothing.

Steps Minimum of 80% clogging required. 20% other steps allowed.

Movement Theme is required. Stage Choreography is required.

Creative opening & closing is required.

Heavy Emphasis on creativity and showmanship

Stage props are allowed.

Music, choreography, and costumes must all blend to carry out a theme.

Any type of dance movement is allowed.

Interaction Dance WITH EACH OTHER -- not just to the audience.

Music Any type of music. NO OBSCENE OR NON-FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Time Limit 3 minute max – NO min Timing begins when dancers start dancing and/or use body movements, and ends when dancers stop dancing and/or using body movements.

Setup Time 1 minute

**Short Duo/Duet**

* Time limit will be 48 beats ( six 8 counts) line and again on Rise & Shine.
* Any type of steps are allowed.
* When music begins, start dancing and "Go for it" as a couple.
* Each couple will have an opportunity to Rise & Shine beginning with the couple on your right.
* Return to line on your left.
* When Rise & Shine is complete, all couples "Go for it" till music stops.

**Qualification: To dance Choreograph solo at Nationals: The dancer has to compete at 2 regional competitions. The dancer does not have to place in order to compete. Plus, have their birth certificate submitted to ACHF.**

**Choreographed Solos**

Dress Code Should Coordinate with Use of Music

Steps Minimum of 80% clogging required.

Movement Theme IS NOT REQUIRED

Clarity of Steps/ Complexity & Sound of Steps

Heavy Emphasis on creativity and showmanship & Body lines & Jazz/Hip hop moves

Stage props are allowed.

Use of stage and 4 quadrants.

Any type of movement is allowed, Please keep it Family oriented.

Music Any type of music. NO OBSCENE OR NON-FAMILY ORIENTED LANGUAGE!

Time Limit 2 minute max – NO min Timing begins when dancer starts dancing and/or use body movements and ends when dancer stops dancing and/or using body movements.

Setup Time 1 minute

***Guidelines for Solos***

***Qualification*: In order to compete at Nationals in any solo category, the dancer has to compete at 2 regional competitions. The dancer does not have to place at regionals. Plus, have their birth certificate submitted to ACHF.**

**All Over All Solo winners in Traditional & Contemporary solos at a ACHF regional competition will qualify to dance for The All That award where the Male and Female winner will go and dance at Myrtle Beach SC with All That.**

**Dress Code: No Fannies, No Midriffs, No Cleavage, No ragged Clothing**

**Steps: No award will be given for performing the wrong type of steps in any category.**

**Traditional, Contemporary, & Flatfoot Solos**

* Time limit will be 32 beats of music in line and again on Rise & Shine.
* Any type of steps is allowed in Contemporary.
* Only Traditional drag slide steps are allowed in Traditional.
* Only old time drag, low to the floor rhythmic steps are allowed in Flatfoot.
* Dancers will line up on stage facing judges.
* When music begins, start dancing and "Go for it".
* Each dancer will have an opportunity to Rise & Shine beginning with the dancer on your right.
* Return to the line on your left.
* When Rise & Shine is complete, All dancers "Go for it" until the music stops.

**Acapella Solos**

* Time limit will be 20 seconds
* Any type of steps is allowed
* This is a dance of sound, rhythm and melody
* Emcee will give number to judge and cue dancer to start. Timing begins with dancer’s first step/sound.
* Dancer will stop dancing on Emcee’s cue.