

# Guidelines for 4-H Day

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## **Event: Dance Ensemble and Dance Group**

### **Objective(s):**

1. To enhance the individual's awareness and skills in specific areas of dance.
2. To provide learning experiences for dancers that will be challenging to interested 4-Hers at their level of skill.

### **Time Limit:**

1. Time limit is 7 minutes maximum.
2. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.

### **Equipment and/or Facilities Provided by Event Monitors:**

1. Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

### **Equipment Provided by Participants:**

1. Accompaniment is optional and may be recorded or live. Performers opting to use accompaniment must provide the accompanist or recorded accompaniment (with playback equipment).
2. Props as needed; no sets.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Dancers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include the type of dance being performed.
2. One performer should introduce the piece including the title and composer.
3. Judge will serve as the time keeper.
4. **Performers should recognize this is a family event and choose costumes, themes, and performances that show respect for both the performers and the audience.**

### **Dance Ensemble**

1. Ensemble may be composed of 2 to 11 4-Hers, not including the accompanist. (Cloverbuds cannot perform in this category.)
2. Each group will dance one selection of their own choosing.

### **Dance Group**

1. Groups may be composed of 12 or more 4-Hers and may not include 4-H (Cloverbuds cannot perform in this category.)
2. Each group will dance one selection of their own choosing.

### **Definitions:**

**Musicality/ Interpretation:** The ability of the dancers to not only dance to the music but to effectively express the mood and artistic dynamics of the accompaniment through physical expression and timing.

**Combinations:** The choreographed phrases of individual dance steps and movements that compose the dance as a whole.

**Resources:** Resources that may be used in planning this event include:

Dance teacher  
Older 4-Her  
Older dancer

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*Dance Ensemble and Dance Group Score Sheet*

County (circle one):

**LN**

**MI**

<b>4-H Club(s):</b>		<b>Number in group:</b>				
<b>List dancers' names on the back of Score Sheet</b>						
<b>Event time limit:</b> 7 minutes		<b>Event time actual:</b> _____				
Weight	The dancers	P	B	R	W	Comments
<b>40</b>	<b>Knowledge Fundamentals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Body lines</li> <li>• Correct and precise technique specific to style</li> <li>• Balance</li> <li>• Projection</li> </ul> <b>Complexity/Difficulty</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variations and combinations performed in dance</li> </ul>					
<b>30</b>	<b>Ability And Coordination Execution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musicality/interpretation</li> <li>• Rhythm</li> <li>• Movement</li> <li>• Timing</li> <li>• Teamwork</li> <li>• Follow caller's instructions (for Square Dance)</li> </ul>					
<b>30</b>	<b>Personality &amp; Poise (General Impression)</b> <p><b>Appropriateness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Style of dance appropriate for 4-H setting / age of dancer</li> </ul> <p><b>Costuming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate fit, appearance</li> <li>• Originality, respects audience</li> <li>• Style appropriate for dance performed</li> </ul> <p><b>Stage Presence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Confidence</li> <li>▪ Smile, showmanship</li> </ul> <p><b>Overall Style</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Footwork (where applicable)</li> <li>▪ Position, carriage</li> <li>▪ Enjoyment, respects audience</li> </ul>					
<b>Penalty:</b> ___ <b>Exceeds time (30-second grace period) = reduction by one ribbon</b>						
<b>Circle ONE    Top Purple*    Alternate Top Purple    Purple    Blue    Red    White</b>						
*Top Purple and Alternate Top Purple are only used at County or District 4-H Day.						

**Reason for Ranking and other Comments:** (Use back of sheet for additional comments.)

Judges initials: \_\_\_\_\_