**DIAMOND CHEER & DANCE/THE FINALE**

**MAJORETTE DANCE CREATIVE GUIDELINES**

***CREATIVE:***

This form of dance allows dancers to be expressive with displaying various types of dance techniques and styles.

This category is based on a Creative Dance Performance from any of the dance styles listed

below:

 Hip Hop, Jazz, Modern, Auxiliary, and Acrobatics

Battle categories are NOT OFFERED at our events. Only Creative.

Performing squads will be expected to perform choreography including technique.

Tumbling is allowed but not required.

Judges will score once performance is complete for performance and skill improvements and score sheets will be handed out at awards.

Competition Levels are as follows:

 Beginner-Recreational Level

 Intermediate-Some dance training with moderate amount of dance experience

 Advanced-Multiple years of skilled dance training.

Size of performance floor 54 x 42.

***Rules and Regulations:***

Each performing squad will have 5 (Five) minutes to perform dance choreography. Teams will be penalized for over time.

The timing of the routine will begin with the first sound of music.

If a specialty entrance is made, with chanting, motions or music, it will be considered a part of the performance and the time will begin.

No coaching from the sidelines.

All dancers must complete their dance routine on the dance floor. If a dancer leaves the performance floor before the routine is finished a penalty will be given.

Dress attire may include accessories. Removing pieces of costuming during the performance is permitted as long as it is not offensive.

Competitors may wear jazz shoes, dance boots, sneakers and/or athletic shoes.

Diamond Cheer & Dance competitions are family friendly events.

Music must be clear of vulgarity and profane language and must be appropriate for families.

Vulgarity, profane language or gestures are prohibited before, during or after the routine.

Any inappropriate behavior by coaches, parents or competitors will result in an immediate dismissal from the event with no refunds.

No more than 40 competitors per team will be allowed on the floor and will follow the age divisions listed on the registration form for Majorette Dance Creative