



USASF DANCE RECOMMENDATION ROUTINE INTERRUPTION POLICY

Routine Stoppage

The only individuals that may stop a routine for injury are:

1. Competition Officials (designated by the Event Producer)
2. Program Owner/Coach from the team performing
3. Injured Individual
4. USASF Certified Safety Judge

An injured athlete may create a potential safety hazard because of the inability to hold, support, spot or catch. For the safety of all athletes competing, a routine may be interrupted if:

1. An athlete is clearly injured.
2. An athlete is questionably injured and does not resume their role in the routine within 5 seconds of questionable injury.
3. An athlete leaves the competition floor due to an injury.
4. Any bodily fluids on the performing surface would necessitate stopping the routine

In the event that a routine is interrupted due to injury as listed above it will be at the Competition Officials' discretion whether that team will be allowed to perform again at a later time.

Athlete Returning to Competition

1. An Injured Participant may not return to the competition floor unless the Competition Officials receive clearance from all of the representatives listed below:
 - a. Event Medical Personnel attending to that participant
 - b. Parent/Guardian (if present)
 - c. Head Coach/Program Owner of competing team
2. In the event of a suspected head injury, the participant cannot return to perform without clearance from a licensed medical professional that has training related to head injuries.

Second Performance

In the event that a team is allowed to perform again following a routine interruption, the new performance time will be at the sole discretion of the Competition Official. The team must (pending the injury's impact on the routine) perform the routine again in its entirety, but judging will resume from the point at which the injury/interruption occurred as determined by the judges. All skills must be performed full-out from the beginning of the routine.

If a team is permitted to perform again, but fails to perform the routine in its entirety, it is at the discretion of the Competition Official how that team's scores will be affected.