Invitational Competition Guidelines

1. **Invitational Registration & Solos**: Invitational competition directors shall not open registration for all teams until September 1.

2. **Limit of Participating Schools**: There will be a limit of 30 total schools per invitational competition.

3. **Time Restriction**: A competition may not begin before 8:00 a.m. and must not end after 7:00 p.m. (this includes award ceremony). In the case of an unusual circumstance that may cause a delay (injury, power outage, etc.), the situation must be documented and reported to Jan Whittaker, at the UHSAA office, within 72 hours of the competition.

4. **Use of additional performing areas**: If it appears the competition may go beyond the 7:00 p.m. limit, the competition director must secure extra space to hold auxiliary routines such as the small gym, auditorium, etc. and/or limit the amount of auxiliary routines. An additional panel of judges may also need to be hired to meet the time 8:00 am - 7:00 pm time limit.

5. **Guidelines for competition entry fees**: Competition team entry fees should not exceed $18 per dancer. It is suggested to use the following guidelines:

   a. 1-4 Routines $15 or less
   b. 5+ Routines $18 or less

6. **Spectator entrance fees**: Spectator entrance fee may not exceed $10 per person (adult price). Directors are encouraged to think of options such as a family pass, a 2-day pass for those attending solo and team competition, and more affordable pricing for students. It is suggested to use the State Tournament pricing:

   a. $10 Adults
   b. $5 Seniors and Students

7. **Assigning of judges**: The competition director must assign one (1) new judge per panel. Using more than one new judge at an invitational and solo competition is highly recommended.

8. **Role of the Competition Director**: The role of the competition director is to run a well-organized and safe competition. Every precaution should be taken to put the athletes’ safety and well-being first. It is never appropriate for a competition director to get involved in judging discussions or decisions. Any competition director who tries to influence judges to assess or not assess penalties, may be put on a probationary status and/or lose sanctioning privileges.

9. **Scanning score sheets**: The competition director will need to scan (front and back) all Military and Dance scoresheets and send them to jwhittaker@uhsaa.org within 72 hours of the conclusion of the competition.