

## THE TRUE WINNER

Any time a person sets goals in life steps are taken to accomplish these expectations. With every step taken a learning experience is in the making. By reaching for these accomplishments you are improving yourself. Auditioning for a team leader/captain position is not just about obtaining the title. Actually winning a title is not nearly as important as the growth that takes place while working to achieve the goal. In fact, sometimes not winning forces you to refocus and address weaknesses and find a way to make them strengths. By meeting these challenges you evolve into a person of character, as well as a good performer. The sacrifice, tenacity, and sometimes failure that is experienced today are just stepping-stones to tomorrow's success. If you never take that first step out the door, you will never break into a leap. The leader/captain of a dance team did not achieve this honor with the first leap. Discipline and preparation took place before the title was won. *The true winner of any audition is the person who dares to take a chance and compete.*

## SCORE SHEETS

If possible ask if you may obtain a copy of the score sheet to be used for the evaluation. In fact, many directors hand this out to the participants in the audition packet. Analyze the score sheet carefully and determine which categories weight the highest. For example, if general appearance is worth 30 points then you know emphasis will be placed on a physically fit dancer. Most small pom squads perform highly athletic skills and the coaches of these teams are desiring very physically fit dancers. If both the right and left splits are 10 points a piece, then 20 points may be earned by flexibility. These directors may deem flexibility very important because the team performs high kicks. A category ranging as high as 40 points for solo performances on a score sheet mean the director is probably seeking candidates with stronger dance skills than leadership ability. Interview categories with a high point value means the director is looking for mature leaders. *Familiarize yourself with the score sheet and train the hardest/smarter in those categories that carry the most weight.*