



# GEMINI TWIRL TEAM



## Gemini Vir-Twirl Open Competition 2020

Dear Corps Director, Team Coach, Parents team members!

Following months of Covid-19 lockdown throughout the world, our athletes have been denied the opportunity to compete at competitions. For many there is still no prospect of face to face competitions so we are hosting an online virtual competition; The Gemini Vir-Twirl Open Competition!

The competition is open to anyone from any association worldwide and will be held on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. The competition will not be live to allow athletes from different time zones around the world to compete. All we ask is that when you decide which events you would like to enter, your coach or parent records that particular routine and sends it into to us either on the Saturday or the Sunday of that weekend.

Please ensure when the event/routine is being filmed the camera is positioned so that it is easy for us to see you. Therefore it may be easier if someone holds it.

The judges will then judge the competition on the Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the evening (UK time) with results being announced via a live feed (within a Facebook 'Gemini Vir-Twirl Competition Results 2020' group) that will be set up on the Wednesday or Thursday of that week. Results will also be emailed out for anyone who does not have access to Facebook.

### **Events offered include;**

#### Basic Strut:

Performed in a square. A minimum of 2 sides of a square shown with minimum 8 counts of Basic Strut style marching on each side of the square should be shown.

Basic strut is just what the title implies - basic march strutting without footwork, i.e. leaps, lunges, back-steps etc. Forward motion with head facing front at all times is compulsory. Arms are swung from side to side in opposition to the knee being lifted.

#### Military Strut

Performed in a square. A minimum of 2 sides of a square with minimum 8 counts of Military Strut marching on each side of the square should be shown. Contestants should march in a sharp military manner. The upper leg should be at a 90-degree angle to the body and the knee angle should be a minimum of 90 degrees. Slight lower leg extension is desirable. The baton should be held with the shaft at an upward angle to the right between off centre (vertical) down to 45 degrees. The left hand should be on the waist at all times. The arm beats should be sharp. On the left foot (heavy beat) the right hand executes a beat level with the eye / nose. On the right foot the beat is executed down by the right hip. The sequence of the right hand should therefore be hip, eye / nose / eye, hip. The right upper arm should not move. Corner lobs are desired but no compulsory.

#### Fancy Strut

Performed in a square. A minimum of 2 sides of a square showing a Fancy Strut routine should be shown. Fancy strut is a strut incorporating footwork, leaps and lunges in combination with the baton using not more than 2 continuous revolutions (from the centre) of the baton. Loops and swings are allowed. Gymnastic moves and releases are permitted.

#### Pom Pom Strut

Performed in a square. A minimum of 2 sides of a square showing a Pom Strut routine should be shown. The strut routine should involve footwork, leaps and dance work etc incorporating arm and pompon movements combined. Gymnastic moves are permitted but Pom releases are not. Routine completed in a forward motion.

#### Solo

An individual solo routine; maximum 2 minutes long, no minimum time.

Routine should include variety and difficulty of baton twirling content, (content may include low material, connections, full hand, finger twirls, rolls, aerials and tricks using a variety of patterns). It should be performed with good control, smoothness and gracefulness and appropriate speed, presented in a pleasing manner with correct baton and body technique.

### 2 Baton

An individual 2baton solo routine; maximum 2 minutes long, no minimum time. Routine should include the continuous and simultaneous twirling of two batons involving variety and difficulty of 2 baton material whilst incorporating appropriate speed, control, smoothness and gracefulness, presented in a pleasing manner with correct baton and body technique.

Content may include low material, connections, full hand, finger twirls, rolls, aerials and tricks using a variety of patterns and planes and 2 baton content).

### Freestyle

An individual freestyle solo to own chosen music which must be clearly heard on the video that is sent in. The routine is choreographed combining dance and baton, which interprets musical phrases and expression, tempo, rhythm and style, staging and use of the floor. All dance and baton work must be executed with correct technique.

## **Age groups and Ability Levels**

Age will be taken as is on the day. Each event will be split into the following age groups.

Peewee: 0-7 years  
Juvenile: 8-9 years  
Preteen: 10-11 years  
Youth: 12-14 years  
Junior: 15-17 years  
Senior: 18yrs + (Adult section may be considered if enough interest)

Struts will be split by age group only. Solos, 2 baton and Freestyle will be split into Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. We may combine classes if lower entries; Beginner and Novice together and Intermediate and Advanced together.

Certificates will be awarded for Top 8 places in Struts and Top 6 in Solo, 2baton and Freestyle with medals posted out the week following the competition for the top 3 places. Overall winners for the each age group for Top Twirler and Top Strutter will win a sash. Again these will be posted out the week after the competition. Every athlete who enters will receive a participation certificate also.

## **Fees**

Prices are;	Basic Strut, Military Strut, Fancy Strut, Pom Strut	£1.50
	Solo, 2Baton	£2.00
	Freestyle	£3.00

Please make payment to Paypal to [gemmaatwirl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gemmaatwirl@yahoo.co.uk) or bank transfer on request. We can only accept bank transfer from UK entries, therefore Paypal is preferred.

**Closing date for entries is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** Late entries may be considered, but only if there is space available as this is proving to be a very popular competition given the amount of enquiries we've had so far, so we advise to get your entries in on time.

Please send your completed entry form to [geminionlinecompetition@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:geminionlinecompetition@yahoo.co.uk)

We hope to see you online!

Gemma Milne  
Gemini Twirl Team





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## Gemini Vir-Twirl Open Competition 2020 Payment Form

Corps/Team Name:

Email contact :

Corps/Team Director:

Corps/Team Address and Country:

Event	Total Number of entries	Cost Per Entry	Total
Basic Strut		£1.50	
Military Strut		£1.50	
Fancy Strut		£1.50	
Pom Strut		£1.50	
Solo		£2.00	
2 Baton		£2.00	
Freestyle		£3.00	
<b>CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			Grand Total:

All completed entry forms and payment forms must be emailed to [geminionlinecompetition@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:geminionlinecompetition@yahoo.co.uk)

### PAYMENTS

Payment should be made via Paypal to [gemmatwirl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gemmatwirl@yahoo.co.uk)

If bank transfer is preferred (available to UK athletes only), please ask for details.