

2023 Florida Baton & Dance Regional Championship

This is a Super Regional Competition. All surrounding states are welcome.
Open events are offered for Titles, as well as Elementary, Middle, High School, and Collegiate
Twirling & Dance Teams.



CONTEST DIRECTORS:

Candice Dowdy (407) 617-9358 and Maria Cortes (407) 704-9977
Alexandra Burke -Florida District Dance Chair (970) 222-2759

CONTEST DATE: Saturday, April 15, 2023

ENTRY DEADLINE: Postmarked by March 24, 2023 (Awards must be ordered)

Entries received after this date will be charged a late fee of \$5.00 per event, maximum \$20.00

**CONTEST LOCATION: East River High School
650 East River Falcons Way, Orlando, FL 32833**

**TIME: Doors open at 8:00am; Contest will begin promptly at 8:30am
All events will be your Contest Age as of July 27, 2023**

AAU MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN EVENTS

1. Participants who ARE AAU Members:

- Eligibility to win a scholarship and the Academic All American Award
- Eligibility to qualify to participate in the 2023 Junior Olympic Games

GENERAL CONTEST INFO:

- **AAU BATON & DANCE RULES:** The 2023 AAU Baton Twirling Rulebook and the 2023 Dance Rulebook are available at www.aaubaton.org with submission of entry forms. AAU Membership must be obtained **PRIOR** to submitting entry (**NOTE AGES 18+:** Membership is not instant so please allow several days to process).
- **FACILITY FEE:** There will be a one-time \$15 facility fee per athlete. The facility fee will be in place of a door fee.. **All solo and team participants** must pay this fee with their solo or team entry form.
- **PAYMENT:** Make checks payable to: Candice Dowdy. All fees due with entries by March 24, 2023. \$30 Returned Check Fee.
If you would like to pay through PAYPAL, we can send you an invoice by emailing us at: candicedowdyaa@gmail.com. There will be a 3% service fee for all PAYPAL transactions.
- **REFUNDS:**
**No refunds on entry fees or credits to other competitions will be given.
- **CHANGES TO ENTRIES:** The contest director reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary. No changes by contestants may be made once an entry is received. ONLY errors made by the contest director will be corrected the day of the contest.
NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE CONTEST.
- **FOOD:** A concession stand will be provided during the day. Outside food or drinks are allowed, but not in the gym.
- **MUSIC:** All team and solo events that require music must email the music director an **MP3 file** to kemericaaau@gmail.com by the **March 24th**, entry deadline. Music will be played on a laptop through the sound system at the contest. Team directors and Solo Dancers should also bring two forms of back-up copies for your music (i.e. iPod, CD) to the contest.

- **WAIVERS:** **Waivers must be signed & submitted with entry form for every participant in the competition** (solo and team members). Participants will not be allowed to participate unless the necessary forms have been properly completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian or participant.

ORDER OF EVENTS

SATURDAY:

- 8:00am Gym Opens; Contest Starts 8:30am
- All Team Events
- All Solo Events with Music or that require full floor
- All remaining Individual Solo Events
- Team awards announced during afternoon
- Final Awards Presentation at end of day

*AAU Baton & Dance Solo / Team Awards for all events **THAT ARE NOT** championships will be posted as they are available.*

Individuals can pick up awards after their last event.

Team Directors, please pick up team awards at the end of Contest

AAU MEMBERSHIP INFO:

- Participants who are **AAU Members**
 - Eligible to win the Academic All-American Award and a scholarship.
 - Eligible to qualify to participate in the 2023 Junior Olympic Games.
- **AAU Membership is not included in the event entry fee.**
- AAU Membership must be obtained **BEFORE** competition day in order to receive member benefits and qualifications.
- Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU Website at www.aausports.org to obtain membership.
- This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc.

AAU BATON & OPEN EVENTS

Contest Age: Age as of 7/27/2023

Age Divisions, Levels, & Requirements:
See 2023 AAU Baton Twirling Rulebook.

AAU Team Events Offered:

Twirling Team, Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Street Parade Team, Show Twirl Team, Auxiliary Majorette Line, College Majorette Line, Auxiliary Pom Line, Auxiliary Dance Line, Auxiliary Drill Team, Auxiliary Guard, Twirling Corps, & Parade Corps.

Open Team Events: (These teams do not qualify for AAU Junior Olympics)
Dance-Twirl Team and Novelty Twirl Team for Elementary, Middle, High School, and Collegiate.

Team Sizes for Twirling Team, Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Auxiliary

Majorette Line: Extra-Small (2-3), Small (4-9), Large (10-19), Extra-Large (20+)

Team Sizes for Corps: Small (10-14), Large (15-19), Extra Large (20+)

Team Sizes for All Other Events: Small (4-9), Large (10-19), Extra-Large (20+)

Cost: \$12.50 per person, per routine.

AAU BATON SOLO EVENTS

Contest Age: Age as of 7/27/2023

Age Divisions, Levels, & Requirements for Baton Solo Events: See 2023 AAU Baton Twirling Rulebook.

AAU Baton Solo Events Offered:

Basic Strut, Military Strut, Parade Strut, X-Strut, Straight-Line Strut, One-Baton, Two-Baton, Three-Baton, Multiple Baton, Hoop, Flag, Dance Twirl Solo, Novelty Solo, Collegiate Half-Time, Collegiate Down field

SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

NOTE: These Championship Events are NOT qualifying events for the AAU Junior Olympic Games. These are Title Events for the Florida District Only.

EVENTS & REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ **Florida Twirling All-Star:** X-Strut, One-Baton Solo and Two-Baton Solo
 - Solo One-Baton determines competition level (One-baton score is used to break tie).
 - Levels offered: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
- ◆ **Florida Parade Majorette:** Perform Basic, Military Strut, and Parade Strut (Basic score is used to break tie).
 - Levels offered: Novice and Beginner only.
- ◆ **Open Elementary, Middle, High, Collegiate Champion:** Perform either a Dance Twirl solo or a Novelty solo.
 - 2022-2023 school year grade determines division.
 - Levels offered:
 - Elementary: Grades 1-5
 - Middle: Grades 6-8
 - High: Grades 9-12
 - Collegiate

NOTE: Twirlers do not have to twirl for their school line to compete in these divisions.

AAU ALL-AROUND BATON CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

If you wish to enter the AAU All-Around Championship event at the **2023** AAU Junior Olympic Games competition, you must enter **ALL** of the events required for your division (refer to Rulebook for the list of required events).

A bid to compete in the AAU Junior Olympics will be awarded to all who have entered the required categories for their Championship level.

DANCE TEAM EVENTS

CONTEST AGE: AGE AS OF 9/1/2022

TEAM SIZES (All Teams Except Production):

Small (4-10), Large (11-20), Extra-Large (21+)

PRODUCTION TEAM SIZE: 24+

COST: \$12.50 per person, per routine

TIME LIMITS:

- Small and Large Team: Minimum 1½-3 minutes maximum.
- Extra Large Team: 4 minutes maximum
- Production: 6 minutes maximum

DANCE RULES: Will follow 2023 AAU Dance Rules.

DANCE TEAM EVENTS: Jazz, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Modern/Contemporary, Pom, Musical Theatre, Production, Open-Any style not listed or combination of styles.

AWARDS

All AAU Baton & Dance Events:

- Medals for Individual and Team Events
- Results will be posted for each event
- Awards can be picked up at the end of the day
- Directors pick up team events at the end of the day

AAU Championship Events:

- Trophy & Championship Prize for 1st Place
- Trophy for 2nd & 3rd Places

PLACEMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS:

Solo Events: Medals for 1st – 3rd Place (Top 10 qualify for AAU Junior Olympics)

Team Events: Medals for 1st – 3rd Place (Top 6 for each event qualify for AAU Junior Olympics)

FLORIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AWARD

The application for the 2023 Florida Academic All-American Baton and Dance Award is attached in this entry packet. This award recognizes athletes for their academic achievements. It is open to all athletes that enter either solo or team events. One Award Winner will be selected from each; Elementary, Middle, High School, and College level. The winners will be announced at the contest and will be able to pick up their award. Applications must be mailed with entry. NO ENTRY FEE.

AAU MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.

HOTELS IN ORLANDO, FL

This hotel is offering a special group rate for the AAU Baton & Dance Championship. Click on the blue box below.

- **Courtyard by Marriott:**
Orlando East/UCF Area.
12000 Collegiate Way
Orlando, FL 32817
Tel #: 407-277-7676
[click here X](#)
- **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites:**
Orlando East UCF Area.
12250 East Colonial Drive,
Orlando FL 32826.
Tel #: 407-203-8595
- **Comfort Suites:**
UCF/Research Park
12101 Challenger Parkway
Orlando FL 32826.
Tel #: 407-737-7303
- **Best Western:**
8750 East Colonial Drive
Orlando FL 32817
Tel #: 407-282-3900



FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

PLEASE MAIL WITH SOLO OR TEAM ENTRY FORM; MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 24, 2023

ATHLETE'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____



CUSTOM T-SHIRT DESIGN COMING SOON

SHIRT COLOR: TBD

CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRT ORDERS

Select Size	Size	Cost
	Youth Small 6-8	\$15
	Youth Medium 10-12	\$15
	Youth Large 14-16	\$15
	Adult Small	\$15
	Adult Medium	\$15
	Adult Large	\$15
	Adult X-Large	\$15
	Adult 2XL	\$20
TOTAL QUANTITY:		TOTAL COST:

NOTE: ADD TOTAL AMOUNT OF SHIRT ORDER TO ENTRY FORM
Be sure to include this form with your entry.

SHIRTS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE CHECK-IN TABLE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE COMPETITION.



FLORIDA BATON SOLO ENTRY

AAU MEMBERSHIP NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED BELOW

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE AS OF 7/27/2023 _____ AAU MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 ADDRESS (City, State, Zip): _____ PARENT GUARDIAN NAME: _____
 EMAIL: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ TEXTING: YES NO
 COACH: _____ STUDIO/TEAM: _____ COACH'S PHONE: _____ COACH'S EMAIL: _____

A. FLORIDA SOLO EVENTS

Dance Solo Events \$25 Each	Circle Styles of Dances		
	Jazz	Lyrical	Hip Hop
	Modern/Contemporary		Pom
	Category	Select	Title of Music:
	Jazz		
	Lyrical		
Modern/Contemp			
Hip Hop			
Pom			

B. FLORIDA BATON SOLO MUSIC EVENTS

\$25 EACH

Novelty Solo (Can use equipment)	Circle Level: Beg Adv Challenger Title of Music:
Dance Twirl Solo (One-Baton Only)	Circle Level: All Challenger Title of Music:
Collegiate Half-Time	Circle Level: All Challenger Title of Music:
Collegiate Downfield	Circle Level: All Challenger Title of Music:

TOTAL OF ENTRY:	
Amount of Section A:	
Amount of Section B:	
Amount of Section C:	
Amount of Section D:	
\$ of T-Shirts Ordered:	
One Time Fee Per Athlete:	\$15
GRAND TOTAL DUE:	

C. FLORIDA BATON CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

\$40 Per Event	Select Level Below			
	Nov	Beg	Int	Adv
Florida Twirling All-Star				
Florida Parade Majorette				
Florida Elem/Middle/High/Collegiate Champion (Please complete all info to right)	Circle: Elem (Gr. 1-5) Sr. (Gr. 9-12) Jr. (Gr. 6-8) Collegiate Current Grade: _____ Circle Routine: Novelty Solo Dance- Twirl Solo Title of Music: _____			

D. FLORIDA BATON SOLO EVENTS

\$10 EACH	Nov	Beg	Int	Adv	Elite	Chal.	Boys	Adult
One-Baton								
Two-Baton								
Three-Baton								
Multiple Baton								
X-Strut								
Straight-Line Strut								
Parade Strut								
Basic Strut								
Military Strut								
Hoop								
Flag (Small)								

ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY.

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 24, 2023

(NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED) **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Candice Dowdy**

MAIL TO: Candice Dowdy, 522 Hallowell Circle, Orlando, FL 32828



FLORIDA BATON TEAM ENTRY

TEAM ROSTER MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM. SEE TEAM ROSTER PAGE

Please complete **ONE** entry and roster **PER TEAM**, not per routine. All team members listed on roster must be participating in all routines listed on this entry page. For each routine that uses **DIFFERENT** performers, complete a different entry form and roster page. (**NOTE: All twirl team events will use Standard March Music**)

TEAM NAME: _____ NO. OF MEMBERS: _____ TEAMS AVERAGE AGE: _____

COACH: _____ EMAIL: _____ CELLPHONE: _____ TEXTING: YES NO

STUDIONAME: _____ ADDRESS (City/State/Zip): _____

AVERAGE AGES TO DETERMINE TEAM AGE

BATON TEAMS	# OF MEMBERS	SIZE				AVERAGE AGE	TEAM AGE						LEVEL		TITLE OF MUSIC		
		Extra Sm 2-3	Sm 4-9	Jr 10-19	Extra Large 20+		Tot 0-6	Juvenile 7-9	Junior 10-13	Senior 14-18	Collegiate 19-22	Adult 23+	Begin	Adv			
\$12.50 per member/per routine																	
Twirling Team																	
Dance-Twirl Team																	
Novelty Twirl Team																	
Street Parade Team																ALL	
Show Twirl Team																ALL	
Auxiliary Majorette Line																ALL	
College Majorette Line																ALL	
Auxiliary Pom Line																ALL	
Auxiliary Dance Line																ALL	
Auxiliary Drill Team																ALL	
Auxiliary Guard																ALL	
Florida State Dance-Twirl Team		ONE SIZE														ALL	
Florida State Novelty Twirl Team		ONE SIZE														ALL	

AVERAGE AGES TO DETERMINE TEAM AGE

BATON CORPS	# OF MEMBERS	SIZE			AVERAGE AGE	TEAM AGE			TITLE OF MUSIC
		Small 10-14	Large 15-19	Extra Large 20+		Juvenile 0-9	Junior 10-13	Senior 14-18	
\$10 per member/per routine									
Twirling Corps									
Parade Corps									

TOTAL BATON TEAM AMOUNT DUE:

	# of Members	Cost	Amount
ROUTINE #1		x \$12.50 ea	
ROUTINE #2		x \$12.50 ea	
ROUTINE #3		x \$12.50 ea	
ROUTINE #4		x \$12.50 ea	
ONE TIME FACILITY FEE PER ATHLETE REQUIRED		X \$15	
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ROUTINES FOR THIS TEAM:			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Candice Dowdy
MAIL TO: Candice Dowdy, 522 Hallowell Circle, Orlando, FL 32828

ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. ENTRIES MUST
 BE POSTMARKED BY: **MARCH 24, 2023**
 (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED)



FLORIDA DANCE TEAM ENTRY *TEAM ROSTER MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM... SEE TEAM*

Please complete **ONE** entry and roster **PER TEAM**, not per routine. All team members listed on roster must be participating in all routines listed on this entry page. For each routine that uses **DIFFERENT** performers, complete a different entry form and roster page.

TEAM NAME: _____ NO. OF MEMBERS: _____ TEAMS AVERAGE AGE: _____

COACH: _____ EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ TEXTING: YES NO

STUDIO NAME: _____ ADDRESS (City/State/Zip): _____

AVERAGE AGES TO DETERMINE TEAM AGE

DANCE TEAMS	# OF MEMBERS	SIZE				AVERAGE AGE	TEAM AGE						TEAM TYPE			TITLE OF MUSIC			
		Extra Sm 2-3	Sm 4-9	Lg 10-19	Extra Large 20+		Tot 0-6	Juvenile 7-9	Junior 10-13	Senior 14-18	Collegiate 19-22	Adult 23+	Recreational	Competitive	School Team				
\$12.50 per member/per routine																			
Pom																			
Jazz																			
Lyrical																			
Modern/Contemporary																			
Hip Hop																			
Kick																			
Musical Theater/Character																			
Novelty																			
Ballet																			
Production		10+ (One Size)																	ALL

TOTAL DANCE TEAM AMOUNT DUE:

	# of Members	Cost	Amount
ROUTINE #1		x \$12.50 ea	
ROUTINE #2		x \$12.50 ea	
ROUTINE #3		x \$12.50 ea	
ROUTINE #4		x \$12.50 ea	
ONE TIME FACILITY FEE PER ATHLETE		\$15	
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ROUTINES FOR THIS TEAM:			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Candice Dowdy

**MAIL TO: Candice Dowdy, 522 Hallowell Circle
Orlando, FL 32828**

ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY

MARCH 24, 2023 (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED)



AAU Florida Baton & Dance Participant Waiver

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT:

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of the 2023 AAU Florida Baton & Dance Championship event, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that...

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and the novel COVID-19 virus. While particular discipline and practices implemented may reduce this risk of infection, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.
2. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AAU Florida Baton & Dance, Candice Dowdy/Director, Brite Star Twirlers, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, school districts, and if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises used to conduct the event, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
3. I, the undersigned or parent/guardian, do hereby give permission for the athlete named above to participate in the 2023 FLORIDA AAU Baton and Dance Championship. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury, and I agree to assume the full risk of injuries, damages or loss that, I or my minor child, may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected with or associated with this competition.
4. I further release and hold harmless the Contest Director & Staff, AAU Florida Dance/Baton Twirling, East River High School and its officers, agents, servants, employees and representatives, from any claims for injury, illness, or loss that may be sustained.
5. I understand and will be responsible for any medical bills that may be incurred on behalf of my daughter/son/self for physical illness or injury they may sustain during the competition. The competition and its representatives reserve the right to send any participant/ attendee to a hospital for diagnosis and treatment, with the parent/guardian assuming full responsibility and costs.
6. I give permission for images of the athlete/myself to be captured during the competition to be used without further compensation to the athlete or myself. Images and videos may be used in promoting the competition and future events, press releases to local media, and Internet/social media sites pertaining to AAU, AAU Dance, and AAU Florida Baton Twirling.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given substantial rights by signing it, and sign it knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, without any inducement. I, as a legal parent/guardian, have read and explained the rules, expectations, & procedures to my child(ren) and they understand & accept the risks and responsibilities. I, for myself, my child(ren), and accompanying guests, give consent and agree to the terms previously stated for all liabilities related to the presence and participation in this event, even if caused by their negligence, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of Participant: _____

Participant/Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Participant/Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date Signed: _____

Note: The signed waiver/release should be kept on file by the sports organizer for a least 7 years and possibly longer if the twirling participant has contracted a serious illness.

Waivers must be submitted with Entry, by the entry deadline

IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Insurance Company

Policy Number

Emergency Phone Number

Name of Emergency Contact and Relationship

Medications currently being taken: _____

Allergies: _____

2023 AAU Baton and Dance Academic All-American Award Application



We are proud to announce that we are accepting applications for the **2023 AAU Florida Baton and Dance Academic All-American Award.**

This award will recognize athletes competing in the AAU Florida Baton-Dance Championships on **April 15, 2023** in Orlando, FL for their excellence in academics as well as their athletics. Florida Baton and Dance would like to honor those top academic athletes and congratulate them on their success with an All-American certificate & medal.

All athletes competing in the 2023 Florida Baton & Dance Championships **must be AAU members** to be eligible to apply for this award. Athletes **MUST** show high academic standings in the quarters/semester that they have already taken part in during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Athletes must also take part in either team or solo events for baton and/or dance at this year's competition. All grades (Elementary, Middle, High and College) are eligible to apply for this award.

Solo athletes should return application with their solo entry. Athletes competing only in team events should turn it into their director for them to mail with team entries.

RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:
Candice Dowdy, AAU Florida Baton & Dance District Director
522 Hallowell Circle, Orlando, FL 32828

The deadline for submission is postmark **March 24, 2023.**

Applicants must enclose a photo (wallet to 5x7 size) with their application. Name on back of photo.

The District Director will review all applications with the help of a committee and one winner from each division will be chosen. Winners will also be announced on the AAU Florida Baton-Dance Facebook Page. The winner will receive their All-American award at the 2023 Florida Competition on April 15th.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AWARD PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND TURN IN WITH YOUR ENTRY.

2023 AAU Florida Baton and Dance Academic All-American Application

Personal Info: (To be completed by Athlete)

Athlete Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ AAU Membership Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please circle the types of event(s) you competed in at this year's competition: SOLO TEAM

Please circle the sport(s) you competed in at this year's competition: BATON DANCE

SCHOOL INFO: (TO BE COMPLETED BY ATHLETE/PARENT)

Grade (for 2022-2023 School Year): _____ Name of School: _____ City/

State of School: _____ Please mark

quarters you have been named to the **ACADEMIC** Honor Roll for the 2022-2023 School Year: _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd GPA (for

Middle and High School students): _____ GPA Scale: _____

Class Rank (for Middle and High School students): _____ out of _____

If your school uses a different form of an academic grading scale, please list as much information as possible in regards to your academic standing based on the system they use: _____

In a few sentences explain why you feel you should be honored with an AAU Florida Baton & Dance Academic All-American Award?

*Please write legibly, clearly and concise. **Additional papers or academic resume can be attached to this application if needed.***

Signature of Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

***Reminder: Please double check all requirements. If not met, the applicant will be removed from application pool.**