

59th World Showcase of Youth, Beauty, Pageantry, and Tradition

# America's Youth On Parade



**July 14-18, 2026**  
\*Inspiration Cup Qualifier July 13



**79th Miss Majorette of America Pageant**  
**74th National Majorette Contest**  
**45th National Collegiate Championship**  
**World Open & USA Corps Championships**  
**World Open & National**  
**Rhythmic Championships**  
**Men's Nationals & More**



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# AYOP 2026

# Information Sheet

## LOCATION(S)

- On Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, the 2026 National Rhythmic Contest will take place at **Indiana University South Bend Student Activities Center (941 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street ~ South Bend, Indiana 46634)**
- Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> - Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, AYOP will be held at the **Joyce Center at The University of Notre Dame.**
- Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>, the WFNBT A Inspiration Cup Qualifier will take place at **Indiana University South Bend Student Activities Center (941 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street ~ South Bend, Indiana 46634)**

## CONTESTANT AGE RULE

- Contestant's competitive age is age as of 9/1/2025.

## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

- For Up-To-Date AYOP 2026 Information, please check and follow NBTA International's official website and social media.
  - Website: [www.NBTAINternational.com](http://www.NBTAINternational.com)
  - Instagram: @NBTAInternational
  - Facebook: NBTA International

## HOW TO ENTER

- **Mail Entries to:** AYOP Processing (785 Williams Street ~ Box # 418 ~ Longmeadow, MA 01106)
  - **Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to:** AYOP
    - Any returned checks are subject to a fee.
    - No Refunds.
  - We suggest mailing your entry with the ability to track it.
- **DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 2025 (postmark). All entries (group/individual) must be postmarked by this deadline.**
  - **For Qualifying Events occurring AFTER the June 8, 2025, please read below.**
    - All entries (group/individual) must be postmarked by 6/8/26 deadline above; however, **for State and Regional qualifying events** (National Majorette, Miss Majorette, Beginner/Intermediate Pageants, Rhythmic) **occurring after the deadline, athletes may add events to their entry by emailing [AYOPentry@gmail.com](mailto:AYOPentry@gmail.com) & mailing additional entry fees to address above within 24 hours of qualifying event.**
      - All added event entry fees **must** be received within **48 hours** of qualifying event.
        - Please send to address above via USPS Priority Express or FedEx after June 8, 2026.
      - Individuals on a team of 12+ members must submit individual entry form with group as in past years; however, any additional entries after qualifying event, must be submitted by individual and not coach and follow process above.

## AYOP BIG SHOW

- Stay tuned for exciting updates about AYOP'S BIG SHOW!  
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# AYOP GROUP ENTRY FORM 2026

July 14-18, 2026



- An individual entry form must be completed and returned together with this form by anyone participating in AYOP. This includes members of a team who are not competing in individual events.
- Please mail all group entries together in one envelope with one payment.
- The AYOP package plan includes admission to all events except those listed as an extra charge. All participants (individual or group) may compete in as many events as desired but please note that there is an extra fee for some events.
- There are no extra charges for admission to the Joyce Center building and Indiana University where contests and events are held.
- No Refunds.

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Director(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist for Group Director

### GROUP ENTRY FORM:

- Complete this group entry form by checking ALL contest and age divisions that you wish to enter.
  - All groups within this entry are listed by the same name.
  - If you wish a team(s) within your entry to be announced by another name, notify the contest director one-half hour prior to the contest.
  - Only groups with 12 or more bona fide members (every member in a group routine) is eligible for "Group Package Plan."
    - Groups with less than 12 members must use "Individual/Small Team Entry" fee.

### INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS

- A separate individual entry form for each person in your group must be completed and included with this group form.
- Group members may enter as many solo events as they desire; however, there is an extra fee for some contests (find information on the individual entry form).
- Package Plan Entry Fee includes admission to all events (except those listed with an "extra fee").

**GROUP ROSTERS:** List name and competitive age of all group members by group entry

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Include full registration fee for each member. Only one check please.

## RELEASE, CONSENT, HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY

America's Youth on Parade (AYOP) is a tradename and trademark used by American Baton Company, Inc. (ABC) and NBTA International, Inc. (NBTA). In order to induce ABC and NBTA, their officers, directors, agents and employees to accept the application of the undersigned for AYOP, each and every undersigned person hereby releases and holds ABC and NBTA harmless from and for any and all damage caused to the undersigned for any negligence, action, or failure to act in connection with ABC and NBTA's sponsorship, management, administration, and supervision of AYOP. In further consideration of ABC and NBTA's acceptance of this application, the undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and hold ABC and NBTA harmless from any and all liability in connection with participating in AYOP. The undersigned further consents to the photographing and videotaping of the group members' performances at AYOP and hereby grants to ABC and NBTA and their successors and assigns, the permanent and unlimited right to the use of the photographs and videos.

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Signature of Group Director (must be 18 years or older)

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Date

