



# 2026 COMPETITIVE SEASON CONTEST BOOKLET

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United States Twirling Association



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### **NYTC MEETINGS**

**Held: First Monday of September, November, March and the last Monday in June.**

**Start time: 8:00 PM**

**Location: Ascension Lutheran Church 33 Bayshore Road, Deer Park, NY**  
Or on Zoom (email will be sent out)

## 2026 NY Calendar of Events

Date & Event	Payment	Director / Mail Entry to:	Deadline
December 7, 2025 Holiday Contest	Check payable to: NYTC	Karen Cammer 47 Kilburn Avenue Huntington Station, NY 11746 631-513-0039 <a href="mailto:KJCammer55@gmail.com">KJCammer55@gmail.com</a>	November 24, 2025
January 11, 2026 Essentials Meet	Check payable to: NYTC	Linda Peters 77 Toomey Road West Islip, NY 11795 631-926-7510 peterssparkle77@gmail.com	December 28, 2025
March 1, 2026 Sparkler Contest	Check payable to: Sparklers	Linda Peters 77 Toomey Road West Islip, NY 11795 631-926-7510 peterssparkle77@gmail.com	February 15, 2026
March 22, 2026 TNT Contest Comsewogue HS	Check payable to: TNT	Paige Papile 5 Washington Avenue Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 631-252-4219 paigepapile@gmail.com	March 8, 2026
April 12, 2026 Brumidi Contest	Check payable to: Brumidi	Linda Boss 142 W. 11th Street Deer Park, NY 11729 516-359-3644 lindaboss1993@gmail.com	March 29, 2026
April 19, 2026 Dynamic Contest	Check payable to: Dynamics	Alaine Robbins 3 Neil Drive Smithtown, NY 11781 631-245-3808 dynamicsrbw@gmail.com	April 5, 2026
May 3, 2026 Pre-State Contest	Check payable to: NYTC	Paige Papile 5 Washington Avenue Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 631-252-4219 paigepapile@gmail.com	April 19, 2026
May 16-17, 2026 NY State Championships Central Islip HS	Money Order or Bank Check payable to: NYTC	Deb Doherty 85 Birch Street Floral Park, NY 11001 516-316=9347 ddoherty824@gmail.com	<b>Received by:</b>  April 10, 2026

## CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

**\*\*PLEASE REFER TO THE USTA RULEBOOK TO VIEW ALL RULES - USTWIRLING.COM\*\***

- **Payment**
  - NY Council Event; make personal check payable to NYTC
  - For the NY State Championships; only a bank check or money order made payable to NYTC will be accepted
  - For all other events, make check payable to the organization listed
- **Bounced Check**: If a check bounces, you must pay the original balance, plus the bank fee prior to the next entry being accepted. After 2 bounced checks, payment will only be accepted via cash or money order.
- **Refunds**: NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN, THIS INCLUDES POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER
- **Order of Events**:
  - Doors open 1 hour prior to start of contest
  - Contest time will be at the discretion of the Contest Director. Start times will be communicated a week prior to the contest date.
  - You MUST bring your Athlete Record Book in order to be evaluated for Compulsories. *If you do NOT, you will NOT be evaluated.* Books can be purchased at the contests for \$6.
  - Teams will not start prior to 9:45 AM followed by: Foundation Events, Strut, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs, All Solo, Duet, 2 Baton, and 3 Baton (ORDER OF EVENTS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE).
- **Critique Only**: Open Solo, 2 Baton and X-Strut for critiques only.
- **Rating Lane**: Evaluative Event offered for each Championship Event: Solo, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs, 2 Baton, 3 Baton, USTA Strut, and Duet. Athletes will receive critique/comments, but do not receive placement or award.
- **Contest Director**: Reserves the right to make any changes necessary. No changes may be made once an entry is received. ONLY errors made by the contest director will be corrected. Phone entries are discouraged and may be taken at the discretion of the contest director. NO ENTRIES will be accepted the day of the contest. (Exception: Compulsories, which is at the discretion of the contest director). NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.
- **Team Directors**: An entry box for each contest may be brought to the previous contest. Groups performing for COMMENTS ONLY receive no award.
- **Admission**:
  - **Adults - \$10**
  - **Senior Citizen/Children/Council Members - \$8**
  - **Children under 5 - free**
- **Contest Deadlines**: All contest deadlines are received by the contest director, including NY State Championships. NY Council Events will not accept phone entries and entries left in boxes must be accompanied by a check. Please get your entries in on time. Refer to the "Calendar of Events" for deadlines.
- **Set System**: The NYTC follows all USTA rules. When it comes to the set system, "Athletes must perform on assigned set number; performing on the wrong set number OR missing assigned set number will result in disqualification."
- **Entering Events**: Individuals, Pairs and Teams/Groups may only compete at their level and ONE level up. Athletes, pairs, teams/groups may not enter more than 2 levels at each contest. (i.e An athlete may enter Beginner and Intermediate, NOT Beginner and Advanced. and/or NOT Beginner, Intermediate AND Advanced).
  - Please remember that ALL WINS COUNT, you need to be tracking your wins so that you enter the correct category.
- **Music**: All music must be submitted digitally to [nycouncilmusic@gmail.com](mailto:nycouncilmusic@gmail.com) by the Tuesday before the contest.
- **Age Eligibility**: The date for determining an athlete's age for competition in USTA events is the August 31st of each competition season. The competition season runs from September 1 to August 31, therefore for the 2025-2026 season, athletes will compete at the age they are on August 31, 2026.
  - This DOES NOT APPLY to the IBTF events of Pre-Trials, Trials, Nations Cup and the World Championships. The date for determining an athlete's age for competition in those IBTF events remains December 31 of each calendar year.
- **Membership Questions**: please reach out to Linda Boss at [lboss@ustwirling.com](mailto:lboss@ustwirling.com)

## 2026 Local Contest Group Entry

**(may not be used for NY State Championship)**

Please send in a roster for each team entered. Include: birthdate, USTA number, and age for each athlete.

On the roster please include; music selection, category and average age.

Sign the waiver below for teams:

**INCLUDE SIGNED WAIVER WITH ENTRY:** I agree to assume the risk of any injury that may happen to me (or my child) because of participation in a USTA sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the United States Twirling Association, Brumidi Baton, Deer Park School District and their agents, or employees harmless from any loss sustained as a result of injury to me (or my child) as a result of participation in USTA events. I have read the “Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities” in Section 1 of the current edition of the USTA Information, Procedures and Rules manual. As a condition for USTA’s acceptance of my (or my child’s) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties set forth in that Section. By participating in a USTA event, I give USTA permission to use photos and video of myself (or my children) taken in conjunction with a USTA event.

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\_\_\_\_\_;Signature

## 2026 Local Contest Group Entry (may not be used for NY State Championships)

Contest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contest Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a roster for each team/corp; member names, birthdates, USTA number, music, category, average age.*

### CIRCLE OR HIGHLIGHT

<b>Small Twirl Teams - \$20 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$20 Each \$ _____				
Primary Small Twirl Team	Novice	A				
Juvenile Small Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA			
Junior Small Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
Senior Small Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
<b>Large Twirl Teams - \$30 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____				
Primary Large Twirl Team	Novice	A				
Juvenile Large Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA			
Junior Large Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
Senior Large Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
<b>Small Dance Twirl Teams - \$20 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$20 Each \$ _____				
Tiny Tot Small Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA			
Primary Small Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA			
Juvenile Small Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA		
Junior Small Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
Senior Small Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
<b>Large Dance Twirl Teams - \$30 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____				
Tiny Tot Large Dance Twirl	Novice	A	AA			
Primary Large Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA			
Juvenile Large Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA		
Junior Large Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
Senior Large Dance Twirl Team	Novice	A	AA	AAA	Elite	
<b>Trio Events - \$20 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$20 Each _____				
Novice	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced			
Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior			
<b>Artistic Groups - \$30 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____				
One Division						
<b>Parade Corps - \$30 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____				
One Division Youth Junior Senior						
<b>Entertainment Corps - \$30 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____				
Youth Junior Senior						
<b>Show Teams - \$30 per event</b>		#_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____				
Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	Small	Large	

**USTA SURCHARGE - \$0.50 PER TEAM** #\_of Teams @\$0.50 Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pre-order Programs: \$5 each** \_\_\_\_\_ Programs Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_



