



USTA 2026 USTA AL, GA, & TN State Championships & Open Competition

Sanctioned by the United States Twirling Association
Sponsored by the  Tennessee & Alabama Baton Councils

Open to twirlers from all organizations.

*Each state will award their own State Champions!
Athletes from any state can enter the Open Competition.*

Saturday, April 18th, 2026

**Thompson High School
1921 Warrior Pkwy, Alabaster, AL 35007**

CONTEST DIRECTORS: Angie Smith & Tracy Hughes

For more information, e-mail: ALbatontwirling@gmail.com or tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com

ENTRY DEADLINE & SUBMISSION: Entries must be *emailed* by March 23rd, 2026.

Electronic entries should be emailed to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com, with payment sent via Venmo to @TNBatonCouncil or PayPal to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com.

ADMISSION: In lieu of an admission fee/program charge at the door, there will be a required fee of \$20 per family.

ORDER OF EVENTS: (Doors open at 7:00 A.M. Contest begins at 8:00 A.M. All times are Central time.)

Saturday, April 18th:

Group competition, Freestyle, *Rhythmic Twirl, *Show Twirl, Short Program, Collegiate Event

*High School & Collegiate Classic

Basic Strut

Parade March

Military "L" Strut

Presentation

2 Baton & *All Around Two Baton

3 Baton

Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs

Strut (USTA Strut, *X-Strut, *Fancy Strut, & *All Around Strut)

Solo & *All Around Solo, Duet

CAS evaluations will take place throughout the day.

*These events are not sanctioned by USTA.

HOTELS CLOSE TO THE CONTEST

These hotels are within a 15 minute drive of the contest.

Candlewood Suites
1004 Balmoral Drive
Alabaster, AL 35007
(205) 620-0188

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1000 Balmoral Drive
Alabaster, AL 35007
(205) 624-6488



GENERAL RULES:

- 1) Entry must be clearly printed or typed. Only one individual or group entry per form. Entries that are not legible will be returned.
- 2) **Pair entry & payment must be sent on only one entry.**
- 3) All entries MUST include a signed USTA Participant Waiver.
- 4) **No late entries will be accepted. All entries must be emailed by March 23, 2026.** Entries emailed after March 23rd will be returned.
- 5) **No admission/program charge at the door:** Each athlete must include the \$20 fee with their entry. This fee only needs to be paid once per family. This fee allows there to be no charge for admission.
- 6) Payment can be made via one of the following options (personal checks are not accepted):
 - Option 1: Venmo payment to @TNBatonCouncil
 - Option 2: Paypal payment – follow these instructions:
 1. Choose “send money” to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com
 2. In the notes section, include the athlete’s name
 3. Choose “sending to a friend” (if your Paypal account is linked to your bank account, Paypal does not charge a transaction fee for sending money to a friend; if using a credit card, Paypal will charge you an additional transaction fee, typically 2.90%)
 - Option 3: Mail a money order or cashier’s check, payable to USTA Tennessee Baton Council, to Tri-State Championships, 7129 Houser Ridge Lane, Hixson, TN 37343.
- 7) NO REFUNDS will be given for any reason other than contest cancellation. If the contest is cancelled, full refunds will be given to all athletes, minus the \$20 facility fee.
- 8) If athlete makes a mistake on his/her entry, it *may* be corrected (when possible) up to 2 weeks prior to the contest. Errors caused by incorrect information submitted on the entry cannot be corrected the day of the competition, and the athlete/group may not be permitted to perform.
- 9) **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Athletes entering Advanced Open events or State level events must have a current USTA membership. Athletes without a current USTA membership must pay the \$7 Intro Member fee with their entry. Intro Membership allows athletes to enter the Open Competition at the Novice, Beginner, and Intermediate levels only. USTA membership fees (other than the Intro Member fee) must be paid directly to USTA. See www.ustawirling.com for membership information and online membership forms.
- 10) **AGE RULE:** Athletes will compete at the age they will be on August 31, 2026.
- 11) **RESIDENCY RULES:** The State Championships events for AL, GA, and TN are open only to athletes residing in the respective state. Pairs/groups may enter only one State Championship (at least one athlete must reside in the state entered).
- 12) **Any athlete may enter the Open Competition.** The Open events are not awarded a state title.
- 13) **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AGE DIVISIONS:** Primary: 0-9, Juvenile: 10-13, Junior: 14-17, Senior: 18-21, Adult: 22+.
If entries warrant, the State Championship events of Solo, Strut, Artistic Twirl, or Two Baton may be divided into the single age categories of 0-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22+.
- 14) **Age groups for the open competition will be determined by the entries for each event/level.**
- 15) **State Grand Champions:** State Grand Championships will be presented for the State events of Men’s Solo, Women’s Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, and Strut.
- 16) Contest Director reserves the right to divide or combine age groups as the entries warrant.
- 17) Contest Director or host facility will not be responsible for injuries or lost/stolen items.
- 18) Contest will run on the USTA Set System.

- 19) USTA Rules and Regulations and USTA judges will be used at this event for all USTA sanctioned events.
- 20) NO SMOKING IN THE FACILITY.
- 21) Light concessions will be available for purchase throughout the day.
- 22) No flash photography is allowed at any USTA contest for the safety of the athletes.
- 23) Coaches of teams, freestyle, rhythmic twirl, show twirl, short program, high school event, and collegiate event athletes will receive audio critiques from their performance via email.
- 24) Music in **MP3, M4A, or .wav format** for all groups, Freestyle, Rhythmic Twirl, High School event, and Collegiate event must be submitted via email to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com by April 6th. Please bring a backup option to play music the day of the contest.
- 25) **AWARDS:** See pages 5 & 6.
- 26) **Contest Wins:** Novice – less than 3 wins in said event. Beginner – less than 5 wins in said event. Intermediate – won less than 10 - 1st place in said event. Competitive 1st places count when competing with at least one other person in an event regardless of association.
- 27) **EVENT INFORMATION:** See page 4 for descriptions of each event, time limits, and a link to music.
- 28) **USTA RULE FOR ENTERING MULTIPLE LEVELS:** An athlete may only enter one level above their current classification/proficiency level. For instance, an athlete may only enter Novice and Beginner Two-Baton. They may NOT enter Novice, Beginner and Intermediate Two-Baton. If an athlete chooses to compete at a higher level, they are still limited to enter two consecutive classifications in a particular event (for example, Beginner and Intermediate, or Intermediate and Advanced). **“State” events are considered advanced level events.** Athletes may not enter Beginner and Advanced in the same event. For those events in which the Intermediate level is optional (3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs and Duet), the athlete may enter both Beginner and Advanced if Intermediate is not offered as an event at that competition (IF the athlete is eligible to compete at the Beginner level in that event).

STATE & OPEN INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Events listed below with specific music are marked with an asterisk.
Music for these events can be found here: [Competition Music](#).
You can find detailed rules for USTA Events here: [USTA Rulebook](#).

Music & time limits for events:

- BASIC STRUT 32 Count Square – USTA Music
- MILITARY “L” STRUT 32 Count L-shaped pattern – USTA Music
- PARADE MARCH 40-count music with 32-count forward progression march beginning on second count of 8 – USTA Music
- PRESENTATION 32 Count open pattern
- STRUT (USTA) 1 ½ min – USTA Strut Music
- *X-STRUT 2 min max – IBTF X-Strut Music
- *FANCY (LINE) STRUT 2 ½ min max – Twirl Mania “Time After Time” Music
- ARTISTIC TWIRL USTA Artistic Twirl Music
- SOLO (Nov, Beg, Int) 1 ½ min – USTA Beg/Int Solo Music
- SOLO (Adv) 2 min – USTA Adv Solo Music
- *2.5 MIN SOLO 2 ½ min max – upbeat radio music. *There are NO point penalties for time (under or over) for 2.5 min solo. Judging will stop when the athlete finishes (or after 2.5 minutes, whichever comes first).*
- TWO BATON 1 ½ min – USTA Beg/Int Solo Music
- THREE BATON 1 ½ min – USTA Beg/Int Solo Music
- FREESTYLE/*RHYTHMIC (critique only) 2:30 min max – 1 baton routine – music of athlete’s choice
- *SHOW TWIRL 2:30 min max – multiple batons & props allowed – music of athlete’s choice
- *TRYOUT ROUTINE (critique only) 5:00 min max – high school or college tryout routine
- COLLEGIATE EVENT (critique only) time limit 2-2:30 min – music of athlete’s choice
- *TRI-STATE HS CLASSIC time limit 2:30 max – music of athlete’s choice (see p. 6 for details)
- *TRI-STATE COLL. CLASSIC time limit 2:30 max – music of athlete’s choice (see p. 6 for details)

**indicates a non-USTA event*

USTA Competitive Achievement System (CAS) Events:

- SHORT PROGRAM (critique only)
 - MOVEMENT TECHNIQUE (evaluation or critique only)
 - COMPULSORIES (evaluation or critique only)
- For evaluations, athletes must have a current USTA membership AND bring their CAS Evaluation Record Book*

STATE & OPEN PAIRS EVENTS

- DUET (Nov, Beg, Int) 1 ½ min – USTA Beg/Int Solo Music
- DUET (Adv) 2 min – USTA Adv Solo Music
- ARTISTIC TWIRL PAIR USTA Artistic Twirl Music
- FREESTYLE PAIR 2 ½ min max – music of athlete’s choice

You can find music for these individual & pairs events here: [Competition Music](#).

IMPORTANT INFO

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- 5) **Age groups for the open competition will be determined by the entries for each event/level.**
- 6) **State Grand Champions:** State Grand Championships will be presented for the State events of Men's Solo, Women's Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, and Strut. Juvenile athletes are age 10-13, Junior athletes are age 14-17, Senior athletes are age 18-21 and Adult athletes are age 22+.

AWARDS

ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- *AL State individual events:* Medallions for 1st place, USTA medals 2nd through 7th places.
- *AL State Grand Champions:* AL State Grand Champions will receive a \$25 cash scholarship award and a Championship Cup. AL will award a Junior & Senior Grand Champion for Solo, Strut, Artistic Twirl, 2-Baton, & 3-Baton. The top 3 Juvenile & top 3 Junior athletes from the event preliminary will advance to the Junior Finals. The top 3 Senior & top 3 Adult athletes from the event preliminary will advance to the Senior Finals.
- *AL State Group Events:* 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places medals for all team members.

GEORGIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- *GA State Individual Events:* Medallions for 1st place, USTA medals 2nd through 7th places.
- *GA State Grand Champions:* GA State Grand Champions will receive a \$25 cash scholarship award and a Championship Cup. GA will award a Junior & Senior Grand Champion for Solo, Strut, Artistic Twirl, 2-Baton, & 3-Baton. The top 3 Juvenile & top 3 Junior athletes from the event preliminary will advance to the Junior Finals. The top 3 Senior & top 3 Adult athletes from the event preliminary will advance to the Senior Finals.
- *GA State Group Events:* 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places medals for all team members.

TENNESSEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- *TN State Individual Events:* Medallions for 1st place, USTA medals 2nd through 7th places.
- *TN State Grand Champions:* TN State Grand Champions will receive a \$25 cash scholarship award, medallion, and a revolving trophy. TN will award a Juvenile, Junior, Senior, and Adult Grand Champion for Solo, Strut, Artistic Twirl, 2-Baton, & 3-Baton. The top 3 athletes from the Juvenile, Junior, Senior, & Adult event preliminaries will advance to their respective finals.
- *TN State Group Events:* 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places medals for all team members.

OPEN COMPETITION

- *Open individual events:* Trophies for 1st place, medals 2nd through 7th places.
- *Open Group Events:* 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places medals for all team members.

ALL AROUND CHAMPION (NOT SANCTIONED BY USTA)

Age Groups*

0-8, 9-12, 13-17, 18+

Competes In These Events

USTA Events: Solo, Strut & 2-Baton

Who is eligible for the All Around Champion contest?

Any athlete, regardless of residency or competition level, may enter the All Around competition.

Determining the winner:

The overall winner in each group will be determined using place points: 1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc. For example, an athlete placing 1st in Solo (1 points), 4th in Strut (4 points), and 2nd in Two Baton (2 points) would have a total of 1+4+2=7 points. The athlete with the fewest place points in each division will be the All Around Champion. A tie in place points will be broken by combining total scores in all events. A remaining tie for 1st place will be broken by the higher placement in Solo.

Awards:

Awards will be presented to athletes finishing in the top 5. The overall winner of each group will receive an All Around Champion Sash and trophy.

RISING STAR CHAMPION (NOT SANCTIONED BY USTA)

Age Groups*

0-6, 7-9, 10-13, 14+

Competes In These Events

USTA Events: Basic, Presentation & Solo

Who is eligible for the Rising Star competition?

Any novice or beginner athlete, regardless of residency, may enter the Rising Star competition.

SHOOTING STAR CHAMPION (NOT SANCTIONED BY USTA)

Age Groups*

0-6, 7-9, 10-13, 14+

Competes In These Events

USTA Events: Basic, 2-Baton, & Solo

Who is eligible for the Shooting Star competition?

Any novice, beginner, or intermediate athlete, regardless of residency, may enter the Shooting Star competition.

Determining the winner:

The overall winner in each group will be determined using place points: 1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc. For example, an athlete placing 1st in Solo (1 points), 4th in Basic Strut (4 points), and 2nd in Presentation/2-Baton (2 points) would have a total of 1+4+2=7 points. The athlete with the fewest place points in each division will be the Rising/Shooting Star Champion. A tie in place points will be broken by combining total scores in all events. A remaining tie for 1st place will be broken by the higher placement in Solo.

Awards:

Awards will be presented to athletes finishing in the top 5. The overall winner of each group will receive a Rising/Shooting Star Champion Sash and trophy.

Other important information:

Athletes may enter more than one title event. The events for the All Around Champion & Rising/Shooting Star competitions are separate from all other individual events. Athletes entered in the All Around, Rising Star, or Shooting Star competition may also choose to enter the same events in the AL, GA, or TN State (if eligible) and/or Open competition.

*The contest director reserves the right to combine or separate age groups as warranted by the entries

TRI-STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC (NOT SANCTIONED BY USTA)

The high school twirling event is open to any individual, enrolled in high school or a member of their high school band. The athlete may use one or multiple batons (only standard batons can be used – no flags, knives, streamers, hoops, etc) to the school fight song and a musical selection of the athlete's choice. The high school twirling event should reflect the type of material utilized on the field by displaying musicality, movement across the field/competition floor, and presentation to the audience with the addition of one or multiple batons.

Awards:

The High School Champion will be awarded a Tri-State High School Champion sash and trophy.

TRI-STATE COLLEGE CLASSIC (NOT SANCTIONED BY USTA)

The collegiate twirling event is open to any individual, enrolled in a college or university (undergraduate or graduate). The athlete may use one or multiple batons (only standard batons can be used – no flags, knives, streamers, hoops, etc) to the university fight song and a musical selection of the athlete's choice. The collegiate twirling event should reflect the type of material utilized on the field by displaying musicality, movement across the field/competition floor, and presentation to the audience with the addition of one or multiple batons.

Awards:

The College Champion will be awarded a Tri-State College Champion sash and trophy.

IBTF CRITIQUE FUNDRAISER (NOT SANCTIONED BY USTA)

These events are open to all athletes who want to perform their routine for a judge's critique. Funds raised will help support athletes from Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee who will be competing at the IBTF World Championships.

GROUP EVENTS INFORMATION

REMINDER OF IMPORTANT USTA TEAM/GROUP RULES (full event rules can be found in the USTA Rulebook):

- Team/group athletes' ages on August 31, 2026, will be used to determine age categories (either the average age or age of oldest team member may be used).
- **Important Dance Twirl Team & Twirl Team rules:**
 - Dance Twirl Teams & Twirl Teams compete at the levels Novice, A, AA, AAA, and Elite.
 - Each level (with the exception of Elite) has content restrictions.
 - See the [USTA Rulebook](#) for the full Dance Twirl Team & Twirl Team rules and content restrictions chart.
- **Parade Corps, Entertainment Corps, Show Team, and Artistic Group rules:**
 - There is only one level for Parade Corps, Entertainment Corps, Show Teams, and Artistic Groups.
 - Age divisions are listed below for each event.
 - Member requirement for Parade Corps, Entertainment Corps, and Artistic Group is a minimum of 10 members.

General team size, time limit, level and age info:

(age used for competition is the age the athlete will be on 8/31/2024)

DANCE TWIRL TEAMS (2:00-3:00 minutes)

****Note: this event has content restrictions based on level****

GROUP SIZE

SMALL TEAM: 4-8 members

LARGE TEAM: 9 or more members

LEVELS & AGE DIVISIONS

TINY TOT: All members are 7 years or younger

Levels: Novice, A, AA

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 0-9.99 years

Levels: Novice, A, AA

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-13.99 years

Levels: Novice, A, AA, AAA

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 14-17.99 years

Levels: Novice, A, AA, AAA, Elite

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 18 years or older

Levels: Novice, A, AA, AAA, Elite

SHOW TEAMS (2:00-3:00 minutes)

GROUP SIZE

SMALL TEAM: 4-8 members

LARGE TEAM: 9 or more members

ONE LEVEL

AGE DIVISIONS

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 0-9.99 years

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-13.99 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 14-17.99 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 18 years or older

PARADE CORPS (2:00-4:00 minutes)

GROUP SIZE: 10 or more members

ONE LEVEL

AGE DIVISIONS

YOUTH: Members are an average age of 0-13.99 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 14-17.99 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 18 years or older

TWIRL TEAMS (2:00-3:30 minutes)

****Note: this event has content restrictions based on level****

GROUP SIZE

SMALL TEAM: 4-8 members

LARGE TEAM: 9 or more members

LEVELS & AGE DIVISIONS

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 0-9.99 years

Levels: Novice, A

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-13.99 years

Levels: Novice, A, AA

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 14-17.99 years

Levels: Novice, A, AA, AAA, Elite

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 18 years or older

Levels: Novice, A, AA, AAA, Elite

ARTISTIC GROUPS (3:00-3:30 minutes)

****Note: this event has content restrictions****

GROUP SIZE: 10 or more members

ONE LEVEL; NO AGE DIVISIONS

ENTERTAINMENT CORPS (3:00-5:00 minutes)

GROUP SIZE: 10 or more members

ONE LEVEL

AGE DIVISIONS

YOUTH: Members are an average age of 0-13.99 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 14-17.99 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 18 years or older

TRIOS (2:00-3:00 minutes)

GROUP SIZE: 3 members

LEVELS: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

AGE DIVISIONS

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 0-9.99 years

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-13.99 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 14-17.99 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 18 years or older

USTA PARTICIPANT WAIVER FOR TRI-STATE 2026

WAIVER/INDEMNITY OF LIABILITY: I agree to assume the risk of any injury that may happen to me (or my child) as a result of participation in a USTA sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the United States Twirling Association, USTA Tennessee Baton Council, USTA Alabama Baton Council, Thompson High School, 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.

Name of participant: _____

Signed by Parent/Guardian if under 18 _____

Date: _____

****Each athlete must return this signed USTA Participant Waiver with their entry.****

****Group directors:** Waivers for athletes participating in *both* team and individual events should be included with individual entry. Waivers for athletes participating *only* in team/group events should be included with team entry.**



Good Luck Signs



Support your child/favorite athlete, students or friends with a “Good Luck” sign at the USTA Tri-State Championships. Athletes can take their signs home with them after the contest. It is a great way to show your enthusiasm and to cheer someone on to victory!!

GOOD LUCK SIGN ORDER FORM

You can create your own 8 ½ x 11 sign and send via email as a PDF or Word file, or simply send us your info and we will create it for you.

Photos can be included. Please send photos as jpeg or png files.

If you want multiple signs, please feel free to email the information to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com.

Example of sign:

Postmark/email deadline: March 23rd

Send to: Tracy Hughes
7129 Houser Ridge Lane
Hixson, TN 37343

Or email your sign info: tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com

Good luck sign options:

- 8 ½ x 11 Sign - \$10
- 8 ½ x 11 Sign w/sparkles - \$15



If you wish to include a photo and have us arrange it for you, just enter the wording below and attach the photo when you email your entry.

Put Sign Info Here

(You can enter wording below, and it will be arranged for you in a fun font with twirler clipart or a photo if you provide one! Or send a Word or PDF file with your sign if you create your own.)

TRI-STATE & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY CHECKLIST:

Be sure to include the following with your entry:

- Entry form (don't forget to double-check your events & entry total)
REMINDER OF USTA RULE FOR ENTERING MULTIPLE LEVELS: An athlete may only enter one level above their current classification/proficiency level. For instance, an athlete may enter Novice and Beginner Two-Baton. They may NOT enter Novice, Beginner and Intermediate Two-Baton. If an athlete chooses to compete at a higher level, they are still limited to enter two **consecutive** classifications in a particular event (for example, Beginner and Intermediate, or Intermediate and Advanced). **“State” events are considered advanced level events. Athletes may not enter Beginner and Advanced in the same event (or Beginner and State in the same event) because these are not consecutive levels.** For those events in which the Intermediate level is optional (3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs and Duet), the athlete may enter both Beginner and Advanced if Intermediate is not offered in an event at that competition (IF the athlete is eligible to compete at the Beginner level in that event).
- Signed USTA Participant Waiver
- Good luck sign information
- Payment sent electronically in one of the following ways (*personal checks are NOT accepted*):
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 - Paypal payment instructions:
 - choose “send money” to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com
 - in the notes section, include the athlete’s name
 - choose “sending to a friend” (if your Paypal account is linked to your bank account, Paypal does not charge a transaction fee for sending money to a friend; if using a credit card, Paypal will charge you an additional transaction fee, typically 2.90%). *If you send as “goods/services,” please include an additional \$5 because we will be charged a transaction fee.*
 - mail money order order or cashier’s check, payable to USTA Tennessee Baton Council, to 7129 Houser Ridge Lane, Hixson, TN 37343
- Don't forget to send music for groups, Freestyle, Rhythmic Twirl, Show Twirl, High School and Collegiate Event via email to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com by April 6th!

Electronic entries are REQUIRED! Email entry to: tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com

Entries must be emailed by March 23rd, 2026.

Questions regarding your entry? Email tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com.

**2026 USTA TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN COMPETITION
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:
MARCH 23rd**

Contestant Name: _____

USTA#: _____ or Check here & pay \$5 non-member fee Birthdate: ____/____/____ Age on 08/31/26: ____
Note: Athletes who are not current USTA members must include a \$5 non-member fee.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

If entering a high school or collegiate event, please list your school here: _____

If entering any pair/duet events: Partner name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

List all coaches (required to avoid judging conflicts): _____

One coach will be provided a wristband to enter gym. If your coach will be attending the contest, please enter name here: _____

Primary coach's email: _____

STATE	USTA STATE EVENTS		**STATE ENTRY SPECIAL -- 4 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS @ \$90.00 5 EVENTS @ \$110.00	
	State: <input type="checkbox"/> AL <input type="checkbox"/> GA <input type="checkbox"/> TN	State Entry Special does not include duet/pairs events.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Artistic Twirl \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Three Baton \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Duet \$40 (per pair)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Strut \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Solo \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Art. Twirl Pairs \$40 (per pair)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Baton \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Solo \$25	<i>If entering duet/pairs, please fill in partner info above.</i>		

COMPETITIVE	COLLEGE/HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS*		ALL AROUND CHAMPION*		RISING STAR*		SHOOTING STAR*	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tri-State College Classic \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Tri-State HS Classic \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> All Around Champion \$40 (AA Solo, Strut & Two Baton)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rising Star \$40 (RS Basic, Pres, & Solo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Star \$40 (SS Basic, 2-Baton, & Solo)			

Note: Entry in All Around and Novice Starlet is separate from all events below. Athletes can also enter the same events below.

OPEN	SHOW TWIRL*		BASIC STRUT		MILITARY "L"		PARADE MARCH		PRESENTATION		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Show Twirl \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Basic \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Military L \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Parade \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Pres. \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Basic \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Military L \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Parade \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Pres. \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Pres. \$15	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Basic \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Military L \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Parade \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Pres. \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Basic \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Military L \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Parade \$15			
	2-BATON		3-BATON		STRUT		X-STRUT*		FANCY STRUT*		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 2-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 3-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. X-Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Fancy \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. 2-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. 3-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. X-Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Fancy \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Fancy \$15
	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. 2-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. 3-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. X-Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Fancy \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. 2-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. 3-Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. X-Strut \$15		
	ART. TWIRL PAIRS		DUET		ARTISTIC TWIRL		USTA SOLO		2.5 MIN SOLO*		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Art. Twirl \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Art. Twirl \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Solo \$15
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Art. Twirl \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Int. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. (per pair) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Art. Twirl \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Solo \$15
	<i>If entering pair/duet events, please fill in partner info below.</i>										
<i>Entry & full payment for a pair/duet event should be sent on only one member's entry.</i>											

CAS	CAS EVALUATIONS**		**CAS Records required to participate in these events. You must bring your USTA record book to the contest.							
	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsories \$15	Circle level(s): C B BI BII A AA AAA Elite	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if your compulsory evaluation is for comments only. (Level should still be circled.)							
	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement Tech. \$15	Circle level(s): C B BI BII A AA AAA Elite								
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program critique \$15 (Elite level only) # entries: x1 x2										

CRITIQUES	CRITIQUES*		IBTF FUNDRAISER EVENT CRITIQUES*			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Freestyle # entries: x1 x2 \$20	Level (circle): A AA AAA Elite	<input type="checkbox"/> USTA Solo \$15 (Nov/Beg/Int music)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Art. Twirl \$15	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Freestyle Pair # entries: x1 x2 \$20	Level (circle): AA AAA Elite	<input type="checkbox"/> USTA Solo \$15 (Adv music)	<input type="checkbox"/> Strut \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> X-Strut \$15	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhythmic # entries: x1 x2 \$20		<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 Min Solo \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Artistic Pair \$15		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Show Twirl \$20		<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Baton \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Duet \$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> USTA Collegiate Event (critique) \$20						

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FEES DUE	
State Events:	\$
Open Events:	\$
CAS Evaluations:	\$
Critiques:	\$
Good Luck Sign:	\$
T-shirt(s):	\$
Intro Member fee:	\$
Contest Fee:	\$ 20
TOTAL DUE:	\$

Good Luck Sign: 8.5 x 11 Sign 8.5 x 11 Sign w/Sparkles (See form on page 10)

Tri-State t-shirt (pre-order only): \$25 Please circle size(s): YXS YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL
Include \$7 Intro Member fee (Nov, Beg, Int levels only) if no current USTA membership. →
Fee (per family) to be paid with entry fees; no admission fees at the door. →

*Indicates a non-USTA sanctioned event

When completing electronically, don't forget to SAVE again before attaching to email. Return via email to TNbatoncouncil@gmail.com

VENMO: @TNBATONCOUNCIL OR PAYPAL: TNBATONCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM

ENTRY MUST INCLUDE SIGNED USTA PARTICIPANT WAIVER ON PAGE 9.

**2026 USTA TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN COMPETITION
GROUP ENTRY FORM**

1. All entries must be EMAILED by March 23.
2. Payment via: Venmo to @TNBATONCOUNCIL, PayPal to tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com, or Cashier's Checks or Money Orders payable to: USTA TN BATON COUNCIL
3. Group entries must include USTA member ID number OR Intro Member fee for each participant OR a group /organization membership ID number.
4. Group entries must include the group roster showing all members' names, ages (as of 08/31/26), birthdates, and name/division of other groups the member will compete in.
5. All participants must sign a waiver of liability to participate. Group entries should include signed waivers for all members who are not also participating in the individual competition.

Group/Org USTA # _____ Team Director's Name: _____ Name of Studio: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zipcode: _____ Email _____
 Phone: _____

NOTE: Confirmations will only be sent by email AND only if a legible email address is provided.

List all instructors. Primary 1st: _____

Note: Each group entry requires a separate entry form unless the exact same group is entering both the State and Open competition.

Group Name (to be listed on set system): _____

Average Age (08/31/26) _____ # of Twirlers: _____ # of Alternates: _____

Title(s) of Musical Selection(s) _____

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GROUPS

State: AL GA TN

- State Dance Twirl Team Age: Juv. Jr. Sr. Size: Small (\$50) Large (\$70) Level: AAA Elite(Jr/Sr only)
- State Twirl Team Age: Jr. Sr. Size: Small (\$50) Large (\$70) Level: AAA Elite
- State Trio - \$50 Age: Pri. Juv. Jr. Sr.
- State Artistic Group - \$70
- State Show Team Age: Pri. Juv. Jr. Sr. Size: Small (\$50) Large (\$70)
- State Entertainment Corps - \$70 Age: Youth Jr. Sr. Corps Only: _____
- State Parade Corps - \$70 Age: Youth Jr. Sr. # of Auxiliary Members: _____

OPEN COMPETITION GROUPS

- Open Twirl Team Age: Pri. Juv. Jr. Sr. Size: Small (\$50) Large (\$70)
Twirl Team Level: Nov. A AA(Juv/Jr/Sr only) AAA(Jr/Sr only) Elite(Jr/Sr only)
- Open Dance Twirl Team Age: TT Pri. Juv. Jr. Sr. Size: Small (\$50) Large (\$70)
DT Team Level: Nov. A AA(Pri/Juv/Jr/Sr only) AAA (Juv/Jr/Sr only) Elite(Jr/Sr only)
- Open Trio - \$50 Age: Pri. Juv. Jr. Sr. Level: Beg. Int. Adv.
- Open Artistic Group - \$70
- Open Show Team Age: Pri. Juv. Jr. Sr. Size: Small (\$50) Large (\$70)
- Open Entertainment Corps - \$70 Age: Youth Jr. Sr. Corps Only: _____
- Open Parade Corps - \$70 Age: Youth Jr. Sr. # of Auxiliary Members: _____

***GROUP CRITIQUES**

- *Dance Twirl Team Critique- \$35
- *Trio Critique - \$35
- *Twirl Team Critique - \$35
- *Show Team Critique - \$35
- *Artistic Group Critique - \$35
- *Artistic Team Critique - \$35
- *Entertainment Corps Critique - \$35
- *Parade Corps Critique - \$35

Corps Only: _____
of Auxiliary Members: _____

**Indicates a non-USTA sanctioned event.*

T-shirt (pre-order only): \$25

Please indicate number of shirts/sizes below:

YXS ___ YS ___ YM ___ YL ___
AS ___ AM ___ AL ___ AXL ___ AXXL ___

Intro Member fee:

For any athlete who is not a current USTA member, please include \$7 Intro Member fee (valid for Nov, Beg, Int levels only).

of athletes _____ x \$7

Good Luck Sign: 8.5 x 11 Sign 8.5 x 11 Sign w/Sparkles (See form on page 8)

Fee to be paid with entry fees; no admission fees at the door. →

*******ENTRY DEADLINE MARCH 23RD*******

GROUP ENTRY FEES DUE:

State Events: \$ _____
 Open Events: \$ _____
 Critiques: \$ _____
 Non-member fees: \$ _____
 State t-shirts \$ _____
 Good Luck Signs \$ _____
 Contest Fee \$ 20

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE SIGNED WAIVERS FOR ANY GROUP MEMBERS NOT ENTERING INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

Email entries to: tnbatoncouncil@gmail.com (send payment via Venmo to @TNBatonCouncil)

LIST GROUP MEMBERS - USTA# REQUIRED UNLESS GROUP OR ORG. MEMBERSHIP

Team/Corps Name: _____ # of Members: _____ # of Alternates: _____

List the name/division of other groups that the members will compete in:

Check one for each member. A signed USTA waiver must be returned for EVERY athlete. Team athletes who are entering individual events should return waivers with individual entry. Waivers for athletes only participating in team events should be returned with team entry.

#	Name (put * by alternates)	Age (08/31/2026)	Birthdate	**USTA # or "Intro" for Intro Members	Waiver sent w/ind. entry	Waiver incl. w/group entry
1					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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23					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please write Intro for those athletes who are not current USTA members & will be paying the \$7 Intro Member fee.