

# National/Festival Entry Instructions

## ENTRIES NOT MEETING THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RETURNED.

- All entries must be **RECEIVED** at the USTA Entry Coordinator by midnight (Pacific Time), **May 1, 2010. ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2010.**
- USTA is not responsible for lost, misdirected or late postal mail. We encourage online entries and no exceptions to the deadline are made.**
- Entry** must be printed or typed. Only one individual or group entry per form. **Entries that are not legible will be returned. Pair entry/payment must be sent by 1 member.**
- USTA Membership ID number must be enclosed with entry. If you include membership dues with your entry, please send a SEPARATE check for the correct amount of the membership. Group entries must include USTA member ID number of each participant and a group / organization membership ID number, if applicable.
- Entry payment must be in the form of money order, cashier's check, certified funds, or may be charged to MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover Card. **No personal checks accepted.** No phone entries.
- Group entries must include the group roster showing all members' names, ages (as of 12/31/10), birthdates, and name/division of other groups the member will compete in.
- All participants must sign a waiver of liability to participate. Group entries should include signed waiver for all members who are not also participating in the individual competition. Note: By participating in this event, you give USTA permission to use photos and video of these athlete/athletes taken in conjunction with this event.
- Mail entries to USTA National Entry 18511 SR 501 Wapakoneta, OH 45895
- NO FAX ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
- Note: Only ONE DEADLINE.**
- NOTE "GROUPS" Please note a restriction for both Festival of the Future and National Championship Groups Competition. National Championships Group entrants MAY NOT enter as a Festival Group in the same event (ie; National Championship DT Team may not enter FOF DT Team). Festival of the Future Group entrants MAY NOT enter the National Championships Group Competition (i.e.: FOF Twirl Team may not enter National Championship Twirl Team).**
- NOTE "GROUPS" RESTRICTION!:** Twirl Teams and Dance Twirl Teams who choose to compete in both categories **MUST** adhere to the following regulations:
  - must compete with different routines understanding that selected sections maybe used in both routines. (i.e. 2 baton or 3 baton section, finger series, or rolls, etc)
  - must utilize completely different song/music selections.

**Violation of this rule will result in disqualification by the Contest Director.**

## National Championship Awards

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

#### PRELIMINARIES (Solo, Strut, Dance Twirl, 2 Baton):

- 1st Place - National Championship Cup
- 2-7 Places - National Championship Medal
- Round 3 Competitors - National Recognition Medal

#### PRELIMINARIES - Boys, Three Baton, Pairs, Flag, Rifle:

- 1st Place - National Championship Cup
- 2-7 Places - National Championship Medal
- Round 3 Competitors - National Recognition Medal

### GROUP EVENTS

#### DIVISIONS WITH 10 OR LESS COMPETITORS:

- 1-3 Places - National Championship Plaques

#### DIVISIONS WITH 11 OR MORE COMPETITORS:

- 1-5 Places - National Championship Plaques
- Members of 1st place teams and corps will receive National Recognition Medals.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

**Juvenile Grand Champion:** 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medallion; \$100 savings bond; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a silver and bronze medallion respectively. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> will receive a medallion.

**Junior Grand Champion:** Grand National Champion Rotating Trophy, \$100 savings bond; 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medallion; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a silver and bronze medallion respectively. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> will receive a medallion.

**Senior Grand Champion:** Grand National Champion Rotating Trophy, \$500 savings bond; 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medallion; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a silver and bronze medallion respectively. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> will receive a medallion.

**Adult Grand Champion:** 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medallion; \$500 savings bond; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a silver and bronze medallion respectively.

*Note: Events that begin with Combined Age Preliminaries will take only the top 3 on to the final round.*

# National Championships Rules and Regulations

1. All USTA rules and regulations apply. Decisions not covered by existing rules will be made by the Judges' Liaison and/or the USTA Board of Directors.
2. Athletes do not have to qualify at a State or Regional competition to enter. ANYONE may enter an individual event in the U.S. National Championships. EVERYONE who competes must have a USTA membership in his/her own name for solo entries and pairs. Teams and corps may hold a USTA Team or Organization membership in the team or organization's name, OR each individual may hold an individual membership.
3. All competitors in the U.S. National Championships must be citizens of the United States.
4. **Individual and group competitors must enter the U.S. National Championships at the age they will be on December 31, 2010, and will compete at the same age for the entire competition.**
5. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE USTA Entry Coordinator BY MIDNIGHT (Pacific Time), MAY 1, 2010. ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2010.**
6. **USTA is not responsible for lost, misdirected or late postal mail. We encourage online entries and no exceptions to the deadline are made.**
7. If an athlete/group director makes a mistake on his/her entry, mistake will not be corrected and athlete or group will not be permitted to perform. Entries will be recorded as received, and athletes may not change from one event to another. Teams and Corps may not change from one event to another.
8. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON.**
9. Each athlete submitting an individual or pairs event entry and each group director will receive an entry acknowledgment from USTA. **If you do not receive confirmation of your entry within 14 days of sending it, contact the USTA Entry Coordinator immediately at [321-206-3242](tel:321-206-3242). USTA is not responsible for lost, misdirected or late postal mail. We encourage online entries and no exceptions to the deadline are made.**
10. Information regarding all events and competition procedures can be found in the current USTA rulebook.

## Categories and Age Divisions

### SOLO EVENTS

**TWO BATON:** 0-6, 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21+

**STRUT:** 0-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21+

**DANCE TWIRL:** 0-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21+

**THREE BATON:** 9-12,13-16,17-20,21+

**WOMEN SOLO:** 0-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21+

**Men's SOLO:** 0-8,9-12,13-16,17-20, 21+

### PAIRS/DANCE TWIRL PAIRS:

PRIMARY: Combined ages of 16 years and under

JUVENILE: Combined ages of 17-24 years

JUNIOR: Combined ages of 25-32 years

SENIOR: Combined ages of 33 years and over

### AUXILIARY EVENTS

#### **FLASH FLAG SOLO AND RIFLE SOLO**

JUNIOR: Up to and including 16 years of age

SENIOR: 17 years of age and older

### TEAMS (TWIRLING AND DANCE TWIRL)

#### **GROUP SIZE**

SMALL TEAM: 4-8 members

LARGE TEAM: 9 or more members

#### **AGE DIVISIONS**

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 9 years or younger

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-12 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 13-15 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

### PARADE CORPS and SHOW CORPS

**GROUP SIZE:** 8 or more members

#### **AGE DIVISIONS**

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 15 years or younger

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

#### **CATEGORIES - A Class, Open Class**

### **TEAM AND CORPS**

The process of establishing a team or corps age division is by averaging the ages of the members. Each group will have the option of competing in an older age division than the average age if there is at least one member whose age is within that higher age division, but no one is older than the maximum age in that division. To determine the average age for show corps, average the age of the twirlers only. When the average age has a decimal digit, drop the decimal and use only the number as the average age. Examples: 8.5=8.0, 10.5 =10.0, 7.3=7.0, 14.9=14.0. Dance Twirl and Twirling Teams may only compete in one age category per event unless there is a 25% or more change in team personnel and one or more members is of the next age division.

Example: A team is qualified to enter the primary division. That team may not also enter the juvenile division unless 25% or more of the personnel changes and 1) the average age becomes 10.0-12.0 or 2) at least one member is of juvenile age. *This rule is applicable for teams changing age classifications from Primary/Juvenile/Junior/ Senior and does not restrict changing classification from small to large.*

**All Group and Individual Event Competitors in Nationals and Festival of the Future will receive a National Patch**

# ***Festival of the Future Rules and Regulations***

1. **Individual and group competitors must enter the Festival of the Future at the age they will be on December 31, 2010.**
2. All competitors in the Festival of the Future must be citizens of the United States.
3. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All entries must be received by the USTA Entry Coordinator by midnight (Pacific Time) May 1, 2010. ***NO FAX ENTRIES ACCEPTED. USTA is not responsible for lost, misdirected or late postal mail. We encourage online entries and no exceptions to the deadline are made.***
4. All athletes must be members of USTA in order to compete. Membership ID number must be enclosed with entry. Everyone who competes must have a membership in his/her own name for solo and pairs entries. Team may hold a USTA Team or Organization membership in the team or organization's name.
5. USTA reserves the right to divide or combine age groups as necessary. Awards will be added as entries warrant.
6. **NO REFUNDS** will be given for any reason.
7. Each athlete submitting an individual or pairs event entry and each group director will receive an entry acknowledgment from USTA. **If you do not receive confirmation of your entry within 14 days of sending it, contact USTA Entry Coordinator immediately at 321-206-3242. USTA is not responsible for lost, misdirected or late postal mail. We encourage online entries and no exceptions to the deadline are made.**
8. If athlete makes a mistake on his/her entry, mistake will not be corrected and athlete or group will not be permitted to perform.
9. Athlete must compete at his/her eligibility level as of May 1, 2010. (See #10)
10. **ELIGIBILITY:** Beginner athletes have won less than 5 competitive first places in that event. Intermediate athletes have won less than 10 competitive first places in that event. A beginner team or pair has won less than 5 competitive first place awards (having competed against another team). An intermediate team or pair has won less than 10 competitive first place awards. **A team may not enter both the National Championships and Festival of the Future in the same group event. (Some examples: A team that enters as a Jr. Small Dance Twirl Team in the beginner and/or intermediate categories MAY NOT enter Jr. Small Dance Twirl Team in the National Championships. A team that enters Sr. Large Twirl Team at the National Championships MAY NOT enter as a Sr. Large Twirl Team in the beginner and/or intermediate twirl team categories)**
11. **Twirl Teams and Dance Twirl Teams who choose to compete in both categories MUST adhere to the following regulations:**
  - a. **must compete with different routines understanding that selected sections may be used in both routines. (i.e. 2 baton or 3 baton section, finger series, or rolls, etc)**
  - b. **must utilize completely different song/music selections.**  
***Violation of this rule will result in disqualification by the Contest Director.***
12. All members of a Tiny Tot Dance Twirl Team must be 7 years or younger. A beginner Tiny Tot Team has won less than 5 competitive first places.
13. ***NO Evaluations for Compulsories and Movement Technique will take place at the national contest starting in the year 2007.***

## ***Categories, Age Divisions & Awards***

**BASIC, MILITARY, PRESENTATION:** Beginner, Intermediate Advanced 0-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17+

**DANCE TWIRL:** Beginner, Intermediate 0-8, 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17+

**TWO BATON:** Beginner, Intermediate 0-8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17+

**THREE BATON:** Beginner, Intermediate 9-12, 13-16, 17+

**STRUT:** Beginner, Intermediate 0-8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17+

**SOLO:** Beginner, Intermediate 0-8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17+

**PAIRS/DANCE TWIRL PAIRS:** Beginner, Intermediate

Primary: Combined ages of 16 years and under

Juvenile: Combined ages of 17-24 years

Junior: Combined ages of 25-32 years

Senior: Combined ages of 33 years and over

### **AWARDS: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

1st Place Trophy/Plaque, 2-5 place medals in each division

**TWIRL TEAMS:** Beginner, Intermediate

Small and Large

Primary, Juvenile, Junior, Senior

*For further information regarding team size and age categories, see USTA Rulebook*

### **DANCE TWIRL TEAMS:**

Beginner and Intermediate

Small and Large

Tiny Tot, Primary, Juvenile, Junior, Senior

### **AWARDS: GROUP EVENTS**

Divisions with 10 or less teams: 1-3 Place Trophy/Plaque

Divisions with 11 or more teams: 1-5 Place Trophy/Plaque

Member of first place teams will receive a Festival of the Future Recognition Ribbon