2025 Twirling Contest Booklet Maryland Baton Council, Inc.

Sanctioned by the United States Twirling Association

All contests are governed by rules and procedures of the current <u>USTA Rulebook</u>.

This contest booklet includes information and entry forms for ALL Maryland Baton Council sponsored competitions an organization competitions for the year, including MD State Championships.

- > ALL ENTRIES **MUST BE RECEIVED with FULL Payment.** EMAIL Entries will only be accepted with full electronic payment. Processing fee will be added on to all electronic payments.
- ➤ <u>USTA Twirling age</u>: compete at age s/he will be on August 31, 2025.
- > Truxtun Gym: Pip Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403
- NEW THIS YEAR: Non member fee for USTA will only be allowed for one twirling year. After you have used the non-member fee it will not be allowed the following year.

MARYLAND BATON							
COUNCIL OF THE USTA							
2024-2025 Board Members							

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2025 Events Calendar

Date:	Sponsor and Event	Location	Mail Registration Forms to:	Postmark Deadline
Saturday March 15	Maryland Baton Council Contest	Truxtun Gym Annapolis, MD	Terry Althoff 12102 Round Tree Ln Bowie, MD 20715	Saturday, March 1
Saturday March 29	Maryland Baton Council Contest	Truxtun Gym Annapolis, MD	Terry Althoff 12102 Round Tree Ln Bowie, MD 20715	Saturday, March 15
Saturday April 12	Maryland Baton Council Triathalon Contest	Truxtun Gym Annapolis, MD	Terry Althoff 12102 Round Tree Ln Bowie, MD 20715	Saturday, March 29
Saturday April 26	Maryland Baton Council KOKOSZKA KLASSIC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Contest	Truxtun Gym Annapolis, MD	Terry Althoff 12102 Round Tree Ln Bowie, MD 20715	Saturday, April 12
Saturday, Sunday May 17-18	Maryland State CHAMPIONSHIPS & FESTIVAL OF THE FUTURE w/ VA, WV, PA State Events	Truxtun Gym Annapolis, MD	Terry Althoff 12102 Round Tree Ln Bowie, MD 20715	Saturday, April 26
Thursday May 29	North East Regional Pre-Trials	Kutztown Univ, Kutztown, PA	Entry on USTA Membership Portal	Wednesday, March 26
Fri - Sun May 30- Jun 1	North Eastern Regional Championships	Kutztown Univ, Kutztown, PA	Terry Althoff 12102 Round Tree Ln Bowie, MD 20715	Wednesday, April 2
July 8-12	National Championships & US PreTrials	Daytona Beach, FL	Entry on USTA Membership Portal	TBA

Questions for Entry Coordinator: Terry Althoff – 301-412-4261, <u>TSTwirl@gmail.com</u>
Questions for Contest Director: Vickie Simmers – 410-274-4515, <u>vickietwirls@hotmail.com</u>

Please, Calls or texts only between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Leave name, athlete's name, and a detailed message.

The Maryland Baton Council Memorial Scholarship Award presented at the Kokoszka Klassic Contest

At the April 26 contest, the Maryland Baton Council Memorial Twirling Scholarship will be awarded to a Maryland baton twirling athlete. This scholarship award is given in memory of some who have contributed so much to our Maryland Baton Council and our twirling organizations:

Bob Setera, Ann Bittenbender, Sandy Stewart, Janet Weaver,

Catherine Buck, Melody Kokoszka and Sharon Dustin.

These individuals provided many years of dedication to our U.S.T.A. Maryland Baton Council, our athletes, and the sport of baton twirling. They were an inspiration to all who knew them. Athletes must be nominated by their coach, considering the following criteria:

Character and sportsmanship

Academic Achievement

Dedication to the sport of baton twirling

14 years of age or older (competing age for current twirling year)

Community Service

Please include a written summary of no more than two pages explaining why this athlete is being nominated for the scholarship award. Nominated athletes will be notified within one week after the deadline. All nominations must be received by April 5. Return completed nomination form and summary to Terry Althoff, 12102 Round Tree Lane, Bowie, MD 20715. Email nominations should be sent to tstwirl@aol.com.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE

I nominate the following athlete for the Maryland Baton Council Memorial Scholarship Award:

Nominee	Nominee Email Addres	Phone Number		
Address of Nominee	City	State	Zip Code	
Signature of Coach	Email Address	Phone Number	 Date	

General Contest Rules and Information:

USTA RULES will be used. All contests sanctioned by USTA.

ENTRY FORMS Team entries can be on one sheet. Each athlete entering individual events must have own entry form.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE to MARYLAND BATON COUNCIL. Returned checks will be assessed \$25 fee paid in full prior to event participation. **REFUNDS** will not be given. This includes postponements due to severe weather. No refunds for overpayment.

USTA MEMBERSHIP payment must be made directly to USTA. Membership will be checked in the USTA membership portal by contest director on ENTRY DEADLINE date. If you are not a current USTA Member when you SUBMIT your entry, you must include NON MEMBER FEE fee of \$5/athlete. Organization membership may be used for sanctioned foundation events and compulsory/movement technique evaluations for levels C-BII. LOCAL CONTEST PROGRAM will be digital/electronic only. Lineup will be emailed to all individual entrants and team coaches if email is provided.

Athletes only entered in team portion should request a lineup from their coach.

LOCAL CONTEST AWARDS **Team:** 1st and 2nd place. **Individual:**1st through 3rd place.

GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS *Novice*: Less than 3 competitive first places. *Beginner*: less than 5 competitive 1st places at any level; Intermediate: less than 10 at any level; Advanced has won 10 or more competitive 1st places at any level. OTHER ORGANIZATION WINS DO COUNT with exception of USTA Strut. (If intermediate level is not offered, athlete must enter advanced after 5 competitive wins.)

DOOR OPENING TIME Doors open ONE hour before the competition begins. Please allow VOLUNTEERS time to set up by respecting this. **SET SYSTEM** Must twirl "ON NUMBER" - MISS TURN, NO TWIRL.

COMPULSORIES Evaluations must be recorded in Achievement Book, signed by a certified judge. Athlete must have proof of passing all prior levels. Without proper records, comments only. USTA limits athletes to evaluation of 2 levels of compulsories and/or Movement Technique at any meet/contest. CONDUCT ANYONE CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE MANNER OR DAMAGING THE FACILITY WILL BE DISMISSED WITHOUT REFUND AT DISCRETION OF CONTEST DIRECTOR OR MARYLAND BATON COUNCIL OFFICER..

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEO LIGHTING DURING ANY PORTION OF THE CONTEST!

NO SMOKING, VAPING, OR E-CIGARETTES IN THE COMPETITION AND PRACTICE AREAS.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN GYM Facilities do not allow food or drinks in the gym.

PACE/RATING EVALUATIONS Proficiency Accomplishment for Championship Events. PACE is a non-competitive CRITIQUE event which provides an opportunity for athletes to perform in the competition setting, not ranked for placement. Digital Recording comments will be emailed to athlete if email is provided. One critique per championship event.

TRIATHLON Championship Triathlon event will include Solo, Strut and 2B. Beg, Int, Adv determined by Solo level. Foundation Triathlon will include Basic, Military, and Presentation, one level. Age divisions will follow regular age divisions

Group Events (Trio 3 members; Small 4-8 members; Large 9+ members) Tiny Tot: all members must be twirling age 7 or under Prim: 0-9.99 Juv: 10-13.99 Jr: 14-17.99 Sr: 18.0 and over Each group will have option Average ages of Team Events: of competing in an older age division, if at least one member is within that higher age division. Personnel change required to enter additional age divisions. 50%- DT Teams and Twirling Teams, 25% Trios PARADE CORPS Minimum 10 twirlers One age division One Level 2-4 min Enter Judges' left Exit Judges' right 2 min setup allowed May not pass in review Maintain constant progressive directional movement throughout entire performance. During first 1 ½ minutes of the routine, there must be constant forward progressive line of direction with the floor pattern of the corps choice. During last 1 ½ minutes, corps may use entire gym floor as long as the corps maintains drill movement in a progressive fashion within their program. ENTERTAINMENT CORPS Two age divisions: "Prim/Juv" and "Jr/Sr" One Level Minimum 10 twirlers 2 min set up allowed 2 min exit 3-5 min Entertainment Corps (formerly show corps) must use props such as flags, rifles, hoops, ribbons, etc. to create musical interpretation and visual effectiveness. Backdrops / Scenery optional Props may not exceed five feet in height. SHOW TEAM Prim/Juv/ Jr / Sr 1 min set up allowed 30 sec exit One Level 2-3 min Small / Large Group event that has a theme using props and possibly a back drop. Must use props such as flags, rifles, hoops, ribbons, etc. to create musical interpretation and visual effectiveness. *offered only at local, state, regional levels Props may not exceed five feet in height. ARTISTIC GROUP No age requirement for USTA One Level Content Restrictions 3:00-3:30 min Minimum 10 members In the Group event, the skill set should be totally consistent and mastered among all members...use of the baton within the various modes will only serve to compliment and enhance.. TWIRLING TEAM Prim/Juv/ Jr / Sr Nov/A/AA/AAA/Elite 2:00-3:30 min Small / Large Content Restrictions Emphasis is synchronic twirling with simultaneous blending of baton and body. Routine designed to encompass major modes of twirling. DANCE TWIRL TEAM / TRIOS Tiny Tot/Prim/Juv/ Jr / Sr Nov/A/AA/AAA/Elite Trio / Small / Large 2-3 min Group whose routine is a blending of dance steps or series in combination with the baton, coordinated with music. Tiny Tot Actual twirling season age for each member must be 7 or under TRIOS Beg/Int/Adv Tot*/Prim/Juv/ Jr / Sr 2-3 min Group whose routine is a blending of dance steps or series in combination with the baton, coordinated with music. *Tot unsanctioned. Individual Events (Age divisions with less than 3 athletes may be combined as determined by entry coordinator.) COSTUME MODELING DRESS MODELING Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ Time 1 min. max. *Unsanctioned. Open pattern (modeling) Both use same music. Costume Modeling with or without baton. Novice / Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced BASIC STRUT (foundation event) Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ USTA Basic, Military Strut Music 8-count introduction. 32-count square (8 counts each side, executing a left flank on each count 8). Baton cradled on arm or extended from arm with arm swing. Free hand positioned on hip or swinging at side. **MILITARY STRUT** (foundation event) Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ Novice / Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced USTA Basic, Military Strut Music 8-count introduction. 32-count retraced L: left flank on first count 8, to the rear on second count 7, right flank on third count 7, halt on fourth count 8). Use same repetitive military beat with baton from beginning to end. PARADE MARCH (foundation event) Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ Novice / Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced USTA Basic, Military Strut Music 40-count music with 32-count forward progression march beginning on second count of 8. (8 counts to each side, executing a left flank on each count 8). Lower body must be in step throughout the 32-counts of forward progression (no spins, gymnastics, or other lower body movements). Baton may be used in any mode and pattern of twirling PRESENTATION (foundation event) Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ Novice / Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced USTA Presentation Music Athlete may start the 12 count intro facing front or back. Athlete presents a 12 count introduction and performs to the Presentation portion (first 32 counts after introduction). Display poses and movement blended with baton handling. PACE / RATING EVALUATIONS Proficiency Accomplishment in Championship Events Evaluative event offered for each championship event: Solo, Artistic Twirl, Two Baton, Three Baton, USTA Strut, Duet, Artistic Twirl Pairs. SOLO Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ Nov / Beg / Int / (1:29 sec) Advanced (1:44 sec) **USTA Solo Music** Twirling performance by one person using one baton only. It involves twirling the baton in vertical and horizontal patterns, in the left and right hands and in a continual, flowing motion while demonstrating a broad base of basic skills. ARTISTIC TWIRL Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ 1:41 sec Nov / Beg / Int / Adv USTA Artistic Twirl Music Combination of dance and baton movements correlated to musical phrases, tempo and rhythm of music. Dance movements and baton work executed with proper technique. TWO BATON Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ Nov / Beg / Int / Adv 1:29 sec USTA Solo Music Continuous and simultaneous manipulation of two batons by one person. Combines technique and skills of one baton twirling with moves that require mastery of timing, coordination, concentration, control and dexterity. Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ THREE BATON 1:29 sec Nov / Beg / Adv USTA Solo Music Continuous and uninterrupted manipulation of three batons at the same time by one person. Combines technique and skills of one baton twirling with "juggling" moves to display the mastery of perfect timing, coordination, concentration, pattern/plane treatment, control and dexterity. Nov / Beg / Int / Adv Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ 1:10 sec USTA Strut Music 12 count introduction and 32 count presentation "fanfare", followed by 88 count forward motion hitting every beat of the music with the feet. Designed to cover the floor space combined with complimentary baton, arm, and leg movements. 8 counts on final beat for ending acknowledgment. DUET Combined Ages Prim (0-18) / Juv (19-26) / Jr (27-34) / Sr (35+) Nov / Beg/ (1:29 sec) Advanced (1:44 sec) USTA Solo Music Twirling performance by two persons. Involves twirling the baton in vertical and horizontal patterns, in left and right hands and in continual, flowing motion while demonstrating a broad base of Combined Ages Prim (0-18) / Juv (19-26) / Jr (27-34) / Sr (35+) Nov / Beg/ Adv (1:41 sec) USTA Artistic Twirl Music Two persons performing combination of dance and baton movements correlated to musical phrases, tempo and rhythm of music. Dance movements and baton work executed with proper technique. X-STRUT Age Divisions: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ (Unsanctioned) Nov / Beg / Int / Adv Novice (0:30-2:00) Beg/Int/Adv (1:30-2:00) March Music Prescribed floor pattern, in-step. Floor contact other than feet is not permitted. No rolls, fingertwirls, or baton releases permitted.

Competitive Achievement System (CAS) Evaluations

FREESTYLE CRITIQUES (USTA Time Limits and Age Divisions in Pre Trials/Trials/IC Handbook)

Age Division: college/university or high school (*unsanctioned)

musical selection of athlete's choice, and should reflect musicality, movement across the field/competition floor, and presentation.

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Movement Technique

Performed by an individual, enrolled and matriculating in a college or university, with one or multiple batons (no flags, knives, streamers, hoops, etc) to the university fight song and a powerful

One Level

Short Program (Jr/Sr)

Performance Critique given for Pre-Trials or Trials. Comments only. Time Limit (2:00-2:30)

C B BI BII A AA AAA Elite

Critique only

Maryland Baton Council GROUP ROSTERS

Use one roster per group. Make copies for additional groups. Include all info requested.

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****MUST HAVE USTA MEMBERSHIP WHEN ENTRY IS RECEIVED, OR PAY NON-MEMBER FEE.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL DAY BEFORE CONTEST TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP.

<u>USTA Sanctioned MD BATON COUNCIL CONTEST GROUP ENTRY FORM</u>

Circle competition entering. One competition per form. All fees must be included with entry. DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM / CONTEST STARTS AT 9:00 AM

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USTA Sanctioned MD BATON COUNCIL CONTEST INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

Circle competition entering. One competition per form. All fees must be mailed with entry.

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM / CONTEST STARTS AT 9:00 AM

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Maryland Baton Council, Inc.

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the 58th Annual

USTA Maryland State Championships 2025

& Festival of the Future & Open Advanced Competition

& Hosting Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia State Events

Sanctioned by the United States Twirling Association

Truxtun Gym / Pip Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403

Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18

Saturday, May 17, 2025	Sunday, May 18, 2025					
(order of events and times all subject to change depending	(order of events and times all subject to change					
on entries received)	depending on entries received)					
8:00 a.m. Staff set up	8:00 a.m. Staff set up					
8:30 a.m. Doors Open, Practice Gym open to practice	8:30 a.m. Doors Open, Practice Gym open to practice					
for today's performances	for today's performances					
9:00 a.m. All Group Events: State Championship and	9:00 a.m. <u>Individual Events</u> : State Championship and					
Festival of the Future Teams, Corps, Trios, Groups, Poms,	Finals, Festival of the Future Championship Events and					
Trials & Pre-Trials teams	Open Advanced.					
Free Style Critiques, Collegiate Critiques,	Retreat & Awards					
<u>Festival Foundation Events</u> (Basic, Military, Presentation,						
Parade March)						
Compulsory / Movement Technique Evaluations						
Full Team Retreat & Awards						

Deadline: Must be Postmarked by SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Mail to:

Terry Althoff /MD State Championships 12102 Round Tree Lane Bowie, MD 20715 No metered mail, phone entries, or mail that requires signatures. No Text entries or drop off entries. **NO LATE ENTRIES.** Emailed entries accepted through Wednesday following postmark deadline with **scanned** and **signed** entry form AND waivers AND **credit card information** for electronic payment.

<u>Payment in full</u> must accompany entry by check or money order made payable to <u>MD Baton Council</u>, or complete electronic payment information. \$25 fee for returned checks. No refunds for overpayment.

Maryland State General Information /Rules and Regulations

See above for General rules. These also apply to State competition.

All USTA rules and regulations apply.

<u>USTA Membership:</u> All participants must hold a USTA membership or pay Non-member fee.

Ages: Athletes enter at age they will be on 8/31/25

Set System: All athletes / groups must twirl on designated set

numbers. Missed turn, no twirl.

Eligibility: a) State residents only for State championship events. b) Festival events: foundation, championship, and Advanced Open, CAS evaluations, and Freestyle open to participants from all states. c) Athlete/group must compete at eligibility level (nov, beg, etc.) as of midnight on the entry deadline date. Changes in level after entry is mailed but on or before entry deadline date must be reported

immediately to: Terry Althoff (<u>TSTwirl@gmail.com</u>) Failure to comply may result in disqualification

USTA MD, VA, PA, WV State Championship Team

<u>Titles</u>: AAA / Elite Twirl Teams, AAA / Elite Dance Twirl teams, Adv Trio, Artistic Group, Parade Corps,

Entertainment Corps, Show Team (not unsanctioned events).

Registration fee in lieu of collecting spectator fees at the door.
Organization fee \$25 per team/\$150 cap per organization.

Individual registration fee \$20 per athlete (instate). Out of state fee \$30 per athlete.

Entry Confirmation & Contest Program will be sent by e-mail Team Awards – 1st through 3rd places.

Use Roster form above.

Maryland State Championship Commemorative T-Shirt

Online Orders only!!! Tshirt: \$20 Tank: \$25

Must be submitted by May 1, 2025. Ordering Link on Facebook

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

♦ FESTIVAL FOUNDATION, CAS AND CRITIQUES ♦

FESTIVAL FOUNDATION

- 1. Basic Strut, Military Strut, Parade March, Presentation
- 2. Ages: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+
- 3. Nov, Beg, Int & Adv in all events except Modeling,
- 4. Modeling events unsanctioned
- 5. No festival titles for foundation and modeling events.
- 6. Awards: $1^{st} 5^{th}$. Additional places if 10 or more entries.

CAS EVALUATIONS

Compulsories, Movement Technique See USTA rule book for CAS information

USTA FREESTYLE CRITIQUES

- 1. Open to any athlete. Performance with one baton.
- 2. Own selection of music.
- 3. Time limits follow USTA Trials/Pre-Trials rules.
- 4. A, AA, AAA, Elite
- Open Freestyle follow USTA Freestyle Critiques guidelines

COLLEGIATE CRITIQUES

To be held during group portion of competition. Same entry guidelines as local contest. High School unsanctioned.

♦ OFFICIAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ♦

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1.

Womens' Solo: 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 22+ 10-13, 14-17, 18-21, 21-13, 14-17, 18-21, 21-13

DUET & ARTISTIC TWIRL PAIRS

Primary: Combined ages of 0-18 years
Juvenile: Combined ages of 19-26 years
Junior: Combined ages of 27-34 years
Senior: Combined ages of 35 years and older
Winners in each pairs division will be state champions.

Awards: 1st through 7th

- Competition for State championship individual events will begin at the combined age divisional level.
- 2. Primary and Juvenile athletes will finish competition with Divisional (Semi-Final) round. Each winner at Divisional round is considered Divisional champion. First and second place winners in combined age divisional (semi-final) rounds for Junior, Senior, and Adult are the competitors in the final round for each event competing for the title of State Grand Champion.
- 3. **Awards**: Divisionals: $1^{st} 7^{th}$; Finals: $1^{st} 6^{th}$

♦ FESTIVAL AND OPEN ADVANCED ♦

USTA FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Solo: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate
USTA Strut: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate
Artistic Twirl: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate
Two Baton: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate
Three Baton: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate
Duet: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate
ArtisticTw Pairs: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate

- Ages same as State Championship.
- 2. Winners in each division will be festival champion; one round of competition (no final round).
- 3. Festival champion titles for beginner and intermediate events only no novice titles.
- 4. **Awards**: 1st through 5th

OPEN ADVANCED EVENTS

- Solo, USTA Strut, Artistic Twirl, and Two Baton, Duet, Artistic Twirl Pairs
- 2. Ages same as State Championship.
- 3. **Awards**: 1st through 5th

UNSANCTIONED OPEN EVENTS

X-Strut: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

- 1. Ages same as State Championship.
- 2. Awards: 1st through 5th

2025 I	MARYLAND STATE w/ VA / F	A / WV Events	INDIVIDUAL ENTRY							
USTA#Name		E	Birthdate Age (c	on 8-31-25)						
Address										
Phone ()		-		=						
Coaches (All for the last year)			Group Affiliation							
	Waiver/Indemnity of Liability: I accept full responsibility for any accident or injury that may occur, and I will not hold the USTA, MD Baton Council, or the host facility and									
all their officers liable. (Athlete may sign for l	him/herself if over 18) (additional signatu	re for pair partner if Date	not entering additional individual events	s)						
Parent/Guardian Signature (for pair partner) Date										
Please do not staple checks to form. Circle/highlight events entering – complete all information including TOTAL. ◆ STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS: Circle: Maryland Virginia Pennsylvania West Virginia ◆										
		ryland Virginia								
Championship Events (\$28)	<u>Duet (\$38)</u>	(1.27.24)	Artistic Twirl Pa	<u> </u>						
Women's Men's Solo	Primary (comb 0-18) Junior Juvenile (comb 19-26) Senior		Primary (comb 0-18) Juni Juvenile (comb 19-26) Seni	or (comb 27-34) ior (comb 35+)						
Strut	Partner USTA # Bird	thdate	Partner USTA # Birt	thdate						
Two Baton Two Baton	Name	Age	Name	Age						
(#) Events @ \$28 = \$	Only one	-	@ \$38 each: \$							
(")			or State Championship Events —	\$						
		Total ic	of State Championship Events –							
	ESTIVAL OF THE FUTURE A	ND ADVANCE								
Foundation Events (\$15)	<u>Festival Championship</u> <u>Events (\$21)</u>	<u>Festival</u>	Duet (\$26) Festival A	Artistic Twirl Pairs (\$26)						
Basic Nov Beg Int Adv	Solo Nov Beg Int	Pri (comb 0-18)	Nov Beg Int Pri (comb 0-1							
	Artistic Twirl Nov Beg Int	Juv (comb 19-26)	Nov Beg Int Juv (comb 19	0-26) Nov Beg Int						
Military Nov Beg Int Adv	Strut Nov Beg Int	Jr (comb 27-34)	Nov Beg Int Sr (comb 27-3 Nov Beg Int Sr (comb 35-							
ParadeMarch Nov Beg Int Adv Presentation Nov Beg Int Adv	Two Baton Nov Beg Int	Partner USTA #		A #						
Presentation Nov Beg Int Adv	Three Baton Nov Beg Int	Name	Name							
(#)Events @\$15 = \$	(#) Events @\$21 = \$	AgeBirthda	ļ	thdate						
Unsanctioned Open Events (\$21)			ne member send entry; include <u>l</u>							
*X-Strut Nov Beg Int Adv	Solo Strut AT 2Bat 3Bat	(#)_	pairs @ \$26 each: <mark>\$</mark>							
(#) Events @\$21 = \$	(#) Events @\$21 = \$									
		Total for Festiva	al and Open Advanced Events —	\$						
	COMPULSORY/MOVEMENT	TECHNIQUE	EVALUATIONS							
(C/)	B \$12 B1/BII \$15 A/AA/A	AA/Elite \$16	Short Program \$22)							
Short Program Compulsories:	C B BI BII A AA AAA									
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FREE	STYLE and COLLEGIATE ar	nd HIGH SCHO	OOL CRITIQUES (\$34)							
Circle entries: Free Style \rightarrow Level	: Free Style Pairs →	Level:	Collegiate *High	School (unsanctioned)						
Name on CC				\$						
CC#	Exp	_ security Code _								
Deadline: Must be POSTMARKED by Apri			Total for individual ev							
Checks payable to: MD Baton Council. All Mail to: Terry Althoff/MD State Champions!	hips, 12102 Round Tree Lane, Bowie, MD	20715		harge → \$ 1.00						
Registration Fee: \$20 for Maryland Athlete For Pairs: Add extra \$1.00 surcharge & \$20.		ner individual	Non-Member Fed Registration fed	11 /						
events. Please send on one entry only with p		- Tunna	Printed Program Pre-Orde	`						
			Credit Card Fee 8% (if appl	N						
			TOTAL ENCL	OSED → \$						

2025 MARYLAN	ND STAT	E Events GRC	DUP ENTRY
Circle: Maryland	Virginia	Pennsylvania	West Virginia

Organization Email			Director USTA Coach	#	Director	
State Small Teams	Please Circle				\$60 per event	
AAA Small Twirl Team	1 10000 011010	Junior	Senior		φου ροι στοιπ	
Elite Small Twirl Team		Junior	Senior			
AAA Small DanceTwirl Tea	am Juvenil		Senior			
Elite Small Dance Twirl Tea		Junior	Senior			
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State Trios	Please Circle				\$60 per event	
Trio	Primary	Juvenile	Junior		Senior	
	ľ	Number of Tea	ıms		x \$60 =	
State Large Teams	Please Circle				\$60 per event	
AAA Large Twirl Team		Junior	Senior		•	
Elite Large Twirl Team		Junior	Senior			
AAA Large Dance Twirl Te	am Juvenil	e Junior	Senior			
Elite Large Dance Twirl Tea	am	Junior	Senior			
		Number of Tea			x \$60 =	
Festival of the Future Trio	Please Circle	(Tiny Tot	non-sanction	ned)	\$50 per event	
		imary Juve		nior	Senior	
Intermediate Trio	•	imary Juve		nior	Senior	
	•	Number of Tea			x \$50 =	
Festival of the Future Sma		Please Cir			\$50 per event	<u> </u>
Novice Small Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior		
A Small Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
AA Small Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
Novice Small Dance Twirl T	Гeam Tiny To	t Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
A Small Dance Twirl Team	Tiny To	t Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
AA Small Dance Twirl Tear	n Tiny To	t Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
	ľ	Number of Tea	ıms		x \$50 =	
Festival of the Future Larg	ge Teams	Please Cir	cle		\$50 per event	
Novice Large Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior		
A Large Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
AA Large Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
Novice Large Dance Twirl T	Γeam Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
A Large Dance Twirl Team	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
AA Large Dance Twirl Tear	n Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
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Show Team		Please Cir	cle		\$60 per event	
Small Large	Primary	Juvenile	Junior		Senior	
	1	Number of Tea	ıms		x \$60 =	
Other Groups (one division	n each)	Please Cir	cle		\$60 per event	
Parade Corps Entertainm	ent Corps PrJv/J	rSr Artistic (Group Tea	am Crit	ique Level	_
	1	Number of Tea	ıms		x \$60 =	
Name on CC	. C. 1.				Group/Team Entry	
Visa/MC/AE/Discover Zi					r Fee (\$5/member) if app	
CC# Security Co	de		K		on Fee \$25/team (max s Card Fee 8% (if applied	
				TO	TAL PAID FOR GRO	OUPS → \$
DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY April	<mark>l 26, 2025</mark> Mail to: Ten	ry Althoff, MD State	Championships,12	2102 Rour	nd Tree Lane, Bowie, MD	20715