



AAU BATON TWIRLING QUALIFICATION & WAIVER CLAIRIFICATION

All competitors that are competing in the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Competition must qualify as stated below in the AAU BATON TWIRLING HANDBOOK:

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

1. The only way that an athlete, team, or corps may compete at the Nationals/AAU Junior Olympic Games - Youth Championships is by qualifying at an AAU District Championships.
2. The athlete, team, or corps must place in a qualifying position in order to become eligible to compete at the Nationals/AAU Junior Olympic Games - Championships.
3. Districts that do not host a Qualifying event will allow an athlete, team, or corps to compete “at large” at a neighboring AAU District.
4. In case of a tie in the final qualifying position, **ALL** individual athletes or teams tied for the final position will become eligible to compete at the Nationals/AAU Junior Olympic Games.
5. A team must qualify in ONE team event to participate in all team events at the AAU Baton Twirling Nationals/Junior Olympic Games. Club members that qualify in their team events may be combined with their club members for other team events.

WAIVER CLAIRIFICATION:

Baton Twirling waivers to attend the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Competition are only issued for the following reasons:

1. A medical condition that does not allow the athlete to compete in a local District Competition, area Super Regional Competition, or compete “at-large” in another District or Super Regional Competition. Competitors must be able to present a doctor’s medical note to the AAU Baton Twirling National office when requesting to be considered for a waiver.

The medical note must contain the following documentation:

- Date of appointment
- Name of Athlete
- Any medical information relating to specific condition that can be released (example: Knee injury, broken arm)
- Restrictions
- Specific release date
- Doctor’s Signature

2. Any twirler who **does not** have a District or Super Regional Competition in their area or does not have a neighboring district where they can compete “at-large”.

The following reasons are not accepted when applying for a waiver:

- ***A date conflict with any other event or activity***
- ***Failure to know date of scheduled qualifiers***
- ***Injury that is not accompanied by medical verification***

Approval of waivers will go through the following steps:

1. The National Baton Twirling Committee will review and approve/reject any application. During the review process the National Committee will check with any District or Super-Regional Contest Director to verify contest dates and get the District Director’s input in regards to the consideration of the waiver.

2. The National Committee will make the final decision in regards to the status of the waiver application and report this to the National Office. Please email your waiver request to the one or all of the following Committee members:

Candy Dowdy: candicedowdyaau@gmail.com

Tonda Hamilton: twirlbuff@gmail.com

Kandi Staples: kandistaplesaau@gmail.com

3. The Athlete will then be notified by the National office in regards to the final decision of the waiver application.

4. All waiver decisions given by the National Office are final.

Any waiver issued can be pulled by the National Office if the athlete has been found to have:

1. Falsified medical information in order to obtain a waiver.

2. Used a waiver to be excused from a AAU Qualifier, but has been found to competed or performed in an athletic event/performance before release date from the doctor.