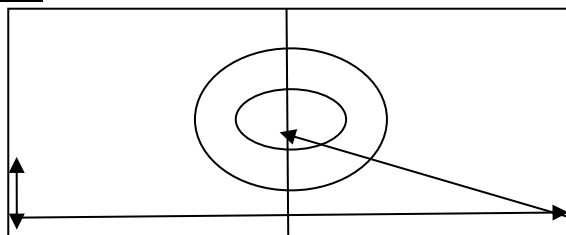


- F. You may do back steps and retracing.
- G. You begin at judges left at the back of the designated lane.
- H. An opening presentation ending in a salute is required.
- I. First four (4) steps are Basic March with baton movement starting on the LEFT foot.
- J. Move diagonally to the judges' right ending at the edge of the designated lane and turning right.
- K. First four (4) steps are Basic March with baton movement starting on the LEFT foot.
- L. Proceed straight across to the opposite edge of the lane and turn right again.
- M. First four (4) steps are Basic March with baton movement starting on the LEFT foot.
- N. Move diagonally to the upper corner of the lane and turn left.
- O. This is freestyle and marches are not required. Only go to the center of the lane and turn left once again.
- P. First four (4) steps are Basic March with baton movement coming toward the judge.
- Q. You may now do an oblique (not required) and end anywhere within the designated lane.
- R. Beauty and grace of leg lines, free hand, arms, and body are important.

## VII. COLLEGIATE DOWNFIELD STRUT



- A. This is done down the length of the gym. Then you must come to the center of the gym to finish your routine.
- B. This routine should exemplify what would be executed as downfield strut during a football game.
- C. A salute or courtesy pose required at the beginning and end.
- D. There may be a short introduction prior to the salute or courtesy pose.
- E. All twirling patterns may be displayed (i.e. Tosses, spins, rolls, finger twirls, flash, swing).
- F. Oblique moves, back steps, leaps, kicks.
- G. Marching band music will be provided for all athletes in this division. The title of the selection will be placed on the AAU Baton Twirling Website.

## ALL-AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION

**NOTE: For Gymnastics/Tumbling Rules, Time Limits, Levels Offered, and Placements see General Information Section of Rulebook Pages 10-19.**

### I. All-Around Twirling Champion General Information

- A. This category will be at the National/ AAU Junior Olympic Games.
- B. The athletes' solo level determines the level that they will compete for All-Around Champion.
- C. To compete in this event at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, athletes must qualify at their District or Super Regional Competition.
  - 1. The top 10 athletes in each per age/status level will advance. (Example: (10) athletes from Novice 0-6, (10) athletes from Novice 10-12, (10) athletes from Beginner 0-6, etc. will each advance)/
  - 2. In the event that a district does not have a District or Super Regional Competition, athletes can apply for a waiver which will allow them to register for this event.
- D. At the District or Super Regional Competition and at the AAU Junior Olympic Games athletes must enter the All-Around Champion division (at their solo status level) AND also enter all 3-4 individual events under AAU events that are required for their status level. For example: An athlete that is beginner in solo will enter Beginner All-Around.

The athlete must also enter AAU Solo, AAU Multiple Baton, and AAU Parade Strut at the level of which they are for each event.

- E. The winner of each status level will be determined by the placement points of each category added together. The person with the least amount of placement points will be the All Around Twirling Champion. Example: a Novice athlete places 1 in Solo One Baton; 2 in Parade Strut; and 3 in Dance Twirl. The athlete's placement points equal 6 (six). If that is the least amount of placement points, then the athlete wins the title.
- F. If a tie occurs in the All-Around Championship, the solo score will break the tie.

## II. ALL-AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION REQUIRED EVENTS

| <u>All Around Twirling Champion</u><br>See requirements under Roman Numeral I in the All-Around Twirling Champion Section for qualifying procedures and competition requirements. |                |                      |                      |                       |
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| Challenger                                                                                                                                                                        | Solo One Baton | Basic Strut          | Parade Strut         |                       |
| Novice                                                                                                                                                                            | Solo One Baton | Basic Strut          | Parade Strut         |                       |
| Beginner                                                                                                                                                                          | Solo One Baton | Solo Multiple Batons | Parade Strut         |                       |
| Intermediate                                                                                                                                                                      | Solo One Baton | Solo Two Baton       | X-Strut              |                       |
| Advanced                                                                                                                                                                          | Solo One Baton | X-Strut              | Multiple Batons      | Dance-Twirl Freestyle |
| Elite                                                                                                                                                                             | Solo One Baton | X-Strut              | Multiple Batons      | Dance-Twirl Freestyle |
| Collegiate                                                                                                                                                                        | Solo One Baton | Collegiate Half-time | Collegiate Freestyle | Collegiate Downfield  |

## III. ALL-AROUND COLLEGIATE TWIRLING CHAMPION

- A. This division is to determine the Collegiate All Around Champion. The "Most Outstanding College Twirler" will earn this title.
- B. An athlete who has graduated from high school and is enrolled at a college, university, technical college, or equivalent.
- C. An athlete must provide proof of enrollment or an acceptance letter in order to compete in this division.
- D. You do not have to be on your school's twirling line to be eligible. You must be currently enrolled in the school you are representing.
- E. College male and female will compete together with the highest placed male and the highest placed female receiving gender specific titles (i.e. Men's National/AAU Junior Olympic Collegiate Champion or Women's National/AAU Junior Olympic Collegiate Champion).
- F. This division will incorporate four different categories: Solo One-Baton (Collegiate Age Division), College Half-Time, College Freestyle, and College Downfield Strut.