

## JUDGE'S SCALE AND PROTECTION RULE

### I. Judge's Scale Break Down:

AAU JUDGE'S SCALE		
LEVEL	SCORE RANGE	POINTS AWARDED PER CATEGORY
Elite	90-100	18-20 points per category
Adv/Elite	85-90	No more than 18 points 16-18 points per category
Adv	80-85	
Int/Adv	75-80	No more than 16 points 14-16 points per category
Int	70-75	
Beg/Int	65-70	No more than 14 points 12-14 points per category
Beg	60-65	
Challenger/Nov/Beg	55-60	No more than 12 points 0-12 points per category
Challenger/Nov	0-55	

**NOTE:** *The Judge has the right to award lower or higher points for the division if he/she feels the athlete is below or above the level.*

### II. PROTECTION RULE

- A. The judge has the right to invoke a "**Protection Rule**" in Novice, Beginner, and Intermediate status levels.
- B. The Protection Rule may be given for the following reasons:
  1. The athlete does not demonstrate first place ability.
  2. Protects the athlete from moving up too quickly before they are ready.

## GENERAL AWARDS INFORMATION

- I. All athletes are **required** to be in **competition attire** for the awards ceremony.
- II. **Awards for District Competitions:**
  - A. Individual, team, and corps awards must be provided for the top three places.
  - B. Contest directors may purchase extra ribbons and medals if desired.
  - C. Top 10 in each event will Qualify to attend the Nationals/ AAU Junior Olympic Games
- III. **Awards for National Competition/Junior Olympic Games:**
  - A. For **ALL** solo events, the top **FIVE (5) FINALISTS** will be awarded in each age division.
  - B. For **ALL** team events, the top **FIVE (5) FINALISTS** will be awarded in each age division.
  - C. For **ALL** corps events, the top **FIVE (5) FINALISTS** will be awarded in each age division.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### I. Joel Ferrell Award

- A. This award recognizes the athletic ability and sportsmanship representing each official sport at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.
- B. For AAU Baton Twirling the recipient will be chosen from:
  - 1. The Advance/Elite athletes with athleticism, good sportsmanship.
  - 2. The athlete excelling in placement in the events in which the athlete has entered.
  - 3. How many years they have been involved with AAU Baton Twirling.
  - 4. Participation in: Showcase Activities, Baton Twirling Ceremonies, Clinics, and general interaction with others.
- C. Technical Coaches and Judges ONLY may submit nominations to the Executive Committee.
- D. If there are nominations of more than one athlete, an interview by the Chief Judge and one other selected Judge will be given to each nominee. They will then select the MOST DESERVING athlete from the interview along with the fore mentioned criteria.
- E. In addition to the award presented at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the recipient's name will be engraved on a special plaque at the AAU National Headquarters in Florida.

### II. Dan Galbraith

- A. This award recognizes the athletic ability and sportsmanship in the Intermediate Division.
- B. For AAU Baton Twirling the recipient will be chosen from:
  - 1. The Intermediate athletes with athleticism and good sportsmanship.
  - 2. The athlete has excelled in placement in the events in which the athlete has entered.
  - 3. How many years they have been involved with AAU Baton Twirling.
  - 4. Participation in: Showcase Activities, Baton Twirling Ceremonies, Clinics, and general interaction with others.
- C. Technical Coaches and Judges ONLY may submit nominations to the Executive Committee.
- D. If there are nominations of more than one athlete, an interview by the Chief Judge and one other selected Judge will be given to each nominee. They will then select the MOST DESERVING athlete from the interview along with the fore mentioned criteria.
- E. A plaque will be presented to the deserving Athlete at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

### III. Rising Star

- A. This award recognizes the athletic ability and sportsmanship in the Challenger, Novice, or Beginner Division.
- B. For AAU Baton Twirling the recipient will be chosen from:
  - 1. The Challenger, Novice, or Beginner athletes with athleticism and good sportsmanship.
  - 2. The athlete has excelled in placement in the events in which the athlete has entered.
  - 3. How many years they have been involved with AAU Baton Twirling.
  - 4. Participation in: Showcase Activities, Baton Twirling Ceremonies, Clinics, and general interaction with others.
- C. Technical Coaches and Judges ONLY may submit nominations to the Executive Committee.
- D. If there are nominations of more than one athlete, an interview by the Chief Judge and one other selected Judge will be given to each nominee. They will then select the MOST DESERVING athlete from the interview along with the fore mentioned criteria.
- E. A plaque will be presented to the deserving Athlete at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

IV. **AAU Baton Twirling Scholarship**

- A. This award recognizes an athlete that is a graduating senior or currently enrolled in a college/university.
- B. Applicants must have been a member of the AAU for at least 4 years.
- C. Applicants must attend the AAU Junior Olympic Games and compete in the required events.
- D. Applicants must complete the Scholarship application and submit to the AAU Baton Twirling National Chair by the application deadline.

V. **Outstanding Team/Corps Award**

- A. The top (1<sup>st</sup> place) advanced team and top (1<sup>st</sup> place) corp in each of the Final Team-Twirl off categories will be name as Team/Corps of the Year.

## NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

I. **National Committee Structure and Procedures**

- A. **National Chair** – The President of the AAU appoints the Chair from the recommendations of the National Sport Committee after approval of a majority of the National Officers.
- B. **Executive Committee Composition**-The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of Baton Twirling in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU and the AAU Baton Twirling Program. It shall include the National Chair, Vice-Chair, additional committee members. A recommendation for National Chair will be given to the AAU President by the certified voting members at the annual committee meeting every four years. All other above mentioned positions shall be elected or appointed by the National Chair every four years.
- C. **National Sport Committee Composition** - The Committee will consist of the following all of whom must be at least 18 years of age: 1. The elected or appointed Sports Director of each District or a representative designated by the District Governor; 2. National Sports Chair; 3. Members of the Executive Committee who are elected as provided by the sport operating rules; 4. One (1) appointed representative from each Allied member that registers members in the sport; 5. The President may appoint up to five (2) members-at-large.
- D. **National Sport Rules Committee**- The Committee will work with the Executive Committee to bring new ideas, improve current competition policies, and help make the competition experience at AAU Baton Twirling the best experience possible. It will consist of one (1) Baton Judge, (1) Baton Coach, and (1) Collegiate Twirler. They will submit ideas to the National Chair by July 1 of each year.
- E. **National Sport Recruiting Committee**-The appointed committee will work on recruiting individual athletes, teams, District Directors, and other AAU Baton Twirling supporters. The committee will work with the Executive Committee and report to the National Chair.
- F. **Voting** –Persons eligible to vote shall be the National Sport Chair, elected or appointed officers, chairs of Committees as defined by the sport’s operating rules, the elected or appointed District sports director or a representative from each Affiliated member that registers members in the sport, and any members-at-large. Only representatives, from Districts which registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in that sport, in the previous year shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting.