

- Q. **UPDATE - Gymnastics** - Gymnastic stunts/skills are **ONLY** allowed in AAU Freestyle, Dance Twirl, and Strut (*only 2 tricks per Routine*). ***Novelty and Show Twirl Team are allowed to use the approved gymnastic skills.*** Allowable skills are cartwheels, walkovers, and handstands in which one or two hands must touch the ground before the feet go over the head.

Gymnastics stunts/skills **ARE NOT** allowed in Solo One Baton, Two Baton, Multiple, Three Baton, Hoop, Flag, Dance Twirl Team, Twirl Team, Duets or Trios. Tricks not allowed in these events include body aerials, walkovers, cartwheels, handstands, butterflies, somersaults, handsprings, body mounts, and body tosses. Penalty: 2.0 point and one ranking in placement.

## X. AWARDS

- A. All athletes are required to be in competition attire for the awards ceremony.
- B. **Awards for District Competitions** - Individual & group event awards must be provided for the first three places. Contest directors may purchase extra ribbons and medals if desired.
- C. **Awards for National Competitions/Junior Olympics Games** - Solo one baton, two baton, three, multiple, strut, basic Strut, military strut, dance twirl and freestyle and duet and trio baton finals - award medals will be awarded to the top ten places of each age group.
- D. **Twirling Team, Dance Twirl Team and Street Parade Team** - award medals will be awarded to the top six places of each age group.
- E. **Twirling Corps, Parade Corps** - award medals will be awarded to the top three places of each age group.

- XI. **RESPONSIBILITIES, DISQUALIFICATION AND SUSPENSION** - Any falsification on the part of an athlete may lead to permanent suspension from AAU Baton Twirling. It is the responsibility of each athlete, parent and coach to make certain that all statements concerning residence, age and status level are factual and that all entry forms are filled out accurately.

## XII. COMPETITION RULES

- A. **Qualification Procedure** - The only way an athlete/team may qualify for the Junior Olympic/National Youth Championships is through AAU District Championships. An athlete/team must compete and place into the qualifying positions to become eligible to compete at the Junior Olympic/National Youth Championships. Districts that do not host a qualifier will allow athletes to compete at large.
1. Athletes/Teams in an AAU District not hosting an AAU District Championship may qualify in a neighboring AAU District.
  2. **A team must qualify in each team event to participate in at the Junior Olympic Games.**
  3. The following is the number of athletes/teams that will become eligible for each age group/level from each AAU District Championship.
    - a. **For Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Solo Multiple Baton, Solo Parade Strut** - the top ten (10) athletes.
    - b. **For Solo Freestyle** - the top ten (10) athletes.

- c. **For Duet, Trio, Twirling Team, Dance-Twirl Team, Street Parade Team** - the top six (6) groups.
  - d. **For Twirling Corps, Parade Corps** - All corps, regardless of placement at the AAU District Championship will be qualified to compete at the Junior Olympic/National Youth Championships.
4. In case of a tie in the final qualifying position, all athletes/teams tied for the final qualifying position will become eligible. At the Junior Olympic/National Youth Championships, athletes/teams will compete in the status level and age group in which they qualified at the AAU District Championship.

**B. Allowable changes of Group Members at the AAU Junior Olympic Games/National Championships**

1. Because of injury or sickness, athletes in groups may be substituted for the original qualifying members, as long as it does not change the status level and age division.
2. The number of the original qualifying group members may be reduced as long as the number of members does not fall below the minimum number of members needed for the size of group qualified.

**C. Finals Competition at the AAU Junior Olympic Games/National Championships**

1. At the Junior Olympic/National Championships there will be preliminaries and finals for Intermediate, Advanced, Elite, Collegiate and Dance Twirl Soloists, and groups. The preliminary competition will determine which athletes/groups will compete in the finals.
2. For Solo One baton, Two baton, Three baton, Multiple baton, and Strut, the top ten places of each age group and level will be eligible to compete in Finals. For dance twirl finals, the top six places of each age group will be eligible to compete in finals.
3. For Twirling Teams, Dance Twirl Teams and Street Parade Teams, the top six places of each age group and level will be eligible to compete in finals. For Twirling Corps and Parade Corps, the top three places of each age group and level will be eligible to compete in finals. *(If a tie remains for the final placement for eligibility to compete in finals, all athletes/groups for that final placement will be eligible to compete.)*
4. There will be no preliminaries for novice, beginner solo divisions, and all duets, trios, and freestyle divisions. Only Finals will be held for these divisions.
5. The competition order for the Finals competition will be randomly selected by computer.
6. To determine event champions for solo, duet, trio, and team competition, placement from preliminaries will be added together with placement points from each judge from finals competition. (Example: Athlete receives 2nd place in preliminaries,; in Finals athlete receives 2nd place from both judges, total placement points would be 2+2+2=6). The lowest total of placement points wins. In the case of a tie in total placements points, the average of the judge's scores from the finals will be used to break the tie.
7. To determine event champions for corps competition, placement from preliminaries will be added together with placement from finals competition. (Example: Corps receives 1st place in preliminaries; in finals corps receives 1st place; total placement points would be 1+1=2). The lowest total of placement points wins. In the case of a tie in total placements points, the total score from the finals will be used to break the tie.