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Dear AAU Baton Twirling District Championship Director:

We thank you for your willingness to conduct an AAU District Championship!

DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHECKLIST:

1. **MEMBERSHIP** – All Director's, participating Coaches, and Athletes **MUST** be current AAU members. Membership must be obtained online at www.aausports.org, click on the Join Now button located on the right hand side.
2. **RULES** – All AAU District Championships **MUST** be administered according to the AAU Baton Twirling Rules contained in the 2010-11 AAU Baton Twirling Handbook. This is available on the AAU Baton Twirling website at www.aubaton.org, click on the tab Rules/Info.
3. **JUDGES** – Judges **MUST** be certified through their individual Districts.
4. **SANCTIONING** – First, please complete and mail the "Qualifying Events" form located in the Directors Packet to the address indicated for approval. After approval please submit your event sanction online. As a Contest Director, please be familiar with AAU sanctioning guidelines.
5. **FINANCES** – Develop a **BUDGET** for your competition.
✓ All expenses are your responsibility. (i.e. facility, awards, etc...)
6. **AWARDS** – Order awards for District Championships from the AAU National Headquarters after you have obtained your approved sanction.

To download an order form at please visit the AAU web site at www.aausports.org –under "Medals & Banners". Allow at least 4-6 weeks for delivery.



Medals are given to the top three places in each division. Additional medals may be purchased for more placements. Team & Corp trophies may be used instead of individual medals.

7. **SCORE-SHEETS** – Use scoresheets posted on the AAU Baton Twirling Directors page at www.aubaton.org.

8. **REGISTRATION INFORMATION** – Mail your entries to all teams and/or clubs in your area.

You can go through the AAU National Office to spread the news of your Qualifier to members in your District. Contact Jennifer Miles either by calling (407) 934-7200 or emailing jennifer@ausports.org.

9. **ELIGIBILITY** – Remind all coaches and twirlers that participants must be current members of the AAU before they may participate in an AAU District Championship.

10. **PLAN AHEAD** – with your group to cover the logistics of the competition, concession stand, first-aid station, evacuation procedures, etc.

11. **RESULTS & CONTEST WRAP-UP** – Within **1 week** of the completion of your competition, please send the following items to the AAU National Headquarters, c/o Jennifer Miles, P O Box 22409, Lake Buena Vista, FL, 32830, so that eligibility may be checked for upcoming events:

- ✓ Finalized results for each Event/Level/Age plus Group results – use form provided. Form should be filled out at tabulation.
- ✓ List of all participating athletes, groups and coaches with addresses, telephone, email, phone numbers and AAU membership numbers – use form provided.

12. **PHYSICAL PLANNING** – for the District Championship – Set-up the competition area so that there is a separate warm-up area and holding area for the events. Other twirlers, family members and coaches should not be allowed on or near the competition floor or the judges. Floor tape should clearly mark the twirling area and the judges. Be sure you have enough stop watches, pencils, score-sheets, calculators, etc. for your needs.

13. **PACKETS FOR QUALIFIERS FOR THE AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES** – The only ways that qualified athletes can register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games is online at www.aaujrogames.org following the District Championships. Participants placing in the top 10 should register online by the deadline date indicated on the entry information for the AAU Junior Olympic Games.



Good Luck with your AAU Baton District Championship!

CHECKLIST FOR THE DIRECTOR (Just an Idea!)

- ❑ Computer
 - ❑ Ink Cartridges
 - ❑ Printer
- ❑ Copier – to print out all the results
 - ❑ Toner cartridge(s)
- ❑ Copy Paper
- ❑ Score-sheets for each entry – attach labels or pre-print.
- ❑ Scratch Paper
- ❑ Original registrations submitted by each team
- ❑ AAU Baton Twirling Handbook (Rulebook) available online
- ❑ Coaches' Packets including: Schedule, Judging Assignments, T-Shirts, other event specific information
- ❑ Make sure all judge's have the current rulebook and are up-to-date on the rules.
- ❑ Judging Assignment sheets
- ❑ Central Sound System with CD and Cassette capability
- ❑ Microphone
- ❑ Floor tape to mark competition area
- ❑ Clipboards
- ❑ Pencils and Sharpeners
- ❑ Pens, Markers and Highlighters
- ❑ Paper Clips
- ❑ Staplers and Staples
- ❑ Calculators
- ❑ Extension Cords and Power Strips
- ❑ Awards
- ❑ Banners (you can order from AAU website)
- ❑ Event Specific Items
- ❑ Concessions

AAU DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP FORM

Name of Event: _____ Date of Event: _____

Name of Host Organization: _____

Name of Director: _____ AAU #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home # () _____ Work # () _____ Fax # () _____

Email Address: _____

Number in attendance in your last event? _____

Facility proposed for Qualifier? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Facility: _____

I certify that the above information is accurate, that I am a current member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), and that I agree to follow the guidelines established for conducting a District Championship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send a copy of the form to:

Candice Dowdy
AAU Baton Twirling National Chair

Jennifer Miles
AAU Sports Manager
Fax: (407) 934-7242 or
P O Box 22409
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE (Just an Idea!)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: _____

CONTACT: _____

AAU BATON QUALIFER DATE ANNOUNCED

The _____ AAU District Baton Twirling Championships for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) will be held at _____ on _____.

This competition is the official qualifier for the 2011 AAU National Baton Twirling Championships to be held at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The AAU Baton Twirling Program is a national network for amateur athletes, coaches, judges and baton twirling enthusiasts dedicated to improving and promoting the sport of baton twirling.

Founded in 1888, the AAU is the largest not-for-profit, volunteer, multi-sport organization in the United States dedicated solely to the promotion and development of amateur sports. The ideal of "Sports for All, Forever" is shared by over 500,000 members and 50,000 volunteers. The AAU offers programs in over 34 sports. This year will be the fourth year for the Eastern and Western Championship format.

A benefit of AAU membership is a quality insurance program that provides coverages for its member clubs and individual members. The coverage includes general liability and secondary participant accident insurance. As an added benefit, under certain circumstances, the benefits can extend to participation in non-AAU-sanctioned events as well as AAU events.

Athletes participating at the District Championships will have the opportunity to compete in a variety of events including Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Solo Freestyle, Solo Dance Twirl, Multiple Baton Solo, Strut, Hoop, Flag, Duets, Trios, Twirling Teams, Dance Twirl Teams, Parade Corps Twirling Corps, Novelty Show Twirl and the All American Twirling Champion. The top athletes in each level and division will qualify for the National Championships where finalists will be awarded gold, silver, bronze and copper medals.

For more information about how to participate in the _____ AAU District Baton Twirling Championships, contact _____ at _____. Deadline for entries is _____.

Competitors interested in participating in AAU Baton Twirling should contact the AAU National Headquarters at 407-934-7200. For additional information on the AAU, please visit the web site at www.aausports.org.

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AAU BATON TWIRLING QUALIFYING EVENTS FORM 2011 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Qualifying Event _____

___ Yes, I am interested in hosting this event this season.

___ No, I am unable to host this event this season.

ALL QUALIFYING EVENTS ARE TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2011.

Date(s) of Event _____

Location of Event _____

City, State of Event _____

Director's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail Address _____

I understand by accepting to host this event that:

- I must invite all AAU Baton Twirling athletes, coaches and clubs that reside in my AAU District to attend the District Championship.
- I must offer all events that will be offered at the 2011 AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling National Championship.
- I cannot hold another organization's sanctioned contest at the same time. The other contest must be held in a separate facility, or on separate days or during separate hours.
- All judges, coaches, and athletes MUST be AAU members.
- Non-qualifying events maybe held at the event (they must be clearly marked as such in the event brochure), remembering that ALL athletes MUST be AAU members.
- I must have a 2010-11 AAU Club Membership in order to sanction the event.
- I will follow the AAU Baton Twirling rules and procedures as outlined in the AAU Baton Twirling Handbook with all updates that the AAU Baton Twirling National Committee has approved.

Signature

Date

Please return this form to:

Jennifer Miles, Fax: (407) 934-7242 or mail to PO Box 22409, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

AAU BATON TWIRLING DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

EVENT: _____ AGE GROUP: _____

NAME	SCORE
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

JUDGE

*Qualification to the AAU Junior Olympic Games is as follows:

Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Strut, Hoop, Flag, Challenger – 10 Athletes
Solo Freestyle – 6 Athletes
Twirling Duets, Twirling Trios, Twirling Teams, Dance Twirl Teams – 6 Groups
Parade Corps, Twirling Corps – Automatic invitation with Qualifier Participation

MAIL RESULTS TO:

National Headquarters
c/o AAU Baton Twirling
PO Box 22409
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

AAU Baton Twirling National Chair
Candice Dowdy