

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants from Texas only may enter state events. ANYONE may enter the Open and Rating events.
2. Certified funds or money orders ONLY may be made payable to USTA Texas State Twirling Council.
3. No late entries or phone entries will be accepted.
4. Programs are \$3.00
5. Concession arrangements have been made for each competition.
6. No flash pictures allowed during performances. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the athlete.
7. Individual & Group Competitors must enter the competition at the age they will be on December 31, 2012.
8. Any 1st place wins, prior to the entry deadline, which would change an athlete's classification for that competition, must be reported to the contest director immediately.
9. No credits, refunds, transfers or forwarding of entries or monies.
10. TSTC reserves the right to divide or combine age groups as necessary.
11. The competition is sanctioned by USTA. Official USTA music, Olympic scoring, USTA Rules, Certified Judges and Official Critique Sheet will be used.
12. All athletes must provide USTA Member ID # on Entry or pay the Member of the Day fee of \$8.00 if not a USTA member
13. The Official Set System will be used. If any athlete or group fails to report on their assigned set number, as noted in the program, that group or athlete will not be permitted to perform.
14. State Finals will be held after each event.
15. Military Strut is in the form of the USTA Strut retraced "L"(32 counts plus an 8 count introduction).
16. Basic Strut is in the form of a square, baton does a repetitive arm swing (32 counts – 8 cts. per side, executing left flanks on the 8th count. Hold for 8 count introduction.)
17. Presentation and Body Forms are to the 32-count freestyle from the USTA Strut. Athletes begin facing the back at the position of attention for 8-count intro. Only loops and passes, and no gymnastics, in Body Forms.
18. Rhythm Twirl is performed to the first 64 counts of the USTA Dance Twirl Music.
19. USTA ESSENTIAL EVENTS: Athlete must pass each class in order, starting from Class C. Athletes do not compete with each other. Ribbons are awarded at the time of evaluation. Compulsories and Movement Technique evaluations available in all Classes
20. The USTA MUSIC will be used for the all sanctioned events.  
All music for USTA events may be purchased through USTA Merchandise online at [www.ustwirling.com](http://www.ustwirling.com)
21. Novice athletes are those who have never won a competitive first place in a particular event. Beginner athletes have won less than 5 competitive first place awards. Intermediate athletes have won less than 10 competitive first place awards. Advanced athletes have won 10 or more competitive first place awards. Competitive first places are those in which the athlete was in competition against at least one other athlete. Athletes must count first places won at a higher level of competition in total number of wins.
22. An Open team [Beg/Int] has won less than 10 competitive first place awards. A Regional team [Adv] has won 10 or more competitive first place awards. Competitive first places are those in which the athlete was in competition against at least one other athlete. Athletes must count first places won at a higher level of competition in total number of wins.
23. All members of a Tiny Tot Dance Twirl Team must be 7 years of age or younger.
24. Parade Corps may not pass in review. For more information on auxiliary & corps events, please refer to the USTA Rule Book.
25. All members must hold a current USTA membership or pay Member of the Day fee of \$8.00 per athlete. Group members' ages are averaged (the decimal is dropped). Groups may enter the division in which their average age falls or the age division in which their oldest member falls.
26. T-Shirt Orders will not be mailed. They may be picked up at the competition.
27. Trios are comprised of three members and judged in accordance with dance twirl team rules. Trios are not offered in the tiny tot division.
28. Show teams are new this year. Please refer to the USTA Rulebook for information.

### STATE FINALS PROCEDURE:

One Overall State Champion will be chosen in Solo, 2 Baton, 3 Baton, Strut, and Dance Twirl.

The top two contestants from the Junior, Senior, and Adult combined age round in each state event will compete in the final round. Primary (0-8) and Juvenile (9-12) athletes finish competition at the combined age round.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, April 14th - Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Rating Events (throughout the day) - **All rating events are non-sanctioned.**

CAS Evaluations (throughout the day)

ALL Trios, Teams, & Corps

Open Freestyle

Basic Strut

Presentation

Military Strut

Body Forms

Rhythm Twirl

Open & State Solo

Open & State Pairs

Flag & Rifle

Open Two Baton

State Two Baton

Open Dance Twirl Solo

State Dance Twirl Solo

Open Dance Twirl Pairs

State Dance Twirl Pairs

Open Strut

State Strut

Open Three Baton

State Three Baton

### CATEGORIES AND AGE DIVISIONS:

Competition will begin with Combined Age Preliminaries in Women's Solo, Two Baton, Strut, Dance Twirl Solo and Men's Solo (0-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-20, 21+), Three Baton (9-12, 13-16, 17-20, 21+), Pairs and Dance Twirl Pairs (0-16, 17-24, 25-32, 33+) Flag/Rifle (0-16, 17+).  
7 places are awarded.

### Qualifying Round Procedure

Age Groups (Single or Combined Ages) that have 15 or more contestants will qualify down to 7; the next round will be the combined age final.

### ALL OPEN EVENTS:

0-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17+

### STATE & OPEN TRIOS/TEAMS

#### GROUP SIZE

TRIO: 3 members (Dance Twirl only)

SMALL TEAM: 4-8 members

LARGE TEAM: 9 or more members

#### AGE DIVISIONS

TINY TOT: Members are ALL age 7 years or younger (Dance Twirl Teams ONLY)

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 9 years or younger

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-12 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 13-15 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

**Rating Teams are Non-Sanctioned**

### PARADE CORPS

GROUP SIZE: 8 or more members

#### AGE DIVISIONS

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 15 years or younger

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

CATEGORIES - A Class, Open Class

### SHOW CORPS

#### AGE DIVISIONS

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 15 years or younger

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

CATEGORIES - A Class, Open Class