

# 2015 AAU NATIONALS/JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES Ohio District & Regional Championships & Open Twirling Championship

This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S.,Inc. All participants must have a current AAU membership. AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event. AAU Youth Athlete membership must be obtained before the competition begins.

Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Michigan, Kentucky, and Western PA

Hosted by Show Dolls of Jackson

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015

Deadline: Saturday, May 20, 2015 (AAU Awards must be ordered)

Time: Doors open at 8:30 a.m.: Contest will begin 9:30

Contest Directors: Tonda Hamilton PH.(740) 418-1290 twirlbuff@gmail.com

Location: YMCA, 594 E. MAIN STREET, JACKSON, OHIO 45640

HOTEL INFORMATION <u>COMFORT INN:</u> 605 E. MAIN STREET, JACKSON, OH. 740-286-7581 <u>DAYS INN:</u> 972 E. MAIN STREET, JACKSON, OH. 740-286-3464 <u>RED ROOF INN:</u> 1000 ACY LANE, JACKSON, OH. 740-288-1200

<u>Refreshments:</u> Hot and Cold refreshments will be available throughout the day at our concession stand.

This contest is a qualifier for the AAU NATIONALS/JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES in Hampton Roads, Virginia in August. All athletes must qualify for an event in which they wish to compete at the Junior Olympic Games. There are NO double entries and ALL events (AAU and OPEN) will be your competitive age. AAU COMPETITIVE AGE WILL BE DETERMINE D BY YOUR AGE AS OF

December 31, 2015 FOR THIS CONTEST (OPEN AND AAU EVENTS) AND THE AAU NATIONAL/JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES



<u>AAU MEMEBERSHIP</u> : All Athlete/Coaches must be AAU Members and MUST attach copies of their cards to their entry forms. You may contact your local AAU District to obtain a membership card by calling 1-800-AAU-4USA OR register instantly online at <u>www.aausports.org</u> and clicking on the Join Now button. Remember to print a copy of your card. You will need it to register at Nationals as well.

BE PREPARED! Adult and Non Athlete memberships are no longer instant and cannot be applied for at event. Please allow at least 10 days for membership to be processed. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU website www.aausports.org to obtain their membership.

Rules: The 2015 AAU Baton Twirling Rules and Handbook is on our website www.aaubaton.org

<u>Awards</u>: AAU Events will offer Official AAU Medals  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$  for individual events and  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$  per team member for team events. Coaches please come up to collect your team's medals.

<u>Presentation of Awards</u>: Individual awards will be posted at the end of the gymnasium as they become available. Athletes need to report to the awards table to receive their awards and score sheets. Team awards and all Championships will be announced.

<u>Deadline for Entries</u>: All entries must be postmarked by May 20, 2015 so proper amount of official awards may be ordered.

Questions : Email twirlbuff@gmail.com OR call Tonda at (740) 418-1290

<u>Status Level Changes</u>: If you should win prior to this contest and need to advance your status level, call or email ASAP so changes can be made prior to the contest.

Spectator Fee: There will be a \$3.00 spectator fee per person. Twirlers are FREE.

<u>Practice Area</u>: Athletes may not practice in front of the judges at any time or in any area where the risk of your baton rolling onto the competition floor and interrupting another athlete's performance. Practice areas will be provided in the upper gym.

<u>Entry</u> <u>Confirmation</u>: In order to confirm that we have your entry and have processed them correctly, it is imperative to include an email address on your entry form. You may use you email or your coach's email and this will allow us to make needed changes!

<u>Music</u>: Solo Freestyle, Solo Dance Twirl, all Corps and Teams that are using their own music MUST TURN IN YOUR MUSIC AT 8 A.M. Or you can email it to me at <u>twirlbuff@gmail.com</u>. Only CD's accepted and only one song per CD. Please perform a music check prior to contest. Coaches may pick up your music at the conclusion of your performance.

Set System: We will run a set system for STUTS only (Excluding Basic and Military March). This will allow the Int., Adv., and Elite athletes the floor space needed to perform. Straight Line Struts will be first.

<u>T-Shirts</u>: AAU Baton twirling AAU Regional Championship T-shirts will be preordered so please make sure that you mark your correct size and prepay. Very few extra shirts will be ordered and cash only the day of contest. No checks or credit cards.

AAU AND OPEN EVENT AGE DIVISIONS; AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

### General Information

- ? Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Solo Multiple, Struts (Basic, Military, X, Straight-Line, Parade), Hoop and Flag are: 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19-22 and Adult 23+.
- ? Solo Dance Twirl and Solo Freestyle ages 5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19-22, and Adult 23+
- ? Boys Solo and Dance Twirl will be separate from girls 0-9; 10-14; 15 +
- ? Regardless of your Organization Affiliation you must be entered into the appropriate status level due to number of 1<sup>st</sup> place wins you have received. An athlete may be Beginner in One Baton and Novice in Two Baton.
- ? Teams ages are average ages: 0-6 (Tot), 7-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Junior), 14 + 18 (Senior), 19-22 Collegiate (University/College student, etc.), 23+ (Adult). The sum of all of the team or corps members competition age divided by the number of members on the team.
- ? Athletes must be entered into the appropriate status level and comply with the requirements for each status level or a 2.0 Penalty and one ranking in placement will be assessed.

#### TEAM SIZE-

- ? Extra Small Teams may have Two (2) to Three (3) athletes
- ? Small Teams may have Four (4) to Nine (9) athletes.
- ? Large Teams may have Ten (10) to Nineteen (19) athletes.
- ? Extra Large teams may have Twenty (20) or more athletes.
  - To calculate whether your team is Beginner or Advanced, <u>OVER HALF</u> of the team's members must be whatever <u>TEAM STATUS</u> you have entered. Example: A team of five athletes with 3 (three) being Beginner and 2 (two) being Advanced would be a Beginner Team.
- ? Gymnastic/Tumbling skills are allowed but are not required. Beginner Teams may only have one (1) and Advanced Teams may have three (3) skills per routine and will not be judged as difficulty but as specialties.

#### INDIVIDUAL STATUS

- o <u>Novice</u>:
  - $\overline{?}$  An Athlete with 3 or fewer first place wins in this category.
  - ? Athletes in this status may do <u>no more</u> than 2 spins; This allows for optional catches.
  - ? Athletes cannot do a high toss single illusion in this division.
  - ? Athletes can do no more than 4(four) continuous elbows, (ex. left elbow, right elbow, left elbow, right elbow.)
  - ? Athletes in this status level are NOT allowed to do any Gymnastic/Tumbling Skills.
- o Beginner:
  - ? An Athlete with 5 or fewer first place wins in this category.
  - ? Athletes in this status may do no more than 3 spins; This allows for optional catches.
  - ? Athletes can do no more than a toss single illusion with an optional catch.
  - ? Athletes can do no more than 6 (six) continuous elbows (ex. left elbow, right elbow, left elbow, right elbow, left elbow.)
  - ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 1 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.
- o <u>Intermediate</u>:
  - ? An athlete with 8 or fewer wins in this category.
  - ? Athletes in this status can do no more than 4 spins; This allows for optional catches.
  - ? Athletes can do no more than a toss double illusion with an optional catch.
  - ? Athletes can do no more than 8(eight) continuous elbows (ex. left elbow, right elbow, left elbow, right elbow, right elbow, right elbow.)
  - ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 2 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.
- o <u>Advanced</u>:
  - ? An athlete with 12 or less wins in this category.

- ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to spins.
- ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to amount of illusions under a toss.
- ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to continuous rolls.
- ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 3 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.
- o <u>Elite</u>:
  - ? An athlete with 13 or more wins in the Advanced category.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to spins.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to amount of illusions under a toss.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to continuous rolls.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 3 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.
- o <u>Collegiate</u>:
  - **?** An Athlete who is enrolled at a legitimate College, University, Jr. College, and Technical College etc.
  - ? Athlete cannot be over 25 years old.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to spins.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to amount of illusions under a toss.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to continuous rolls.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 3 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.
- o <u>Adult:</u>
  - $\overline{?}$  An athlete that is 21 years of age or older.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to spins.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to amount of illusions under a toss.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to continuous rolls.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 3 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.

#### • Challenger :

- ? An athlete with special needs. See Rule book for complete details.
- ? Athletes in this status can do as many spins as they are able to do.
- ? Athletes can do a high toss single illusion in this division if able but not required.
- ? Athletes can do 4 (four) continuous elbows (ex. left elbow, right elbow, left elbow, right elbow, right elbow.)
- ? Athletes in this status level will be judged on what they are capable of doing without limitation.
- ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 1 Gymnastic/tumbling skills.

#### TEAM STATUS

- Beginner:
  - ? A team that has 11 (eleven) or fewer <u>Beginner</u> Team Wins.
  - ? Beginner Teams are limited to no more than 1440° under a toss. This will allow your athletes to perform a 3 spin with a blind catch for example.
  - ? Beginner Teams are limited to no more than toss single illusion with an optional catch.
  - ? Beginner Teams are limited to no more than 6 (six) continuous elbows i.e. left elbow, right elbow, left elbow, right elbow, right elbow.
- o <u>Advanced</u>:
  - ? A team that has 12 (twelve) or more Advanced Team Wins.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to spins.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to amount of illusions under a toss.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are unlimited to continuous rolls.
  - ? Athletes in this status level are limited to but not required to 2 gymnastic/tumbling skills.
- Elementary: This would be a individual team member who is in the K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in school.
- o Junior High: This would be a individual team member who is in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in school.
- o Senior High: This would be an individual team member who is in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in school.
- Collegiate: This individual athlete is currently enrolled at a college, university, technical or Junior college etc.

#### ADVANCEMENT

- ? Athletes will compete in each earned status levels (Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Elite, College, or Challenger.
- ? Athletes who choose to use self-advancement to proceed to the next status level may <u>NOT</u> revert to the lower status level at any time thereafter.
- ? One athlete or group will be considered an Uncontested Division and will count toward advancement toward the next status level.

- ? A first place win contested or uncontested ( is a win and must be counted toward your wins.
- ? An <u>individual athlete, group, or corps</u> must count 3 (three) Uncontested wins as a win toward advancement. Example: A Beginner Dance Twirl team has 2 (two) First place wins and 5 (five) uncontested wins. This would mean that the team has 3 (three) actual First place wins toward advancement.
- ? A Protection Rule (When an Athlete does not demonstrate first place ability) may be used at the judge's discretion in the Novice, Beginner, and Intermediate individual status levels. A first place award will <u>NOT</u> be given. The placement will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and follow on down.
- ? ALL wins count toward your advancement regardless of organization affiliation.
- ? Wins <u>NOT</u> recognized are: No entry fee, no placements, individual studio contests, or park and recreation tournaments.
- ? The highest level achieved in any twirling organization must be maintained in AAU Baton Twirling regardless of number of wins.
- ? When multi-status levels are not offered at a competition, the win will constitute as a win in the athletes' present status level.
- ? No win may change an athletes' status on the same day or any day of a successive multi-day event but will be in effect for the next competition.
- ? Note: At the AAUJunior Olympic Games, an athlete must compete in the status level in which he/she qualified even if advancement occurs after qualifying.

# AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFYING EVENTS

Twirler's Name:			DOB:		Age on I	Dec. 31,2015	
Email address:		Coach's Name;		Team:			
Mailing Address:			City:		ST:	ZIP:	
Phone: ()		AAU Membership Number:			Co	py Attached? Y	Ϋ́Ν
Coach's Email add	lress:		Coach's Phone	:()			

<u>SANCTIONED AAU EVENTS-----STATUS LEVELS</u> <u>Note</u>- Gray areas mean that there are no specific categories for that event other than what is open. "Merged cells" under two status levels are combined.

	Chall	Nov	Beg	Int	Adv	Elite	College	Boys	Adult
Free Style									
Dance Twirl Solo		Girls:	5-9; 10	0-12; 13	-15; 16 -	-18, 19-22,	23+: Boys	5-9; 10-14	; 15 +
One Baton									
Two Baton									
Three Baton									
Multiple Baton									
Ноор									
Flag									
Basic March									
Military March									
Straight line Strut									
Parade Strut									
X-Strut									
College Downfield									
College Half-time									

Note:

College Solo, and College Freestyle along with College Downfield and College Half-Time will be offered at the Junior Olympic Games ONLY. This will be the Most Outstanding College Twirler Award.

Total number of events Entered :	
Fees for AAU Events:\$5.00 per Solo Qualifying Event	Total of AAU Events @ \$5.00 =
Fees for AAU Dance Twirl/Free Style per Qualifying Event: \$7.00	Total of DT/FS Events @\$7.00 =
	Total Fees for AAU Qualifier =
<u>Cashier's Check</u> or <u>Money Order</u> only made Payable to:	Show Dolls 336 Chillicothe Street Jackson, Ohio 45640
If not postmarked by May 20, 2015 add \$2.00 late	fee per event not to exceed \$20.00

## AAU CORPS/TEAMS ENTRY

Please fill out one per Corps/Team. Make certain that we have the number of members in each team so we can order enough medals.

Corps or Team Name:		
Corps/ Team's AVERAGE AGE	B:	Number of Members:
Coach:		
Address:	City:	ST:
ZIP:	_ Phone: ()	
Email Address:		

### All team events are \$2.00 per team member.

CORPS EVENTS	Chall	Beg	Adv	Elementary	Jr. High	Sr. High	College	Adult
Parade Corps								
Twirling Corps								
TEAM EVENTS								
Twirl Team								
Dance Twirl								
Auxiliary (Pom/Dance								
Line)								
Auxiliary (Guard)								
Auxiliary (Baton Line)								
Street Parade								
Novelty Twirl								
Show Twirl								
Drill Team								
(Military/Freestyle)								
Majorette Line								

Total number of Corps/Teams Entered : \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$2.00 x Number of Corps/Team Member per Corps/Team Entered:

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Cashier's Check or Money Order only made Payable to:

Show Dolls
336 Chillicothe Street
Jackson, Ohio 45640

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It is OK to send one check for all Corps/Teams, But please fill out one sheet for each Corps/Team entry ORDER FORM

# 2015 Ohio District & Regional Championships Official T-Shirt

Front	T-Shirt Ord Due by Saturday May 20, 20	y y	ck
Name:			
Team's Name:	Ca	oach:	
Best # to call for Questions:			
E-Mail:			
	•	or \$25.00 day of com Please add \$2.00 for sizes XXL	·
Youth Small Youth Medium	T-Shirt Orders Due by	Adult Small Adult Medium	
Youth Large Youth X-Large	Saturday, May 20, 2015	Adult Large Adult X-Large Adult XXL XXXL XXXX	(
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