



54th Annual NER Championships

NER Championships

at
Kutztown University
15200 Kutztown Road
Kutztown, PA 19530

All Events Held at Keystone Hall

May 30, 2024 – June 2, 2024

DEADLINE – POSTMARKED BY POST OFFICE ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

No metered mail. No phone, hand-delivered, or mail that requires signatures will be accepted.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This order may and will change if adjustments will improve the running of the contest. Changes will be posted at the Registration table or in the Gym. All events will be held at Keystone Hall located on South Campus Drive on the campus of Kutztown University.

Time may be subject to change if a large number of entries received. Be prepared to start earlier

Thursday, May 30, 2024

8:00 a.m.	<i>(Practice area for today's competitors only until 5:00 p.m.)</i>
8:00 a.m. to end of contest	Gym doors open
8:00 a.m.- 8:50 a.m.	Registration in Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Music tests
	Compulsories, Teams, Pairs & Freestyle

Friday, May 31, 2024

7:00 a.m.	<i>(Practice area for today's competitors only until 5:00 p.m.)</i>
7:45 a.m.	Gym doors open
8:00 a.m.	Coaches and Directors meeting at the Contest Directors Table
8:00 a.m. to end of contest.	NER Championship Events and Athlete of the Year (Entry and Information on www.ustwirling.justgo.com .)
	Registration in Gym Lobby

Saturday, June 1, 2024

7:00 a.m.	<i>(Practice area for today's groups only until 5:00 p.m.)</i>
7:45 a.m.	Gym doors open
8:00 a.m.	Coaches and Directors meeting at the Contest Directors Table
	All teams, trios, corps, groups and collegiate events followed by Retreat & Awards
	NER CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS FINALS
8:00 a.m. to end of contest	Registration in Gym Lobby

Sunday, June 2, 2024

7:00 a.m.	<i>(Practice area for today's competitors only)</i>
7:45 a.m.	Gym doors open
8:00 a.m.	Coaches and Directors meeting at the Contest Directors Table
	Festival of the Future Individual events & Awards - Athlete of the Year (Entry and Information on www.ustwirling.justgo.com .)
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration in Gym Lobby

Direct all questions to the NER Staff Department Heads – NOT THE UNIVERSITY

NER President: Linda Boss –516-359-3644

Contest Director - Karen Cammer – 631-513-0039

NER Entry Coordinator - Terry Althoff – 301-412-4261

PreTrials Director – Alaine Robbins - 631-656-6776

Lindaboss1993@gmail.com

Kjcammer55@gmail.com

tstwirl@aol.com

Dynamicsrbw@gmail.com Entry available – www.ustwirling.justgo.com

Music submitted digitally

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

Ages: Athletes must enter the NER Championships at the age they will be on August 31, 2024

Competition Level: Athletes and groups will compete at their level of competition as of the NER deadline date, April 3, 2024. Effective September 1, 2019: Athletes may only enter 'one level up' from their current level in a particular event. For example, a Beginner athlete may enter Intermediate but not Advanced since that would be considered 'two levels up.'

USTA Membership: All participants must hold some form of USTA membership; USTA non-member fee will satisfy the membership requirement of the NER Championship. Visit www.ustwirling.justgo.com for online membership application.

Deadline/Method of Payment: USPO postmark by midnight APRIL 3, 2024. No metered mail. No phone, hand delivered, or mail that requires signatures will be accepted. Money order/bank certified checks ONLY – payable to: North East Regional Council

Registration Fee (Individuals & Duet/Pair Mbr) - \$40: Mandatory for all individual/duet/pair participants (both duet/pair partners pay). This fee helps defray costs such as the use of the facility, surcharges, and awards, as well as judges' fees, airfare, food and lodging.

Music: Music for Teams, Groups, Trios, Corps and Collegiate: must be emailed by May 14, 2024, to NERmusic24@gmail.com. **Music for Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton and Duet:** Adv Solo/Duet will be performed to the WBTF IC Solo music. Nov/Beg/Int Solo, Beg/Int Duet, & all 2 & 3 Baton (Beg/Int/Adv) will be performed to the WBTF IC multiple baton music. **Music for Artistic Twirl & Artistic Pairs:** All Artistic Twirl/Artistic Pairs will be performed to the WBTF Artistic Twirl. Music is available for free download on www.ustwirling.justgo.com.

Finals for Individual Events 2024 NER will be following USTA National format for finals. **Finals will take place on Saturday after the Team/Group Competition**

Private Lessons: PRIVATE LESSONS ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS!

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities: Before signing the waivers at the bottom of individual and group entry forms, parents/guardians agree to read the Parent/Guardian Responsibilities contained in the current USTA Rule Book.

Team/Group Entry Form:

1. This form contains two pages. The group waiver must be signed.
2. All entries must be accompanied by an attached roster. Please type or print clearly. All group entries must include a roster of names, ages (as of 8-31-24), birth dates, USTA #'s, and average age for each group. Include the music name for each entry on your roster list.
3. To avoid personnel conflicts, all members of more than one team/corps/organization must be designated on a separate list and attached to the roster. List the name of the other groups; specify category, level and age division.
4. Fee columns include USTA surcharge. Registration is \$7 per athlete in lieu of admission fee. Organization fee \$45, pay once per organization. *Please do not staple checks to entry form.*

Team Ages: Team average age – Tiny Tots all members must be 7 or under; Primary 9.99 & under; Juvenile 10-13.99; Junior 14-17.99; Senior 18 & over. Dance Twirl Teams and Trios may only compete in one age category per event unless there is a 25% or more change in team personnel and one or more members is of the next age division; Twirl Teams must have a 50% change or more. Trio (Tiny Tot Trios are not currently offered, only Primary, Juvenile, Junior and Senior) consist of 3 members. Small teams consist of 4-8 members. Large teams consist of 9+ members. Artistic Group and all Corps are 10+ members.

Classification for Artistic Groups, Show Teams and Parade Corps: One division is offered.

Classification for Entertainment Corps: Prim/Juv or Jr/Sr

Classification for Dance Twirl and Twirl Teams: See USTA Rule Book

Team/Group Time Limits: Twirling Teams 2:00-3:30 min. with 10 sec. leeway; Dance Twirl Teams 2:00-3:00 min. with 10 sec. leeway. Trios: 2:00-3:00 min. with 10 sec. leeway. Parade Corps 2:00-4:00 min. with 10 sec. leeway, forward progression movement 1:30 min., 10+ members. Entertainment Corps 3:00-5:00 min. with 10 sec. Show Teams 2:00-3:00 min. with 10 sec leeway. Artistic Groups 3:00-3:30 min. with 10 sec leeway - one level, 10+ members. Reference the USTA Rule Book.

Team Restriction: Twirl Teams and Dance Twirl Teams who choose to compete in both categories MUST adhere to the following regulations: a) must compete with different routines understanding that selected sections may be used in both routines (i.e., 2 baton/3 baton section, finger series, rolls, etc.); b) must utilize completely different song/music selections.

Order of Performance for Team/Trio/Corps/Group Day: Events will be scheduled in the order that prevents as many personnel conflicts as possible. Retreat and awards will occur following the final set. Lineups will be sent to Directors approximately 2 weeks prior to contest.

All Entries: Mail to: 2024 NER Championships C/O Terry Althoff, 12102 Round Tree Lane, Bowie, MD 20715

Questions/Concerns: Please e-mail Terry Althoff at: tstwirl@aol.com.

Regarding rules and regulations, please refer to the USTA Rule Book

2024 NER INDIVIDUAL ENTRY Deadline April 3, 2024

Name _____ USTA# _____ Birthdate _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____ Parent/Guardian Name and E-mail _____
All confirmations will be sent to the email on file in the athletes USTA membership database; please allow 14-18 days.
Suggestion: Keep copy of your completed form. If you don't receive a confirmation within the allotted time, please email Terry Althoff at tstwirl@aol.com.
 Coaches _____ Group Affiliation _____

Please do not staple checks to entry form. Circle/highlight events entering – complete all information including TOTAL.

REGISTRATION FEE INFO	◆ NER CHAMPIONSHIP Events (Friday) ◆ Circle/Highlight Events		
All individual, duet/pair participants must pay the registration fee of \$40 . This fee helps defray costs such as the use of the facility (the Gymnasium and the Field House), surcharges, awards, as well as judge's fees, airfare, food and lodging. Include registration fee for pair/duet partner if she/he is not entering additional individual events.	Championship Events (\$45)	Duet (\$65)	Artistic Twirl Pairs (\$65)
	Women's Solo Men's Solo Artistic Twirl Collegiate Events: competes Saturday (EVALUATIVE ONLY) (#) _____ Events @ \$45 = \$ _____	Strut Two Baton Three Baton "Elite" X Strut *Non-Sanctioned/Not an NER Title	Pri (comb. 0-18) Juv (comb. 19-26) Jr (comb. 27-34) Sr (comb.35+) Partner USTA# _____ Name _____ Age: ___ DOB _____
	Only one member send entry; include full payment for both. (#) _____ pairs @ \$65 each: \$ _____		
	NER Events MAY combine age levels if entries warrant.		Total for NER Championship Events → \$ _____

◆ FESTIVAL OF THE FUTURE EVENTS (Sunday) ◆ Circle/Highlight Events			
Foundation Events (\$14)	Festival Events (\$20)	Festival Duet (\$30)	Festival Art Twirl Pairs (\$30)
Basic Nov Beg Int Adv	Strut Nov Beg Int	Prim (0-18) Nov Beg Int	Prim (0-18) Nov Beg Int
Parade Nov Beg Int Adv	Artistic Twirl Nov Beg Int	Juv (19-26) Nov Beg Int	Juv (19-26) Nov Beg Int
Mil Nov Beg Int Adv	Solo Nov Beg Int	Jr (27-34) Nov Beg Int	Jr (27-34) Nov Beg Int
Pres Nov Beg Int Adv	2-Baton Nov Beg Int	Sr (35+) Nov Beg Int	Sr (35+) Nov Beg Int
	3-Baton Nov Beg Int	Partner's USTA # _____ Name _____ Age _____ Bday _____	Partner's USTA # _____ Name _____ Age _____ Bday _____
	"A" X Strut *Non-Sanctioned (#) _____ Events @ \$20= _____	**Only 1 member sends entry (#) _____ Events @ \$30=\$ _____	**Include FULL payment for both (#) _____ Events @ \$30= \$ _____
Total for FOF Events →			\$ _____

Note: All FOF events are divisional level unless entries warrant dividing.

Please read carefully:

Deadline: US Post Office postmark by midnight April 3, 2024 . ** Metered Mail, Phone, Hand Delivered, or Mail REQUIRING SIGNATURES will NOT BE ACCEPTED. Money order/bank certified checks ONLY - Pay to North East Regional Council Mail To: 2024 NER Championships, c/o Terry Althoff, 12102 Round Tree Ln, Bowie, MD 20715 Registration Fee: See info in box at top of page. Include registration fee for pair/duet partner if he/she is not entering additional individual EVENTS & include parent/guardian signature below. USTA membership number is REQUIRED. Athletes must enter the NER Championships and FOF at the age they will be on Aug. 31, 2024. Primary 0-9; Juvenile 10-13; Junior 14-17; Senior 18-21; Adult 22+ Non-Member Fee: Only pay this amount if you are not a USTA Member. Include payment for Duet/Artistic Pair Partner if needed as well.	Total for Events → \$ _____ Registration Fee(s) → + \$ 40.00 (all participants pay) USTA Non-Member Fee → \$ _____ (\$5.00) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ All fees must be enclosed! Please do not staple checks to entry form.
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Waiver/Indemnity of Liability: I agree to assume the risk of any injury that might happen to my child as a result of participation in the USTA NER Championships in Pennsylvania. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the USTA, North East Regional Council, Kutztown University and their agents or employees from any loss they may sustain as a result of injury to my child as a result of participation at the USTA NER Championships in Pennsylvania.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

NER EXTRA PROGRAMS, ADS & BOOSTERS

Circle the space(s) you are purchasing

Size	Dimensions	Price
FULL Page	7.5 x 10	\$100
HALF Page	7.5 x 5	\$70
QUARTER Page	3 x 5	\$40
Business Card	3 x 2.5	\$25
Booster Line	65 Characters/Spaces	\$5
Extra Programs		\$10 or \$15 on Site
Name for Program(s) _____		Qty _____ x \$10 each = \$ _____

Everyone who submits a booster will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card

- **Ads:** Submit ads print ready via email in PDF or JPG file format to kayma1014@gmail.com
 - *Black and white ads only*
 - **Deadline:** POSTMARKED BY **APRIL 3, 2024**
 - Make Checks Payable to North East Regional Council
- Mail to: Kaylyn Ahrenstein Questions or Help with ad design?
9 Torrington Lane kayma1014@gmail.com
Shoreham, New York 11786

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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NER 54th TEE SHIRTS

NER TEE SHIRTS – Deadline Postmarked By **4/3/24**

Name _____ Coach _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

List Quantities for Sizes:

CM _____ CL _____ AS _____ AM _____ AL _____ AXL _____ AXXL _____

_____ T-Shirts x \$25 = \$ _____

- Make Checks Payable to North East Regional Council

Mail to: Debbie Doherty

Questions or help

Exhibitor Information
USTA North East Regional 54th Competition

May 30, 2024 – June 2, 2024
Kutztown University
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

- Exhibit Hours: 8 am – 5 pm (Hours subject to change per competition day)
- Estimated attendance is 500 athletes and 50 coaches.
- Deadline for receipt of exhibitor contract and fee is April 3, 2024
- Exhibitor's Booth Fee is \$500 and is non-refundable.
- Exhibitor's fee includes a 1/2-page ad in the event's souvenir program, if you supply black/white artwork.
- Booths may be set up after 9 am on 5/30/24 and must be dis-assembled by end of competition on 6/2/24.
- Exhibitors may choose to be present for only a portion of the event. Exhibitor fee is NOT discounted if you are NOT setting up for the entire event. Location of booths is determined by event director.
- Only commitments made with NER via this contract and received by Karen Cammer will be honored.

EXHIBITOR CONTRACT

Exhibitor signed below acknowledges that she/he has read and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of this contract and exhibitor information listed above.

Agreed to by _____ for Exhibitor _____
(Your name printed) *(Company name printed)*

Contact Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Submitted by Signature _____ Date _____

Exhibitor's Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Please check the dates you will be open: ___ 5/30 ___ 5/31 ___ 6/1 ___ 6/2

Mail agreement, deposit/payment and ad artwork (Check payable to North East Regional Council) to:

NER-Exhibitors
Karen Cammer
47 Kilburn Ave
Huntington Station, NY 11746
Cell: 631-513-0039 ♦ KJCammer55@gmail.com

Directions to Kutztown University

The charming borough of Kutztown is nestled in the Pennsylvania Dutch countryside of Berks County in southeastern Pennsylvania. Kutztown is midway between Reading and Allentown on Route 222. The town is approximately 2 hours from New York City, 1.5 hours from Philadelphia and Harrisburg, and 3 hours from Baltimore/Washington.

From the North:

81 South to 476 (PA Turnpike N.E. Extension) to Exit 56 – 78 West to Exit 40 (formerly exit 12) and 737 South. Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street (Turkey Hill Mini Mart), turn right at light and continue up hill to campus

From the South:

81 North – 78 East to exit 40 (formerly exit 12) and 737 South. Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street (Turkey Hill Mini Mart), turn right at light and continue up hill to campus **OR** 83 North to 30 East – 222 North into Kutztown. Take the Kutztown exit and continue on road/Main Street to campus

From the East

78 West to exit 40 (formerly exit 12) and 737 South. Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street (Turkey Hill Mini Mart), turn right at light and continue up hill to campus **OR** 76 West to 476 (PA Turnpike N.E. extension) to exit 56 - 78 West to exit 40 (formerly exit 12) and 737 South. Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street (Turkey Hill Mini Mart), turn right at light and continue up hill to campus **OR** 76 West to 422 West to 222 North into Kutztown. From either South/North, Take the Kutztown exit and continue on road/Main Street to campus.

From the West

80 East to 476 (PA Turnpike N.E. extension) to exit 56 - 78 West to exit 40 (formerly exit 12) and 737 South. Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street (Turkey Hill Mini Mart), turn right at light and continue up hill to campus **OR** 76 East to 81 North - 78 East to exit 40 (formerly exit 12) and 737 South. Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street (Turkey Hill Mini Mart), turn right at light and continue up hill to campus.

Airline service is available in Reading (at the Reading Regional Airport) and Allentown (at the larger Lehigh Valley International Airport) with direct connections via leading airlines to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Atlanta, New York City and many other major cities.

Local Accommodations

<p>Super 8 Motel 2160 Golden Key Road Allentown, PA 19530 610-285-4880 Continental Breakfast Approximately 7.9 miles from Kutztown</p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn Allentown West 230 Sycamore Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 610-398-6686 Indoor Pool, On-Site Dining Approximately 10.5 miles from Kutztown</p>
<p>Fairfield Inn & Suites 2140 Motel Drive Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-867-8681 Approximately 23.4 miles from Kutztown</p>	<p>Holiday Inn Conference Center 7736 Adrienne Drive Allentown, PA 18031 610-391-1000 Outdoor Pool, On-Site Dining Approximately 10.6 miles from Kutztown</p>
<p>Hampton Inn & Suites 15080 Kutztown Road Kutztown, Pa 19530 484-641-8800 Approximately 1 mile from Kutztown</p>	<p>Hawthorne Suites 7720 Main Street Fogelsville, Pa 18051 610-366-9422 Approximately 11 miles from Kutztown</p>

2024 NORTH EAST REGIONAL GROUP ENTRY - PAGE 1
DEADLINE - April 3, 2024

	Director(s)	USTA#	
Address	City	State	Zip
Coach(es)	Email		
Phone	Music: List on Roster Page (must be attached to entry)		

*lete and legible. Confirmation will be emailed. Please allow 14-18 days.
 onfirmation within the allotted time, please email Terry Althoff at tstwirl@aol.com
 Roster of names, ages, birth dates (as of 8.31.24), USTA #'s and average age for each group. Do not staple checks.*

NER Small Teams		Please Circle		\$55 per event	
AAA Twirl Team		Junior	Senior		
Elite Twirl Team		Junior	Senior		
AAA Dance Twirl	Juvenile	Junior	Senior		
Elite Dance Twirl		Junior	Senior		
Number of Team Events				<input type="text"/>	x \$55 = <input type="text"/>
NER Trio		Please Circle		\$50 per Event	
Trio	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior	
Number of Team Events				<input type="text"/>	x \$50 = <input type="text"/>
NER Large Teams		Please Circle		\$55 per event	
AAA Twirl Team		Junior	Senior		
Elite Twirl Team		Junior	Senior		
AAA Dance Twirl	Juvenile	Junior	Senior		
Elite Dance Twirl		Junior	Senior		
Number of Team Events				<input type="text"/>	x \$55 = <input type="text"/>
FOF Trio		Please Circle		\$45 per Event	
Primary	**Novice	Beginner	Intermediate		
Juvenile	**Novice	Beginner	Intermediate		
Junior	**Novice	Beginner	Intermediate		
Senior	**Novice	Beginner	Intermediate		
Number of Team Events				<input type="text"/>	x \$45 = <input type="text"/>
FOF Small Teams		Please Circle		\$50 per event	
Novice Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
A Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
AA Twirl Team			Juvenile	Junior	Senior
Novice Dance Twirl Team	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
A Dance Twirl Team	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
AA Dance Twirl Team	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
Number of Team Events				<input type="text"/>	x \$50 = <input type="text"/>
FOF Large Teams		Please Circle		\$50 per event	
Novice Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
A Twirl Team		Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
AA Twirl Team			Juvenile	Junior	Senior
Novice Dance Twirl	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
A Dance Twirl	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
AA Dance Twirl	Tiny Tot	Primary	Juvenile	Junior	Senior
Number of Team Events				<input type="text"/>	x \$50 = <input type="text"/>
GROUPS PAGE 1 TOTAL =					<input type="text"/>

2024 NORTH EAST REGIONAL GROUP ENTRY - PAGE 2
DEADLINE - APRIL 3, 2024

Organization	Director(s)	USTA#
Address	City	State Zip
Coach(es)	Email	
Phone	Music: List on Roster Page (must be attached to entry)	

Please complete and legible. Confirmation will be emailed. Please allow 14-18 days. Receive a confirmation within the allotted time, please email Terry Althoff at tstwirl@aol.com. Roster of names, ages, birth dates (as of 8.31.24), USTA #'s and average age for each group. Do not staple checks.

Artistic Groups	\$65 per event	
One Division		
Number of Events	_____	x \$65 = _____

Parade Corps	\$65 per event	
One Division		
Number of Events	_____	x \$65 = _____

**IBTF Twirling Corps	\$65 per event	
One Division		
**Non Sanctioned		
Number of Events	_____	x \$65 = _____

Entertainment Corps	\$75 per event	
Please Circle		
Primary/Juvenile	Junior/Senior	
Number of Events	_____	x \$75 = _____

Show Teams	\$75 per event	
Please Circle		
Small Show Team	Primary	Juvenile Junior Senior
Large Show Team	Primary	Juvenile Junior Senior
Number of Events	_____	x \$75 = _____

GROUPS PAGE 2 TOTAL = _____

IMPORTANT GROUP ENTRY INFORMATION

NOTE: If you have two or more teams in the same category (i.e. 2 beginner primary small dance twirl teams) indicate next to the category, add the appropriate "Number of Team Events" and enter the appropriate fee in the fee column.

ROSTER: All group entries must include a roster of names, ages(as of 8-31-24),birth dates,USTA #'s, and average age for each group. Include the music name for each entry on your roster list.

Music must be emailed by May 14, 2024

NERMusic24@gmail.com

Rule Book: Reference the rule book for all changes

IBTF events refer to the USTA/IBTF manual available on the member portal on www.ustwirling.justgo.com

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Mail to: 2024 NER Championships C/O Terry Althoff
12102 Round Tree Lane, Bowie, MD 20715

Money Order/ Certified Bank Checks only, made payable to
North East Regional Council

NER GROUP TOTALS	
Groups Page 1	_____
Groups Page 2	_____
USTA Non-Member Fee (if applicable) \$5 per athlete x _____ athletes	_____
Registration Fee \$7/athlete athlete x _____ athletes	_____
Organization Fee (\$45 - pay once)	_____
Total Amount Paid for Groups <i>Please do not staple checks to entry</i>	_____
DEADLINE: April 3, 2024	

Waiver/Indemnity of liability: I agree to assume the risk that may occur to me, my child or my group as a result of participation in this NER Championships, sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the USTA, the NER, Kutztown University and their agents or employees harmless from any loss they may sustain as a result of injury to me, my child or my group as a result of my (our) participation in this NER, USTA event. I have read the "Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities" and as a condition for the NER's acceptance of my child's or group's entry in this NER, USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties that are set forth in that statement. FORM MUST BE SIGNED

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____