



2025 AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Competition



LOCATION: George R. Brown Convention Center 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010

DATES:	Wednesday, July 23, 2025	Athlete/Coach Check-In	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Thursday, July 24, 2025	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Friday, July 25, 2025	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Saturday, July 26, 2025	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Monday, July 28, 2025	Celebration of Athletes	TBD

***Events to be announced:** Baton Twirling Clinic

QUALIFICATIONS: Athletes must have a current AAU membership and have qualified at their district or Regional AAU Baton Twirling Competition this season. Any athlete who does not have a qualifier in their district or a regional contest nearby may still compete but must apply for a competition waiver.

RULES: Please go to www.aaubaton.org to download the 2025 AAU Baton Twirling Rule Book. There are descriptions of offered events, rule changes, and new rules that are important to know.

AGE DIVISIONS: Individual Baton Solo Events: 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18; 19-22

Boys Baton Solo (boys will be separate from girls in one-baton solo only): 5-9, 10-14, 15+
Dance-Twirl Freestyle: 5-9; 10-12; 13-15; 16-18; 19-22
Novelty Freestyle: (All Levels) 5-9; 19-22; (Beg/Adv Levels) 10-12; 13-15; 16-18
Teams average ages: 0-6 (Tot), 7-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Jr), 14 -18 (Sr), 19-22 College (University/College)
Corps average ages: 0-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Junior), 14-18 (Senior)
Auxiliary Team: Elementary (1st Grade -5th Grade), Junior High (6th Grade – 8th Grade), Senior High Grade –12th Grade), Collegiate (University/College)
EVENTS: **Dance Baton Solo Events:** 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18; 19-22
Dance Teams average ages: 0-6 (Tot), 7-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Jr), 14 -18 (Sr), 19-22 (University/College)

Baton Individual Events- One Baton, Two Baton, Multiple Baton. X-Strut, Straight line Strut, Parade Strut, Basic Strut, Military Strut, Novelty Freestyle, Dance-Twirl Freestyle, Collegiate Halftime Routine, Collegiate Downfield Strut, All-Around Twirling Champion (includes Collegiate Champion, see grid).

Sports Press Presentation: Contestants will be interviewed by a "Sports Reporter" and have the opportunity to present their twirling and performance skills. Twirlers will be interviewed about baton twirling and their twirling experiences and present a 30 second routine in a designated area as though a camera was filming. Routine may exist of twirling (one baton, strutting, and poses to display twirler's skills and represent the best of baton twirling.

AAU World Twirling Challenge- High School and Collegiate Twirlers can vie for the title of 2025 Twirler of All Trades. This is a two-part competition. Part A will consist of the athletes competing with a Novelty Solo routine to music of their choice (AAU Novelty Solo Time Limit Applies). The Top 3 winners for each division will advance to finals. In the final's competition, athletes will be given a set song to which they must choreograph a one baton Dance-Twirl Solo (Time limit will be 1:30 Max). Along with the regular criteria, athletes will be judged on creativity, expressiveness, and their interpretation of the musical selection. A cash prize will be awarded.

Age Divisions: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Collegiate.

Individual Baton Status Levels: Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced will be offered. College level will also be offered in the All-Around Champion event, Collegiate Half-Time and Collegiate Downfield Strut events.

Baton Corps- Twirling Corps and Parade Corps. Beginner and Advanced Status.

Baton Teams: Twirling Team (March Music), Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Street Parade Team, Show-Twirl Team, College Majorette Line, Auxiliary Teams (Pom Line, Dance Line, Drill Team, Guard, Majorette Line). Beginner and Advanced Status.

Baton/Dance Team Sizes- Extra-Small Team (Twirling Team, Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Auxiliary Majorette): 2-3 Athletes Small Teams: 4-9 athletes; Large Teams: 10-19 athletes; Extra Large Teams: 20+

Dance Individual/Team Events- Jazz/Lyrical, Hip Hop, Modern/Contemporary and Pom.

EVENT COST:

Baton & Dance Individual Events	Corps and Team Events	All Around Twirling Champion
1 Event \$69.00	\$25 per athlete per event	Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Collegiate- \$50
Each Additional event \$20.00		Advanced - \$60
ADDITIONAL FEES THAT REQUIRE SEPARATE REGISTRATION: Clinic: \$15 (Pre-registration Fee); \$20 On-Site (On-site Fee)		

*More information & Registration for the Clinic can be found on the AAU Junior Olympics Baton Twirling Page

YOUR SOLO ONE BATON STATUS DETERMINES YOUR ALL AROUND STATUS

Challenger	Solo One Baton	Basic Strut	Parade Strut	
Novice	Solo One Baton	Basic Strut	Parade Strut	
Beginner	Solo One Baton	Solo Multiple Batons	Parade Strut	
Intermediate	Solo One Baton	Solo Multiple Batons	Strut (X-Strut or SL Strut)	
Advanced	Solo One Baton	Strut (X-Strut or SL Strut)	Multiple Batons	Dance-Twirl Freestyle
Collegiate	Solo One Baton	College Half-Time	Collegiate Downfield	

ALL AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION:

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members. To join, visit www.aausports.org and click on JOIN AAU to become a member of the AAU. **BE PREPARED and register your coaches early! You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership on site at the event, background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes and can take up to 10 business days.**

REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE: *All Entries must be completed online no later than Tuesday June 30th, 2025 11:59 PM EST at www.aaujrogames.org. Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover are accepted. All fees are non-refundable.*

You will need to have your AAU membership at the time of registering for the AAU Junior Olympic Games. After registering online for the events in which you have qualified, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment. Once you have registered and paid online, there is no need to send in any paperwork.

Note: Only AAU registered COACHES are authorized to complete Corps, Teams, Duet and Trio Events. Parents, coaches, etc. may enter individual solo events.

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU spend many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, parent, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is complete in every detail and processed on time.

AGE

DETERMINATION: The athlete's age will be determined by the athlete's actual age as of July 31, 2025

SUBMITTING**MUSIC:**

ALL Team and solo events that require music must email the music director an MP3 file to kemericau@gmail.com by the July 5th entry deadline. Music will be played on a laptop through the sound system at the contest. Team directors and Solo Dancers should also bring a back-up copy for your music.

If your music is NOT turned in by the AAU Junior Olympic Games/National Competition entry deadline of **July 5, 2025**, a \$25 late fee will be applied to the entry. This fee will be due at check-in at the AAU Junior Olympic Games or AAU National Baton Competition. This fee will apply to solos as well as teams

COACHES:	<p>All AAU Baton Twirling Coaches wishing to have access to the practice area and competition floor will be given a Baton Lanyard with special access backstage.</p> <p>To register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling and Dance Championships, visit www.aaujrogames.org and register on line. The coaches' entry is \$40 and includes a coaches' gift, t-shirt, and event credentials (allowing access to ALL competition venues). The coaches' registration fee is in addition to your non-athlete membership fee. On site coach entry may be accepted with a \$10 late fee (\$50 total); however, you must have your non-athlete membership number to register as a coach on site.</p> <p>The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. Athletes, coaches and families can choose from a wide variety of accommodations in various price points and with several levels of amenities. The Local Organizing Committee has carefully selected host hotels for participants with the lowest rates available. The hotels selected for the program not only provide great rates, but also the greatest convenience in regards to location and other amenities.</p>
HOUSING:	<p>All reservations are handled through the Local Organizing Committee. DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTELS DIRECTLY AS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED RATE. Please visit the website at www.aaujrogames.org and click on Hotels to make your reservations. Please check online regarding deposit requirements and cancellation policies which may vary depending on hotel. AAU is not responsible for any refunds from cancellation.</p>
ONSITE CHECK-IN:	<p>Baton Twirling and Dance participants must check-in at the George R. Brown Convention Center to receive their athlete credential or coach wristband. The appropriate credential or wristband will be needed prior to gaining admittance into the competition venues. If that credential or wristband is lost or stolen there will be a replacement fee. For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org (click on Event Info, then Registration). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.</p>
PARKING:	<p>Some locations may have parking fees. Please visit www.aaujrogames.org and click on Maps & Directions for more information. Also, some hotels may charge for parking. Please check with your hotel for specific information as prices vary.</p>
CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES:	<p>The Celebration of Athletes will be held on Monday, July 27, 2025. More information will be posted at www.aaujrogames.org as it becomes available.</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>All participants and spectators are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.</p>
SECURITY:	<p>All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.</p>
FOOD:	<p>All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. Outside food and beverage are not permitted throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.</p>
ADMISSION FEE:	<p>Athletes and coaches with a credential will receive admission to all competition venues and the Celebration of Athletes as part of your entry fee. Please note that you must check-in and pick up your credential prior to receiving admittance into any venue, including the Celebration of Athletes. You must have the appropriate wristband or credential. Spectators may purchase tickets on site at the venues.</p>
NO GUARANTEE:	<p>The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has licensed (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator. This includes, but is not limited to all travel, lodging, food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.</p>

**COMPETITION
SCHEDULE:**

*This is only a tentative schedule and is subject to change.
A Final Schedule will be available at the Athlete Check-in.*

2025 AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling/Dance Final Schedule

NOTE: More info on separate flyers for Baton Twirling Clinic

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
Athletes & Coaches Check-In 11-4pm

THURSDAY, JULY 24 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
All Baton Team/Corp and Dance Team Events All-City Majorette and Dance Team Events All Solo Dance-Twirl Freestyle World Challenge (Part 1) All Dance Solos Showcase: More Information to come Awards for Teams/Corps, Dance Solos and Dance Twirl Freestyles

FRIDAY, JULY 25 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
All Solo Novelty Freestyles Collegiate Downfield Collegiate Half-Time World Challenge (Part 2) All All-Around Baton Events with Own Music (Dance-Twirl Freestyles, Collegiate Downfield, Collegiate Half-time) Solo Competition for: Basic, Military & Parade Strut Sports Press Presentation Clinic: More information to come Awards for Dance-Twirl Freestyle, Novelty Freestyle, Collegiate Downfield/Half-Time Awards for Basic, Military, Parade Strut, World Challenge & Sports Press Presentation

SATURDAY, JULY 26 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
All Remaining All-Around Champion Strut & Solo Events Solo Competition for: X-Strut & Straight-Line Strut One & Two Baton Boys Solo One-Baton 3 -Baton, Multiple Baton Solo Twirl-Off Showcase: More information to come Awards for all remaining Strut and Solo Events Awards for All-Around Champion (Including Collegiate Champion)

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED SOLO TWIRL-OFF:

- A. A solo twirl-off will be held at the conclusion of the AAU Junior Olympic Games solo events for all first place winners in the following one-baton solo divisions: Intermediate One-Baton Solo and Advanced One-Baton Solo.
- B. One Intermediate One-Baton Solo Twirl-Off winner will be selected
- C. One Advanced One-Baton Solo Twirl-Off winner will be selected.

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