

2025 Ozark Baton Twirling Championships Director: Kandi B. Staples 573-380-1413 kandistaplesaau@gmail.com

EVENT DATES:

Registration Closes: May 28, 2025 Results Announced: June 10, 2025 *Awards mailed after results are posted.

> AAU MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO COMPETE IN THIS EVENT. For membership info/registration visit: www.aausports.org

THIS EVENT COUNTS AS A COMPETITION FOR THE AAU BATON TWIRLING LETTERING PROGRAM

COST/AWARDS:

- Entry Fees: \$30 first event; \$10 each additional event
- Scoring: Each performance will be scored individually and a rating issued for that performance.
- Awards (per each scored performance):
 - Each entry will be awarded one of the following ratings: HIGH GOLD, GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE, COPPER
- Special Awards (for selected performances):
 - Outstanding Choreography, Top Technique, Top Strutter, Most Rhythmic, Artistic Creativity, Outstanding Showmanship, Judge's Choice, Best In Show, Rising Star
- **Additional Submission Request:**
 - Each athlete will need to upload a photo of themselves on the entry form (this will be used for award announcements).

2025 OZARK ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN:

- Entry Fee: \$10
- Divisions: Division I (Grades 6-8) and Division II (Grades 9-12)
- Description: This award honors athletes for excelling in the sport of baton twirling and in the academic setting.
- Awards: Academic All-American Medal and Certificate presented to all that qualify
- Requirements: Have a 3.0 or higher GPA or equivalent to an A/B Average, Enrolled in Grades 6-12
- **Submission Requirements:**
 - Photo or most recent Grading Report by email.
 - Grade Report Photo Due by Registration Deadline.
 - Email to: kandistaplesaau@gmail.com

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

BATON TWIRLING: (2 minute max time limit on all routines)

- One-Baton Solo (perform a routine that uses one-baton only; music not required; start/end with either a salute or courtesy pose)
- Combination Solo (perform your choice of <u>one</u> of the following routines: two-baton, three-baton, multi-baton; music not required; start/end with either a salute or courtesy pose)
- Basic Strut (perform a standard Basic Strut to march music)
- Military Strut (perform a standard Military Strut to march music)
- Choice Strut (perform your choice of one of the following struts to march music: X-Strut, T-Strut, L-Strut, Straight Line)
- Show Twirl Routine/Novelty Solo (perform a themed routine to music of your choice using various equipment)
- Rhythmic Routine/Dance-Twirl Solo (perform an expressive routine to music of your choice using one-baton only)

DIRECTIONS:

- Competition age for this contest is the athlete's age as of: May 28, 2025 (age as of entry deadline)
- All performances should be recorded by the athlete or appointed person specifically for this competition. Videos from other competitions or performance events will not be accepted.
- No edited video submissions allowed.
- Videos should be uploaded to YouTube. For privacy reasons YouTube videos should be marked as unlisted (so that only the athlete, contest director, and judges are the only ones able to view the videos). NOTE: No submitted videos will be downloaded or shared in any way (this ensures the privacy of the athlete). If you have any questions please contact the contest director and she will help you.
- YouTube links will be submitted on the registration form for each event. Each routine/event must be recorded and uploaded separately.
- Please label each video with the athletes name and event they are performing (Example: Athlete Name/One-Baton Solo, Athlete Name/Show Twirl). Announcing name/division during video is not required.
- Performances can be done anywhere there is a flat surface. (Driveway, gym, studio, sport court, etc.).
- All performers should be in a uniform/attire appropriate for their selected routine. The definition of a uniform is up to the athlete
 but should indicate to the judges that the athlete has attempted to show "performance attire".
- All payments should be sent via PayPal (follow directions on online registration form). Be sure to include the athlete's name in
 the note portion of the form. Payments should be sent "TO FRIENDS" in order to avoid an additional charge applied to your entry
 to cover the online fee that PayPal takes out if sent via "SERVICE".
- Each athlete should upload a good quality posed photo to the google entry form that will be used in the announcement of award winners.