**United States Twirling Association**

**Maine Baton Twirling Council**

**Maine State Championships and Festival of the Future Open Competition**

# ***Sponsored by: MBTC***

When: Saturday, May 20,2023

Where: Kennebunk High School

89 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk, Maine 04043

Time: Doors Open 8:00 AM

Competition Begins at 10:00 AM

**No Late Entries Accepted – No Refunds**

# ***Postmarked: 4/5/2023***

Awards: Team/Corps ~ 1st Medallion, 2nd & 3rd Medals (each member will receive an award)

Individual Events ~ 1st Medallion, 2nd & 3rd Medals (all others will receive an award)

Entry Deadline: April 5, 2023 all entries must be postmarked by the entry deadline and received by the contest director within five days of the postmark deadline.

***Team coaches please email a complete list of athletes to the contest director by 4/21/2023. All team coaches must provide a thumb drive to the tabulation table at the prior to the start of the contest for team critiques.***

***A digital recording of the judge’s critique will be emailed to the athlete’s coach with 48 hours of the closing of the contest***

Payments: Checks made payable to Maine Baton Twirling Council

**Mail entries to: Susan Plass 6 Chase Hill Rd, Kennebunk, ME 04043**

Directions to contest location: Maine Turnpike to Exit 25, Kennebunk/Kennebunkport. Turn RIGHT on Alewive Rd (ME-35). Turn LEFT onto FLETCHER Rd. High school will be on your LEFT.

Admissions: Adult $8.00 ~ Children Ages 2 - 12 $5.00

Questions: Contest Director: Susan Plass

kbunktwirl@roadrunner.com 423-3019

**Competition is sanctioned by USTA and will follow all USTA competition guidelines and rules.**

***Concessions will be available!***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

**ENTRY FORMS**

* DEADLINE DATE – please pay attention to entry form postmark and deadline dates. It takes the contest directors many hours to gather, sort and verify all entry forms and memberships before beginning contest setup. Once the program is set up it is double checked to make sure there are no conflicts with the USTA set system rules. If entry forms were accepted after the deadline date, it would result in reworking the set system and creating a longer and an inefficiently run competition.
* CONFLICTS – please enter anything you might think would affect the contest set up.
  + Teams – athlete(s) that may be in more than one team and would need a costume change or rest time
  + Athletes that may be related to a judge
  + Athletes that may have a coach that is also a judge
  + Anything else you think might be a potential conflict
* TEAM LIST
  + Coaches need to send in a team list: athlete’s name, date of birth and USTA# with team entry form
  + Coaches will also need to email a list of all your athletes that are competing to the contest director at least one week prior to the contest date.

**USTA AGE CATEGORIES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND PAIRS EVENTS**

Events that may be run with single or combined age groups:

* Women’s Solo, Two Baton, Strut, Artistic Twirl single age groups: 0-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22+
* Women’s Solo, Two Baton, Strut, Artistic Twirl combined age groups: Primary (0-9), Juvenile (10-13), Junior (14-17), Senior (18-21), Adult (22+)

Events with combined age groups only:

* Men’s Solo - Primary (0-9), Juvenile (10-13), Junior (14-17), Senior (18-21), Adult (22+)
* Three Baton - Primary (0-9), Juvenile (10-13), Junior (14-17), Senior (18-21), Adult (22+)
* Duets and Artistic Twirl Pairs – Primary (9-18), Juvenile (19-26), Junior (27-34, Senior (35+)

Age categories for team events:

* Tiny Tot – all members must be age 7 or under
* Primary – average age of 9.99 or below
* Juvenile – average age between 10-13.99
* Junior – average age between 14-17.99
* Senior – average age of 18.0 or over

**COLLEGIATE EVENT** – collegiate twirling event is performed by any individual, enrolled and matriculating in a college or university (undergraduate or graduate), with one or multiple batons to the university fight song and a powerful musical selection of the athlete's choice. Please see the USTA rule book for additional rules and time limits.

**FREESTYLE EVENT** – all freestyle athletes will be required to have passed compulsories and movement technique from:

* C through A for athletes competing at A level
* C through AA for athletes competing at AA level
* C through AAA for athletes competing at AAA level
* C through Elite for athletes competing at Elite level

**CLASSIFICATION OF PROFICENCY LEVELS**

* NOVICE – a contestant who won less than three (3) first place awards in that event. When the third first place award is won, the contestant may no longer enter the Novice division in that event.
* BEGINNER – a contestant who has won less than five (5) competitive first place awards in that event. When the fifth first place award is won, the contestant may no longer enter the Beginner division in that event.
* INTERMEDIATE – a contestant who has won less than ten (10) competitive first place awards in that event. When the tenth first place award is won, the contestant may no longer enter the intermediate division in that event.
* ADVANCED – a contestant who has won ten (10) or more competitive first place awards in a particular event

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