

Important Rules, Regulations and Changes

1. All IBTA Contest are sanctioned by USTA. USTA Judges will be used and all USTA Rules will apply.
2. All memberships expire on September 1st of each year. You must have a current Membership ID# to enter competitions. It is your responsibility to renew your membership.
3. A one-day membership fee of \$5.00 is available at each Local, State & Regional competitions. You must hold a full USTA membership to enter the US National competition.
4. No late entries or phone in entries will be accepted. **All entries are sent to Brenda Minnich – 10688 S. 275 E. Geneva, IN. 46740**
5. **Athletes will perform at the age they will be as of August 31st. of each competition season. The competition season runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. Therefore, the 2019-2020 season, athletes will compete in USTA events as the age they will be on August 31, 2020. Please note this rule change does NOT apply to WBTF events of PreTrials, Trials, International Cup and the World Championships. The date for determining an athlete's age for competition in those WBTF events remains December 31 of each Calendar year.**
6. **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 two levels up.**
7. **Show Corp is now called Entertainment Corps - One Level, One Age Category, Minimum 10 members**
8. **Parade Corp – One Level, One Age Category, Minimum 10 members**
9. **Artistic Group – One Level, Restrictions, One Age Category, Minimum 10 members**
10. **Show Team – One Level, Pri., Juv. Jr. & Sr. Small & Large**
11. **Twirl Team changes:**
 - Novice Twirl Team: Pri. Juv, Jr. & Sr.**
 - A Twirl Team: Pri, Juv, Jr. & Sr.**
 - AA Twirl Team: Juv, Jr. & Sr. only**
 - AAA Twirl Team: Jr. & Sr. only**
 - Elite Twirl Team: Jr. & Sr. only**

12. Contest directors reserve the right to combine or divide any age group or divisions at their discretion for contests except state. Contest director has privilege of demanding proof of age whenever questionable.
13. Certified funds or money orders only for IBTA contest. No checks will be accepted.
Make funds payable to: IBTA
14. Use entry forms or photocopies from the website.
15. There will be a \$5.00 Facility charge at all IBTA sponsored competitions. Programs will be sold at local competitions for \$1.00. State Pre-order for \$5.00, \$7.00 at the door.
16. NOVICE – A contestant who has won less than three (3) competitive 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. ADVANCED – A contestant who has won ten (10) or more competitive first place awards in a particular event.
20. Novice, Beginner, Intermediate Solo, 2-baton, 3-baton, Pairs will use the official USTA 1:30 min. selection; Advance Solo and Advance Pairs will use the official USTA 1:48 min. selection.
21. All strut and dancetwirl will use the Current official USTA music selection.
22. The Olympic scoring system with critique sheets will be used for beginner, intermediate and advanced events. No score sheets at State. All events will have the scores flashed with the exception of Modeling, Parade March, Parade Line March, Basic, Military and Presentation.
23. Athletes must perform on assigned set number, performing on the wrong set number or missing assigned set number will result in disqualification.
24. Rating system – for IBTTA contests (excluding State), you may enter a special rating category for solo, dancetwirl, strut, 2 & 3 baton and pairs for a rating. You will not compete against anyone – It is for comments only. You will receive an award.
25. Parade March is now a sanctioned event made up of 1 person. The USTA Basic, Military music will be used. This routine is performed in a square in the floor pattern dictated for basic strut in the USTA rule book.
26. You can access the USTA rule book by logging on to the ustwirling.com web site. Go to members only section and then select documents and then rule book.