



2026 COMPETITIVE SEASON CONTEST BOOKLET

Governed by the Rules and Procedures of
the Current USTA Rulebook

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United States Twirling Association



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NYTC MEETINGS

Held: First Monday of September, November, March and the last Monday in June.

Start time: 8:00 PM

**Location: Ascension Lutheran Church 33 Bayshore Road, Deer Park, NY
Or on Zoom (email will be sent out)**

2026 NY Calendar of Events

| Date & Event | Payment | Director / Mail Entry to: | Deadline |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| December 7, 2025 Holiday Contest | Check payable to: NYTC | Karen Cammer 47 Kilburn Avenue Huntington Station, NY 11746 631-513-0039 KJCammer55@gmail.com | November 24, 2025 |
| January 11, 2026 Essentials Meet | Check payable to: NYTC | Linda Peters 77 Toomey Road West Islip, NY 11795 631-926-7510 peterssparkle77@gmail.com | December 28, 2025 |
| March 1, 2026 Sparkler Contest | Check payable to: Sparklers | Linda Peters 77 Toomey Road West Islip, NY 11795 631-926-7510 peterssparkle77@gmail.com | February 15, 2026 |
| March 22, 2026 TNT Contest Comsewogue HS | Check payable to: TNT | Paige Papile 5 Washington Avenue Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 631-252-4219 paigepapile@gmail.com | March 8, 2026 |
| April 12, 2026 Brumidi Contest | Check payable to: Brumidi | Linda Boss 142 W. 11th Street Deer Park, NY 11729 516-359-3644 lindaboss1993@gmail.com | March 29, 2026 |
| April 19, 2026 Dynamic Contest | Check payable to: Dynamics | Alaine Robbins 3 Neil Drive Smithtown, NY 11781 631-245-3808 dynamicsrbw@gmail.com | April 5, 2026 |
| May 3, 2026 Pre-State Contest | Check payable to: NYTC | Paige Papile 5 Washington Avenue Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 631-252-4219 paigepapile@gmail.com | April 19, 2026 |
| May 16-17, 2026 NY State Championships Central Islip HS | Money Order or Bank Check payable to: NYTC | Deb Doherty 85 Birch Street Floral Park, NY 11001 516-316-9347 ddoherty824@gmail.com | Received by: April 10, 2026 |

CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

****PLEASE REFER TO THE USTA RULEBOOK TO VIEW ALL RULES - USTWIRLING.COM****

- **Payment**
 - NY Council Event; make personal check payable to NYTC
 - For the NY State Championships; only a bank check or money order made payable to NYTC will be accepted
 - For all other events, make check payable to the organization listed
- **Bounced Check**: If a check bounces, you must pay the original balance, plus the bank fee prior to the next entry being accepted. After 2 bounced checks, payment will only be accepted via cash or money order.
- **Refunds**: NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN, THIS INCLUDES POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER
- **Order of Events**:
 - Doors open 1 hour prior to start of contest
 - Contest time will be at the discretion of the Contest Director. Start times will be communicated a week prior to the contest date.
 - You MUST bring your Athlete Record Book in order to be evaluated for Compulsories. *If you do NOT, you will NOT be evaluated.* Books can be purchased at the contests for \$6.
 - Teams will not start prior to 9:45 AM followed by: Foundation Events, Strut, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs, All Solo, Duet, 2 Baton, and 3 Baton (ORDER OF EVENTS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE).
- **Critique Only**: Open Solo, 2 Baton and X-Strut for critiques only.
- **Rating Lane**: Evaluative Event offered for each Championship Event: Solo, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Twirl Pairs, 2 Baton, 3 Baton, USTA Strut, and Duet. Athletes will receive critique/comments, but do not receive placement or award.
- **Contest Director**: Reserves the right to make any changes necessary. No changes may be made once an entry is received. ONLY errors made by the contest director will be corrected. Phone entries are discouraged and may be taken at the discretion of the contest director. NO ENTRIES will be accepted the day of the contest. (Exception: Compulsories, which is at the discretion of the contest director). NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.
- **Team Directors**: An entry box for each contest may be brought to the previous contest. Groups performing for COMMENTS ONLY receive no award.
- **Admission**:
 - **Adults - \$10**
 - **Senior Citizen/Children/Council Members - \$8**
 - **Children under 5 - free**
- **Contest Deadlines**: All contest deadlines are received by the contest director, including NY State Championships. NY Council Events will not accept phone entries and entries left in boxes must be accompanied by a check. Please get your entries in on time. Refer to the "Calendar of Events" for deadlines.
- **Set System**: The NYTC follows all USTA rules. When it comes to the set system, "Athletes must perform on assigned set number; performing on the wrong set number OR missing assigned set number will result in disqualification."
- **Entering Events**: Individuals, Pairs and Teams/Groups may only compete at their level and ONE level up. Athletes, pairs, teams/groups may not enter more than 2 levels at each contest. (i.e An athlete may enter Beginner and Intermediate, NOT Beginner and Advanced. and/or NOT Beginner, Intermediate AND Advanced).
 - Please remember that ALL WINS COUNT, you need to be tracking your wins so that you enter the correct category.
- **Music**: All music must be submitted digitally to nycouncilmusic@gmail.com by the Tuesday before the contest.
- **Age Eligibility**: The date for determining an athlete's age for competition in USTA events is the August 31st of each competition season. The competition season runs from September 1 to August 31, therefore for the 2025-2026 season, athletes will compete at the age they are on August 31, 2026.
 - This DOES NOT APPLY to the WBTF events of Pre-Trials, Trials, Nations 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.
- **Membership Questions**: please reach out to Linda Boss at lboss@ustwirling.com

2026 Local Contest Group Entry

(may not be used for NY State Championship)

Please send in a roster for each team entered. Include: birthdate, USTA number, and age for each athlete.

On the roster please include; music selection, category and average age.

Sign the waiver below for teams:

INCLUDE SIGNED WAIVER WITH ENTRY: I agree to assume the risk of any injury that may happen to me (or my child) because of participation in a USTA sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the United States Twirling Association, NYTC, (Comsewogue District), and their agents, or employees harmless from any loss sustained as a result of injury to me (or my child) as a result of participation in USTA events. I have read the “Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities” in Section 1 of the current edition of the USTA Information, Procedures and Rules manual. As a condition for USTA’s acceptance of my (or my child’s) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties set forth in that Section. By participating in a USTA event, I give USTA permission to use photos and video of myself (or my children) taken in conjunction with a USTA event.

_____:Signature

2026 Local Contest Group Entry (may not be used for NY State Championships)

Contest Name: _____ Contest Date: _____

Organization: _____ Director: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Coaches: _____

Please attach a roster for each team/corp; member names, birthdates, USTA number, music, category, average age.

CIRCLE OR HIGHLIGHT

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Small Twirl Teams - \$20 per event | | #_of Events @\$20 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| Primary Small Twirl Team | Novice | A | | | |
| Juvenile Small Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | | |
| Junior Small Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Senior Small Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Large Twirl Teams - \$30 per event | | #_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| Primary Large Twirl Team | Novice | A | | | |
| Juvenile Large Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | | |
| Junior Large Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Senior Large Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Small Dance Twirl Teams - \$20 per event | | #_of Events @\$20 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| Tiny Tot Small Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | | |
| Primary Small Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | | |
| Juvenile Small Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | |
| Junior Small Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Senior Small Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Large Dance Twirl Teams - \$30 per event | | #_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| Tiny Tot Large Dance Twirl | Novice | A | AA | | |
| Primary Large Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | | |
| Juvenile Large Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | |
| Junior Large Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Senior Large Dance Twirl Team | Novice | A | AA | AAA | Elite |
| Trio Events - \$20 per event | | #_of Events @\$20 Each _____ | | | |
| Novice | Beginner | Intermediate | Advanced | | |
| Primary | Juvenile | Junior | Senior | | |
| Artistic Groups - \$30 per event | | #_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| One Division | | | | | |
| Parade Corps - \$30 per event | | #_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| One Division Youth Junior Senior | | | | | |
| Entertainment Corps - \$30 per event | | #_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| One Division Youth Junior Senior | | | | | |
| Show Teams - \$30 per event | | #_of Events @\$30 Each \$ _____ | | | |
| Primary | Juvenile | Junior | Senior | Small | Large |

USTA SURCHARGE - \$0.50 PER TEAM #_of Teams @\$0.50 Each \$ _____
Pre-order Programs: \$5 each _____ Programs Each \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

2026 LOCAL CONTEST SOLO ENTRY (MAY NOT BE USED FOR NY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age as 8/31/26: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Email: _____
 Coaches (list all in past year): _____ Twirling Organization: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE OR HIGHLIGHT THE EVENTS YOU ARE ENTERING. DO NOT STAPLE CHECK TO ENTRY

FOUNDATION EVENTS

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|-----------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Nov Basic | Nov Military | Nov Pres | Nov Parade March |
| Beg Basic | Beg Military | Beg Pres | Beg Parade March |
| Int Basic | Int Military | Int Pres | Int Parade March |
| Adv Basic | Adv Military | Adv Pres | Adv Parade March |

_____ Events @ \$7 = \$ _____

CAS EVALUATION \$10.00 (Levels C-BII) \$15.00 (Levels A-Elite & Short Program)

As of 9/1/07 The NYTC limits athletes to 2 attempts at any level of compulsories and/or movement per meet

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|----------------------------------|---|----|-----|-------|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| Compulsories: \$10.00 each | C | B | BI | BII | | | |
| Compulsories: \$15.00 each | A | AA | AAA | Elite | Short Program \$15.00 | JR | SR |
| Movement Technique: \$10.00 each | C | B | BI | BII | | | (Elite ONLY) |
| Movement Technique: \$15.00 each | A | AA | AAA | Elite | | | |

_____ Events @ \$10 = \$ _____ # _____ Events @ \$15 = \$ _____

Note: USTA Limit 2 Levels Athletes MUST present their record book.

CRITIQUES \$20.00 EACH # of critiques accepted may be limited

Freestyle: JUV JR SR Level: A AA AAA Elite No Level
 Pairs: JR SR Pairs Partner: _____
 Pre-Trials Teams: A AA AAA Elite Collegiate Twirl (evaluative only)

_____ Evaluations @ \$20 = \$ _____

**Please provide coaches email address for Critiques: _____

SOLO EVENTS \$15.00 EACH (Rating Lane \$12 each)

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|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Nov USTA Strut | Nov Artistic Twirl | Nov 2 Baton | Nov 3 Baton | Nov Solo |
| Beg USTA Strut | Beg Artistic Twirl | Beg 2 Baton | Beg 3 Baton | Beg Solo |
| Int USTA Strut | Int Artistic Twirl | Int 2 Baton | Int 3 Baton | Int Solo |
| Adv USTA Strut | Adv Artistic Twirl | Adv 2 Baton | Adv 3 Baton | Adv Solo |
| X Strut* | | 2 Baton* (IBTF) | | Open Solo *(IBTF) |
| Rating USTA Strut* | Rating Artistic Twirl* | Rating 2 Baton* | Rating 3 Baton* | Rating Solo 1 1/2 min* |
| | | | | Rating Solo Advanced* |

_____ Solo Events @ \$15 = \$ _____ # _____ Rating Lane Events @ \$12 = \$ _____

**Non-sanctioned event*

PAIRS EVENTS \$30.00 PER PAIR (Rating Lane \$24 per pair) TOTAL PAIRS ENTRY FEE in ONE Entry

Artistic Twirl Pairs: NOV BEG INT ADV Duet Pairs: NOV BEG INT ADV
 Rating Artistic Twirl Pairs Rating Duet Pairs
 Artistic Twirl Pairs Partner: _____ Duet Pairs Partner: _____
 USTA #: _____ Birthdate: _____ USTA #: _____ Birthdate: _____

_____ Pair Events @ \$30 = \$ _____ # _____ Rating Lane Events @ \$24 = \$ _____

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Parent Signature _____

Event Total \$
 Program (Optional) \$ 5.00
 USTA Surcharge (Required) \$ 0.50
 Intro-Member: \$7.00

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

USTA Number: _____

