



U.S.T.A. BATON COUNCIL OF FLORIDA, INC. – 501(c)3

December 1, 2009

Dear Florida Council Members, Coaches, Judges, Twirlers and Families,

I'm sure everyone has been extremely busy this fall with promoting the sport of twirling, learning new skills and fundraising for a new competitive twirling season.

The Florida Council is extremely excited about the 2010 twirling season here in the Sunshine State and abroad. We are excited to announce that we will continue accepting PayPal entries and payments. This allows you to utilize your credit or debit cards.

Some other new items we've been busy working on the past few months include:

- 1) Converting all of our standard contest brochures to one easy packet that will be mailed once to all current USTA members and emailed to anyone in our distribution email list. The brochure packet will also be posted online in two locations: www.twirlflorida.org and www.ustwirling.com/events. We encourage coaches to either print additional copies or direct your students/parents to the sites above for additional copies.
- 2) Moved our website to a new server last month.
- 3) Updating the design and features of the www.twirlflorida.org site. New features to be included in the next few days include: (a) Contest Results Button, (b) PayPal Button, (c) Grand Champion Button (d) Photos Button and possibly a calendar feature.
- 4) Compiling contest results from the past 5 years into easy to read results that will be available for view on the Florida site.
- 5) Created a Florida Council Facebook so that our members, athletes, professionals, coaches, parents and more can communicate and access information.
- 6) Offering great and affordable professional classes for our membership including a Judges Level I, Judges Level II and an upcoming Judges Master Workshop.
- 7) Preparing a Florida Benefactors to benefit our local twirling community.
- 8) And more.

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We are pleased to announce our 2010 competition season below:

January 30, 2010 – Winter Classic Contest hosted by the Florida Council
Location: Celebration K-8 School
Celebration, FL
Deadline: January 9, 2010

March 6, 2010- First Coast Championships and Open Contest hosted by Legacy
Location: University Christian School
Jacksonville, FL
Deadline: February 15, 2010

May 1 U.S.T.A. Florida State Championships
May 2 (tentative) Location: TBA
Orlando, FL
Deadline: April 1, 2010

Additional clinics/contests:

December 12, 2009 World Class Winter Clinic and Evaluations Meet
Location: Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex
Jacksonville, FL
Deadline: December 12

February 6/7, 2010 Masters- Judges Workshop
Location: St Cloud Chamber of Commerce
St Cloud, FL
Deadline: TBA

June 12/13, 2010 U.S.T.A. Southeast Regional Championships
Location: Loftis Middle School
Hixson, TN (Chattanooga area)
Deadline: May 4, 2010

July 12-17, 2010 U.S.T.A. National Championships
Location: Savannah Civic Center
Savannah, GA
Deadline: May 1, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Florida Council will be held on January 30, 2010 following the breakdown of the contest. We will be confirming and delegating State Contest responsibilities, discussing anticipated work areas at Nationals, election of officers and any new agenda items.

At this time, I'd like to recognize the 2008/2009 Board of Directors and Council Members (application and fee on file). Thank you for your support this past season.

Tessah Ivey
Lisa Corner
Katherine Sargent
Barb Biro
Lori Marcus
Leslie Cornish
Alicia Groth
Steve Groth
Nichole Schroeder
Jeanne Chwalik

I'd also like to recognize the following who assisted in the 2009 Florida State Championships:

Lori and Melissa Marcus, Synergy Parents and Athletes (awards)
Tessah Ivey and Rhapsody Parents and Athletes (facilities, judges room, set up/breakdown)
Lisa Corner (tabulation)
Katherine Sargent (entries, line up, banners)
John Chamberlain and Ginette Groome (judges transportation and hospitality)
Barb Biro (judges and gifts)
Steve Groth (announcing)
Nolan Wagner (sound system, switch board)
Bonnie Vickers (decorations)
Alicia Groth (runner, set up, breakdown)
Leslie Cornish (runner, set up, breakdown)
Eric Anderson (photographer)
Legacy Parents (set up, tapes, forms)

If you're interested in joining the Florida Council or just want to get more involved, please contact Amy Trujillo, Council President at twirlflorida@yahoo.com or legacytwirlers@yahoo.com or (904) 422-5551. A 2010 council membership form is attached.

Best wishes for a great 2010!

Amy Trujillo