

# 2009 USTA Southeast Region Baton Twirling Championships

June 13-14, 2009

Poinciana High School

2300 S. Poinciana Blvd.  
Kissimmee, FL 34758-2400



**Entry Deadline: Postmarked by May 8, 2009**

**"Early Bird" discount for individual entries: \$10 off total if postmarked by April 15!**

**Mail entries to: USTA Southeast Region Championships**

**c/o Tracy Hughes  
7129 Houser Ridge Lane  
Hixson, TN 37343**

**Please do not send entry via any method that requires signature on delivery.**

**Sanctioned by: The United States Twirling Association**

**Sponsored by: The Southeast Region Baton Council**

**Questions: Call or email Tracy Hughes- (423)322-5302, [UnitedTwirling@aol.com](mailto:UnitedTwirling@aol.com)**

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13 - Beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

ALL Teams – Regional & Open

Open Freestyles (critique only)

Basic Strut, Military Strut & Presentation

CAS Events held with open events

Open Solo & Solo Pairs, Open Two Baton, Open Three Baton,

Open Dance Twirl & DT Pairs, Open Strut

**All Regional Event Qualifying Rounds**

Pre-Trials Compulsories

Pre-Trials Freestyle

Pre-Trials Pairs and Teams

← **Note this change in schedule  
from previous years!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14 - Beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

Regional Strut, Regional Two Baton, Regional Three Baton,

Regional Solo & Solo Pairs,

Regional Dance Twirl & DT Pairs

## Directions to Poinciana High School

**From the North:**

Take I-95 South to I-4 West. Merge onto FL 535 S via exit 68 towards Kissimmee. Turn right onto Poinciana Blvd. Go approximately 8 miles and the school is on the right.

**From the South:**

North on Turnpike. Take US192/US441 exit, exit 242 towards Kissimmee/St Cloud. Turn left onto E Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy/US192/US441 N. Continue to follow US192 W. Turn left onto N Bermuda Ave//N John Young Pkwy/US17S/US192W/US 17-92. Continue to follow. Turn left onto S. Poinciana Blvd. Go approx. 8 miles and the school is on the right.

**All Professional Coaches and Judges:**

**Please join us for a special dinner Saturday evening, June 13<sup>th</sup> (location TBA), immediately following the events on Saturday.**

**HOTEL INFORMATION** (There are no room blocks so please call and book your rooms early.)

**Country Inn & Suites**  
5001 Calypso Cay Way  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
(407) 997-1400

**Best Western Kissimmee**  
5196 W Irlo Bronson Hwy  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
(407) 787-3555

**Fun Spots Hotel at Fountain Park  
(formerly Ramada East Gate)**  
5150 West US 92  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
(407) 396-1111

**New in 2009:** There will not be a charge for admission to the contest. In place of the admission fee, there will be a surcharge of \$15 per athlete or team. Athletes competing in individual events should include the surcharge with their entry fees, and team directors should include the surcharge with their team entries (\$15 per team).

**Int'l Cup Critiques:** Athletes traveling to Australia may wish to enter Solo, 2 or 3 Baton for critique (IC music will be used). Athletes will receive a critique tape to help them as they prepare for the Int'l Cup competition.

Please also note that we are holding any qualifying rounds for Regional Individual Events on Saturday during the Open Contest. Pre-Trials will begin immediately following the Open Contest.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee may enter Regional events. ANYONE may enter the Open and Rating events.
2. Certified funds or money orders ONLY may be made payable to USTA Southeast Region Baton Council.
3. No late entries or phone entries will be accepted.
4. Concession arrangements have been made for each competition.
5. No flash pictures allowed during performances. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the athlete.
6. Individual & Group Competitors must enter the competition at the age they will be on December 31, 2009.
7. Any first place wins, prior to the entry deadline, which would change an athlete's classification for that competition, must be reported to the contest director immediately.
8. No credits, refunds, transfers or forwarding of entries or monies.
9. Southeast Region reserves the right to divide or combine age groups as necessary.
10. The competition is sanctioned by USTA. Official USTA music, Olympic scoring, USTA Rules, Certified Judges and Official Critique Sheet will be used. All music for USTA events may be purchased through USTA Merchandise online at [www.ustwirling.com](http://www.ustwirling.com)
11. **NEW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR 2009:** All athletes must have a current USTA Membership OR pay a fee of \$8 to be a "Member For a Day" to compete at a State or Regional USTA competition. A current USTA Membership number or the "Member For a Day" fee **MUST** be included or entry will be returned. Any athlete wishing to become a USTA Member should go to [www.ustwirling.com](http://www.ustwirling.com) and complete the online membership form. Athletes wishing to participate in the Southeast Region Championships as a "Member For a Day" should check the appropriate box on the entry form and include the fee of \$8 with their entry.
12. The Official Set System will be used. If any athlete or group fails to report on their assigned set number, as noted in the program, that group or athlete will not be permitted to perform.
13. Regional Juvenile, Junior, Senior and Adult Finals will be held after each event.
14. USTA ESSENTIAL EVENTS: Athlete must pass each class in order, starting from Class C. Athletes do not compete with each other. Ribbons are awarded at the time of evaluation. Compulsories and Movement Technique evaluations available in all classes.
15. Novice athletes are those who have never won a competitive first place in a particular event. Beginner athletes have won less than 5 competitive first place awards. Intermediate athletes have won less than 10 competitive first place awards. Advanced athletes have won 10 or more competitive first place awards. Competitive first places are those in which the athlete was in competition against at least one other athlete. Athletes must count first places won at a higher level of competition in total number of wins.
16. An Open team has won less than 10 competitive first place awards. A Regional team has won 10 or more competitive first place awards. Competitive first places are those in which the athlete was in competition against at least one other athlete. Athletes must count first places won at a higher level of competition in total number of wins.
17. All members of a Tiny Tot Dance Twirl Team must be 7 years of age or younger.
18. Parade Corps may not pass in review. For more information on auxiliary & corps events, please refer to the USTA Rule Book.
19. All group members must hold a current USTA membership, be an organization or group USTA member or be a "member for a day." Group members' ages are averaged (the decimal is dropped). Groups may enter the division in which their average age falls or the age division in which their oldest member falls.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND AGE DIVISIONS:

Regional Solo & Dance Twirl Events:

0-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21+

(Divisions may be combined – pending entries)

Regional Strut, 2-Baton: 0-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-20, 21+

3-Baton Events: 9-12, 13-16, 17-20, 21+

Men's Solo: 0-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-20, 21+

Regional Solo Pairs & DT Pairs Events:

0-16, 17-24, 25-32, 33+ (Combined ages)

Regional Flag & Rifle: 0-16, 17+

Open Events: Divisions will be determined pending entries

### TEAMS (TWIRL AND DANCE TWIRL)

GROUP SIZE

SMALL TEAM: 4-8 members

LARGE TEAM: 9 or more members

AGE DIVISIONS

TINY TOT: All members are 7 years or younger

PRIMARY: Members are an average age of 9 years or younger

JUVENILE: Members are an average age of 10-12 years

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 13-15 years

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

### PARADE CORPS

GROUP SIZE: 8 or more members

AGE DIVISIONS

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 15 years or younger

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older

### SHOW CORPS

GROUP SIZE: 8 or more members

AGE DIVISIONS

JUNIOR: Members are an average age of 15 years or younger

SENIOR: Members are an average age of 16 years or older



## Order Blank for Good Luck Ads



Support your child/favorite athlete, students or friends with a "Good Luck" ad in the USTA Southeast Region Program. What a great way to show your enthusiasm and to cheer someone on to victory!!

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pricing**

**Quantity**

GOOD LUCK LINES @ \$ 5 per line (10 words per line only) \_\_\_\_\_

¼ Page AD 25.00 (please send Black/White camera ready) \_\_\_\_\_

½ Page AD 50.00 (please send Black/White camera ready) \_\_\_\_\_

Full Page AD 100.00 (please send Black/White camera ready) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

**Write Good Luck message here or attach separate sheet of paper:**

Having trouble with your good luck ad? We can arrange it for you! You may also email your Good Luck information (as a MS Word file or with digital pictures) to [UnitedTwirling@aol.com](mailto:UnitedTwirling@aol.com). Good luck ads/lines must be postmarked by May 8, 2009, and can be sent with your entry.

**2009 USTA SOUTHEAST REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN COMPETITION  
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM  
Saturday, June 13 - Sunday, June 14, 2009**

- All entries must be postmarked by NO LATER than May 8, 2009. PLEASE DO SEND ENTRY BY ANY METHOD THAT REQUIRES SIGNATURE ON DELIVERY.
- ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- No personal checks accepted. Make Cashier's Checks or Money Orders payable to: USTA SOUTHEAST REGION BATON COUNCIL
- Entry must be printed or typed. Entries that are not legible will be returned. Only one individual or group entry per form.
- Individual entries must include USTA member ID number or "Member For a Day" form and fee.
- ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A SIGNED WAIVER OF LIABILITY TO PARTICIPATE (SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE).
- Pairs entries are only to be sent by one pair member with full payment and that member will receive the confirmation.
- Any athlete residing in ANY state may enter the Open Competition. The Open Competition is NOT awarded a Regional title.
- The Southeast Region Championships consist of athletes from: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

**MAIL ENTRY W/PAYMENT TO:**  
USTA SER CHAMPIONSHIPS  
c/o TRACY HUGHES  
7129 HOUSER RIDGE LANE  
HIXSON, TN 37343

**Contestant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**USTA#:** \_\_\_\_\_ or  Check here & pay \$8 to be a "Member for a day"  
 Note: Athletes who are not current USTA members must include a "Member for a day" fee of \$8.  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zipcode:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confirmations will be sent only by email AND only if a **legible** email address is provided.

**Age(12/31/2009):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

List all instructors. Primary 1st: \_\_\_\_\_

REGIONAL EVENTS		**REGIONAL ENTRY SPECIAL -- 4 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS @ \$90.00 5 EVENTS @ 110.00 (Does not include pairs or group)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Solo \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-Baton \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Solo \$25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Twirl \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Three-Baton \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Flag Solo \$25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strut \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Solo \$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Solo Pairs \$42			
<input type="checkbox"/> DT Pairs \$42			

**Regional Pair Partner Information (please send in one entry per pair with entry fee):**  
**Pair Partner USTA#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pair Partner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Age(12/31/2009):** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

<b>OPEN PRESENTATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Pres. \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Pres. \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Pres. \$10	<b>OPEN MILITARY STRUT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Mil. \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Mil. \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Mil. \$10	<b>OPEN BASIC STRUT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Basic \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Basic \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Basic \$10	<b>*OPEN PARADE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Parade \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Parade \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Parade \$10
<b>OPEN 2-BATON</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. 2 Baton \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. 2 Baton \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. 2 Baton \$12	<b>OPEN 3-BATON</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. 3-Baton \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. 3-Baton \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. 3-Baton \$12	<b>OPEN DANCE TWIRL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Dance Twirl \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Dance Twirl \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Dance Twirl \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Dance Twirl \$12	<b>OPEN SOLO</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. Solo \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Solo \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Solo \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Solo \$12
<b>OPEN STRUT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. Strut \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. Strut \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Strut \$12	<b>FOUNDATION EVENTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm Twirl** _____ \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Body Forms ** _____ \$10	<b>OPEN DANCE TWIRL PAIRS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. per pair \$24 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. per pair \$24 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. per pair \$24	<b>OPEN SOLO PAIRS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beg. per pair \$24 <input type="checkbox"/> Int. per pair \$24 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. per pair \$24

**ESSENTIAL EVENTS\*\* (Evaluative Only)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsories**	Level: _____	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Movement Tech.**	Level: _____	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program** (Elite Level ONLY)		\$10

**Pairs Partner Info:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner Age(12/31/2009) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner USTA#: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*CAS Records required to participate in these events.

**\*FREESTYLE CRITIQUES**

Freestyle \$20 Level \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Juv. Jr. Sr.  
 Freestyle Pairs \$30 Level \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Jr. Sr.  
 Partner name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*INT'L CUP CRITIQUES**

IC Solo Level \_\_\_\_\_ \$15  
 IC 2 Baton Level \_\_\_\_\_ \$15  
 IC 3 Baton Level \_\_\_\_\_ \$15

<b>REGIONAL EVENTS:</b>	\$ _____
<b>OPEN EVENTS:</b>	\$ _____
<b>CRITIQUES:</b>	\$ _____
<b>GOOD LUCK LINES:</b>	\$ _____
<b>MEMBER FOR A DAY:</b>	\$ _____
<b>"EARLY BIRD" DISCOUNT:</b>	\$ _____
<b>SER SURCHARGE</b>	\$ 15
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	\$ _____

Don't forget to include \$8 to be a "member for a day" if you do not have a current USTA membership. →  
 Subtract "Early Bird" discount of \$10 if your entry is postmarked by April 15! →  
 New this year: Surcharge to be paid with entry fees; no admission fees or program fees at the door. →

\*Indicates a non-USTA sanctioned event **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN BELOW!!!**

Waiver/Indemnity of Liability: I agree to assume the risk that may occur to me, my child or my group as a result of participation in a USTA sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the Tennessee Baton Council, the United States Twirling Association, its agents or employees harmless from any loss they may sustain as a result of injury to me (or my child or my group) as a result of my participation in USTA events. I have read the "Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities" and as a condition for the USTA's acceptance of my child's (or my) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties that are set forth in that statement. FORM MUST BE SIGNED.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Guardian) DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*ENTRY POSTMARK DEADLINE MAY 8, 2009\*\*\*\*\*

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**2009 USTA SOUTHEAST REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN COMPETITION  
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5. Group entries must include USTA member ID number OR Member For a Day form & fee for each participant OR a group /organization membership ID number.
6. Group entries must include the group roster showing all members' names, ages (as of 12/31/09), birthdates, and name/division of other groups the member will compete in
7. All participants must sign a waiver of liability to participate. Group entries should include signed waiver for all members who are not also participating in the individual competition
8. The Southeast Region Championships consist of athletes from: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

Group/Org/USTA # \_\_\_\_\_ Team Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Confirmations will only be sent by email AND only if a legible email address is provided.

List all instructors. Primary 1st: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Each group entry requires a separate entry form unless the exact same group is entering both the Regional and Open competition.**

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GROUPS**

**Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Total Average Age (12/31/09) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Twirlers: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) of Musical Selection(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- Regional Twirl Team Circle one: Prim. Juv. Jr. Sr. Circle one: Small - \$50 Large - \$65
- Regional Dance Twirl Team Circle one: Prim. Juv. Jr. Sr. Circle one: Small - \$50 Large - \$65
- Regional Show Corps - \$75 Circle one: Jr. Sr. Circle one: A Class Open Class
- Regional Parade Corps - \$75 Circle one: Jr. Sr. Circle one: A Class Open Class

Corps Only:  
# of Auxiliary Members: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPEN COMPETITION GROUPS**

**Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Total Average Age (12/31/09) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Twirlers: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) of Musical Selection(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- Open Twirl Team Circle one: Prim. Juv. Jr. Sr. Circle one: Small - \$45 Large - \$60 Circle one: Beg. Int. Adv.
- Open Dance Twirl Team Circle one: Prim. Juv. Jr. Sr. Circle one: Small - \$45 Large - \$60 Circle one: Beg. Int. Adv.
- Open Tiny Tot Dance Twirl Team Circle one: Small - \$45 Large - \$60 Circle one: Beg. Int.

**MAIL TO: USTA Southeast Region Championships  
c/o Tracy Hughes  
7129 Houser Ridge Lane  
Hixson, TN 37343**

**Member for a day:**  
For any athlete who is not a current USTA member, please include \$8 for "Member for a day."  
**# of athletes \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8**

GROUP ENTRY FEES DUE:	
<b>Regional Events:</b>	\$ _____
<b>Open Events:</b>	\$ _____
<b>Member for a day fees:</b>	\$ _____
<b>Good Luck Ads</b>	\$ _____
<b>SER Team Surcharge</b>	\$ <b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	\$ _____

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN BELOW!!!**

Waiver/Indemnity of Liability: I agree to assume the risk that may occur to me, my child or my group as a result of participation in a USTA sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the Southeast Region Baton Council, the United States Twirling Association, its agents or employees harmless from any loss they may sustain as a result of injury to me (or my child or my group) as a result of my participation in USTA events. I have read the "Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities" and as a condition for the USTA's acceptance of my child's (or my) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties that are set forth in that statement. **FORM MUST BE SIGNED.**

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**LIST GROUP MEMBERS - USTA# REQUIRED UNLESS GROUP OR ORG. MEMBERSHIP**

Team/Corps Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Members: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name/division of other groups that the members will compete in:

#	Name(put * by alternates)	Age (12/31/2009)	Birthdate	**USTA#
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\*\*Please write MFD for those athletes who are applying to be a Member For a Day.