

2026
FLORIDA STATE FAIR
BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Florida State Fair
Tampa, Florida

www.floridastatefair.com

COMPETITION DIRECTORS

Barbara Patrick – Contest Superintendent
Allison Aubuchon – Contest Asst. Superintendent
Mike and June Stoeber

SCHEDULE

Entry Deadline January 7, 2026

Contest February 7, 2026
Gates Open 7:30 a.m.
Rhythmic Twirl and Group Events 8:00 a.m.
Individual Events 11:00 a.m.
..... Or following the conclusion of the group events

GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

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1. Entry fee for Individual Events is \$25 for the first event, \$8.00 for each additional event.
 2. Entry fee for the Florida State Fair Blue Ribbon Twirling Champion will consist of X-Strut, Solo, and 2-Baton for Beg, Int & Adv Divisions. The cost of this event will be \$35.00. The twirlers level in Solo will determine division.
 3. Entry fee for Team Events is \$10.00 per person. Divisions: Small (3 – 8 members) Large (9 – 13 members) & X-Large (14 or more members)
 4. Entry form and full payment **MUST** be postmarked on or before **January 7, 2026. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
 5. Please make checks payable to the: **Florida State Fair**
 6. All Group entries are to be sent by the Director. List names and ages of each member.
 7. **Tickets:** Participants and Teachers will receive an admission pass. **A Parking Fee will be charged for the 2026 Fair.** Additional admission and parking passes can be bought in advance at a discounted price. (See www.floridastatefair.com for details)
 8. The Florida State Fair and/or contest directors will not be held responsible for injuries or loss of property.
 9. IMPORTANT: If you advance from one division to another before this competition, it is YOUR responsibility to notify contest directors NO LATER than Friday, January 30th, 2026.
 10. It is important for you to keep a copy of your entry so you will know what you entered.
 11. Rules will accommodate all organizations.
 12. Gymnastics is permitted.
 13. All teams must provide their own music.
 14. The Florida State Fair Baton Twirling Committee reserves the right to limit Group entries to 50 total and the Show Twirl to 20 total.

AGE DIVISIONS

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1. **Age division is determined by age as of September 1, 2025**
 2. Individual Event Age Divisions are: 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16 & over, Baby 0-4
 3. Team Age Divisions are:
0 – 5.99 Kinder; 6 – 8.999 Primary; 9 – 11.999 Youth; 12 – 14.999 Junior; 15 & over Senior; 50+ Adult
 4. Halftime Show Teams (Show Twirl, Pom, Dance) Age Divisions are:
0 – 5.99 Kinder; 6 – 7.99 Primary; 8 – 11.99 Youth; 12 – 14.999 Junior; 15 – 17.99 Senior; 18+ College; 50+ Adult

CLASSIFICATION

1st Time: Never entered a contest before
Novice: Never won more than five (5) Novice wins in that event
Beginner: Never won more than five (5) Beginner wins in that event
Intermediate: Never won more than eight (8) Intermediate wins in that event.
Advance: All Others

EVENT DESCRIPTION

1. X-Strut – X formation, no releases, NO gymnastics
2. Fancy Strut – Releases allowed, gymnastics allowed, straight line or any floor pattern allowed.
3. Duet – Twirl not strut
4. Show Twirl – use 1, 2 or 3 baton & other twirling equipment, no scenery props, provide own music.

TIME LIMITS

1st Time and Novice Solo	:30 – 2:00
Beginner Solo	1:30 – 2:00
Intermediate Solo	1:45 – 2:20
Advance Solo	2:00 – 2:30
Novice Strut	:30 – 2:00
All Other Struts	1:30 – 2:00
Duets	same as solo times
All 2 or 3 Baton	1:00 – 2:00
Show Twirl	1:30 – 2:00
Dance Twirl Teams/Half-times (own music)	2:00 – 3:00
Pom Pon/Dance Line	2:00 – 3:00

ORDER OF EVENTS

**All competitors must be prepared to perform when scheduled
or they will be disqualified.**

ALL Show Twirls
ALL Group Routines
ALL Fancy Strut Straight Line
ALL Modeling
ALL Super X-Strut
ALL Basic Strut
ALL Military
ALL Solo
ALL 2-Baton
ALL 3-Baton
ALL Duets

SOLO TWIRL-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP (ALL DIVISIONS)

AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to top three finishers in each individual event.

A Special Award will be presented to the Solo Twirl-Off Champions in the Novice, Beginner, Intermediate and Advance Divisions.

Plaques will be awarded for 1st and 2nd Place Groups.



Florida State Fair Blue Ribbon Twirling Champion - Beginner, Intermediate and Advance

Scoring: Super X-Strut, Solo and 2-Baton

Solo will determine level of competition.

Awards: Award for winner, award for second and third place



Florida State Fair Majorette - Beginner, Intermediate and Advance

Scoring: Modeling, Super X-Strut and Solo; ALL Modeling Divisions in Costume

Awards: Awards for winner, award for second and third place



Novice Basic Skills Florida State Fair Majorette

Twirl status determines eligibility. 20% modeling in costume, 40% basic strut, 40% solo.

DEADLINE: January 7, 2026

NO LATE ENTRIES!!!!

NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS AFTER DEADLINE!

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Florida State Fair

Baton Twirling Championships

P.O. Box 11766

Tampa, FL 33680

Money Order/Cashiers Checks Only

For Information: Call Barbara Patrick at (813) 731-4915 or Lynann Hudson at (813) 627-4339

DIRECTIONS



813.627.FAIR OR 800.345.FAIR

Traveling South on Interstate 75, exit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. West, continue on MLK, entrance to the Fairgrounds will be on right.

Traveling West on Interstate 4 coming toward Tampa, exit at US Highway 301 South, right at Traffic Light on Martin Luther King Blvd, entrance to Fairgrounds will be on the right.

Traveling East on Interstate 4 exit at US Highway 301 South, right at Traffic Light on Martin Luther King Blvd, entrance to Fairgrounds will be on the right.

Traveling North on Highway 301 turn left on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., entrance to the Fairgrounds will be on right.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

☐ **Solo**

☐ 1st Time ☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Adv

☐ **X- Strut**

☐ 1st Time ☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Adv

☐ **Fancy Strut Straight Line**

☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Adv

☐ **Basic Strut**

☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Adv

☐ **Military**

☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Adv

☐ **2-Baton**

☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Adv

☐ **3-Baton**

☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Adv

☐ **Duet**

☐ Nov ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Adv

Partner's Name - _____

☐ **Show Twirl**

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☐ FSF Blue Ribbon Twirling Champion	☐ Beg	☐ Int	☐ Adv	\$35.00	_____
☐ FSF Majorette	☐ Beg	☐ Int	☐ Adv	\$35.00	_____
☐ Novice Basic Skills FSF Majorette				\$30.00	_____
☐ Baby Division (0 – 4 years old) Modeling & Basic				\$25.00	_____

Number of Events _____

Total Amount Due _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____

AGE (as of 9/1/25) _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____

TEACHER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GROUP ENTRY FORM

DIRECTOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

*Group Name: _____ () BEG () ADV

Dance Twirl	Halftime	PomPon	Dance
Tiny Tot	Kinder	Kinder	Kinder
Juvenile	Primary	Primary	Primary
Preteen	Preteen	Preteen	Preteen
Junior	Junior	Junior	Junior
Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior
	College	College	College
Adult	Adult	Adult	Adult

Number of Members: _____ x \$10.00 - \$ _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

**A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL GROUP MEMBERS BY TEAM WITH THEIR AGES
MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FORM**

****PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS PAGE IF NEEDED FOR MULTIPLE GROUPS**