

2022 Qualifying Procedures
NBTA's USA Team

**IBTF 2023 World Championship
and IBTF 2023 Nations Cup competitions**

Individual
Team / Corps
Majorette Corps

Summary of NBTA's IBTF Qualifying

What events are we qualifying for?

NBTA is qualifying for the IBTF 2023 World Championship and Nation's Cup Level A.

This includes all individual, duets/pairs, teams, groups, and Corps events that are being offered.

INDIVIDUAL/DUET/ PAIR EVENTS

*For each event, there will be 4 women divisions (IBTF 12-14, 15-17, 19-21 and 22+)
and two male divisions (IBTF 12-17, 18+)*

	World Championship Team	Nation's Cup Team
X-STRUT	3 slots + 1 alternate	3 slots + 1 alternate
SOLO	3 slots + 1 alternate	3 slots + 1 alternate
ARTISTIC TWIRL	3 slots + 1 alternate	3 slots + 1 alternate
2-BATON	3 slots + 1 alternate	3 slots + 1 alternate
3-BATON	3 slots + 1 alternate	3 slots + 1 alternate
DUET	3 slots (no alternate)	3 slots (no alternate)
ARTISTIC PAIRS	3 slots (no alternate)	3 slots (no alternate)

TEAM EVENTS

	World Championship Team	Nation's Cup Team
TWIRLING TEAM	1 team	1 team
ARTISTIC TEAM	1 team	1 team

GROUP EVENTS

ARTISTIC GROUP	1 team	-
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TWIRLING CORPS

TWIRLING CORPS	1 corps	-
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MAJORETTE CORPS

	World Championship Team
TRADITIONAL CORPS	1 Junior Corps (12-17) and 1 Senior Corps (18+)
EXHIBITION CORPS	1 Junior Corps (12-17) and 1 Senior Corps (18+)
PARADE CORPS	1 Junior Corps (12-17) and 1 Senior Corps (18+)
SHOW TWIRL CORPS	1 Junior Corps (12-17) and 1 Senior Corps (18+)

Who is eligible to qualify?

Qualifying is open to those twirlers in attendance at AYOP in South Bend, IN in July 2022

At AYOP, NBTA rules and ages will apply. No gymnastics will be allowed at AYOP.

How will we know if we qualified?

Any athlete interested in qualifying for either the World Championship or the Nations Cup will be required to fill out a one-page information form at AYOP. (Forms will be at the head table) Based on the AYOP results and form responses, it is our plan to then ask the athletes if they accept or decline the slot on the NBTA-USA team. It is our intention to notify the World Championship qualifying athletes within 7 days after AYOP. To accept a slot, an athlete(s) will be required to sign a contract with NBTA-USA as well as place a non-refundable deposit. After all of the World Championships slots are filled and confirmed, NBTA will then notify the qualifying athletes for the Nations Cup slot. It is expected the entire process to take about 4 weeks.

What are the IBTF rules?

Although we are qualifying with NBTA rules, any athlete or group that takes a slot as part of NBTA-USA is responsible for knowing and following IBTF rules. There will be a waiver that everyone must sign that will state that NBTA-USA is not liable for any injuries if they accept a slot. We believe that our safety first rules have greatly reduced injuries in our sport while preserving the integrity of baton twirling as a freestanding activity. IBTF does not have these rules. For a copy of IBTF rules, check out www.ibtf-batontwirling.org.

Who to ask if I have questions about NBTA-USA's qualifying?

For qualifying questions, please email Michael Stoeber at mstoeber@gmail.com

Individual Age Conversion - NBTA 2022 to IBTF 2023

"Elevated Birthday Athletes" are athletes who will be advanced to the next highest IBTF age group based on the fact that NBTA and IBTF have different age determining dates. NBTA AYOP 2022 athlete's ages are determined as of September 1st, 2021. IBTF athlete's ages are determined as of December 31, 2023. "Elevated Birthday Athletes" for the IBTF 2023 World Championships and Nations Cup are athletes born between September and December in 2001, 2005, 2008 and 2011.

WOMEN DIVISIONS

IBTF12-14 is the results from NBTA 10-12 age division plus the 7-9 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2011) & minus any 10-12 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2008).

IBTF15-17 is the results from NBTA 13-15 age division plus the 10-12 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2008) & minus any 13-15 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2005).

IBTF18-21 is the results from NBTA 16+ age division plus the 13-15 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2005)

IBTF22+ is the results from 16+ where the athletes were born on or before 2001

MEN DIVISIONS

IBTF12-17 is the results from combined NBTA 10-12 and 13-15 divisions in front of same set of judges minus the 13-15 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2005)

IBTF18+ is the results from NBTA 16+ division plus the 13-15 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2005). If not judged by same set of judges, the "Elevated Birthday Athlete" placement rules will apply

"Elevated Birthday Athlete" Placement Rules

Example using the IBTF15-17 group

1. First remove any 13-15 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2005) from results as they move to the older IBTF divisions
2. Make a list of the remaining NBTA 13-15 winners based on placement. Slot them with 1st place in the 1st slot, 2nd place in the 2nd slot, etc.
3. Place any 10-12 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" (Sept to Dec 2008) winners (1st through 3rd) in the proper slot based on their results
 - A. If 1st place NBTA 10-12 is a "Elevated Birthday Athlete", slot them in the 2nd slot with the 13-15 winners and move the rest down one.
 - B. If 2nd place NBTA 10-12 is a "Elevated Birthday Athlete", slot them between the original 3rd and 4th place 13-15 winners.
 - C. If 3rd place NBTA 10-12 is a "Elevated Birthday Athlete", slot them between the original 5th and 6th place 13-15 winners.
 - D. If 4th place or lower NBTA 10-12 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" will not be slotted.

Birthdate (young to old)	IBTF 2023 12/31/2023	AYOP 2022 9/1/2021
Dec to Sept 2012	11	8
Aug to Jan 2012	11	9
Dec to Sept 2011	12	9
Aug to Jan 2011	12	10
Dec to Sept 2010	13	10
Aug to Jan 2010	13	11
Dec to Sept 2009	14	11
Aug to Jan 2009	14	12
Dec to Sept 2008	15	12
Aug to Jan 2008	15	13
Dec to Sept 2007	16	13
Aug to Jan 2007	16	14
Dec to Sept 2006	17	14
Aug to Jan 2006	17	15
Dec to Sept 2005	18	15
Aug to Jan 2005	18	16
Dec to Sept 2004	19	16
Aug to Jan 2004	19	17
Dec to Sept 2003	20	17
Aug to Jan 2003	20	18
Dec to Sept 2002	21	18
Aug to Jan 2002	21	19
Dec to Sept 2001	22	19
Aug 2001 or older	22+	20+

Slotting Example

Using the previous IBTF15-17 division example, the following is how the slots for placement are filled. Remember that before slotting, any 13-15 "Elevated Birthday Athletes" athletes will have already been moved to the IBTF18-21 results.

	<i>No 10-12 elevated birthday winners</i>	<i>Only the 1st place 10-12 winner has elevated birthday</i>	<i>Only the 2nd place 10-12 winner has elevated birthday</i>	<i>Only the 3rd place 10-12 winner has elevated birthday</i>
1st	13-15 1st place	13-15 1st place	13-15 1st place	13-15 1st place
2nd	13-15 2nd place	10-12 1st place	13-15 2nd place	13-15 2nd place
3rd	13-15 3rd place	13-15 2nd place	13-15 3rd place	13-15 3rd place
4th	13-15 4th place	13-15 3rd place	10-12 2nd place	13-15 4th place
5th	13-15 5th place	13-15 4th place	13-15 4th place	13-15 5th place
6th	13-15 6th place	13-15 5th place	13-15 5th place	10-12 3rd place
7th	13-15 7th place	13-15 6th place	13-15 6th place	13-15 6th place
8th	13-15 8th place	13-15 7th place	13-15 7th place	13-15 7th place
9th	13-15 9th place	13-15 8th place	13-15 8th place	13-15 8th place
10th	13-15 10th place	13-15 9th place	13-15 9th place	13-15 9th place
11th	13-15 11th place	13-15 10th place	13-15 10th place	13-15 10th place
12th	13-15 12th place	13-15 11th place	13-15 11th place	13-15 11th place

	<i>Both the 1st and 2nd 10-12 winner has elevated birthday</i>	<i>Both the 1st and 3rd 10-12 winner has elevated birthday</i>	<i>Both the 2nd and 3rd 10-12 winner has elevated birthday</i>	<i>The 1st, 2nd and 3rd 10-12 winners all have evaluated birthday</i>
1st	13-15 1st place	13-15 1st place	13-15 1st place	13-15 1st place
2nd	10-12 1st place	10-12 1st place	13-15 2nd place	10-12 1st place
3rd	13-15 2nd place	13-15 2nd place	13-15 3rd place	13-15 2nd place
4th	13-15 3rd place	13-15 3rd place	10-12 2nd place	13-15 3rd place
5th	10-12 2nd place	13-15 4th place	13-15 4th place	10-12 2nd place
6th	13-15 4th place	13-15 5th place	13-15 5th place	13-15 4th place
7th	13-15 5th place	10-12 3rd place	10-12 3rd place	13-15 5th place
8th	13-15 6th place	13-15 6th place	13-15 6th place	10-12 3rd place
9th	13-15 7th place	13-15 7th place	13-15 7th place	13-15 6th place
10th	13-15 8th place	13-15 8th place	13-15 8th place	13-15 7th place
11th	13-15 9th place	13-15 9th place	13-15 9th place	13-15 8th place
12th	13-15 10th place	13-15 10th place	13-15 10th place	13-15 9th place

After slotting using AYOP results, NBTA will start at the top of list and offer the highest scoring athletes (top 3 to the World Championships, 4th position as alternate) moving down the list as far as necessary until all slots are filled.

Note that if an athlete has already been selected as an USTA representative in a discipline for either the World Championships or Nations Cup, that athlete will not be eligible for a World Championship or Nations Cup slot in the same discipline. We welcome you to compete at AYOP in order to compete for the National title, but know you will be pass over in the slotting process.

Individual Event Qualifying - World Championship

Slots will slide down the results if an athlete is unable or does not desire to fulfill that slot

RESULTS FROM AYOP's 2022 WORLD OPEN TWIRLOFFS

		Women's	Women's	Women's	Women's	Men's	Men's
		IBTF12-14	IBTF15-17	IBTF18-21	IBTF22+	IBTF12-17	IBTF18+
	IBTF						
X-STRUT	World's Championship	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd
	Alternate	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th
2-BATON	World's Championship	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd
	Alternate	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th
3-BATON	World's Championship	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd
	Alternate	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th

RESULTS FROM AYOP's 2022 NATIONAL MAJORETTE CONTEST and MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

		Women's	Women's	Women's	Women's	Men's	Men's
		IBTF12-14	IBTF15-17	IBTF18-21	IBTF22+	IBTF12-17	IBTF18+
	IBTF						
SOLO	World's Championship	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd
	Alternate	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th

RESULTS FROM AYOP 2022 RHYTHMIC TWIRL RESULTS

		Women's	Women's	Women's	Women's	Men's	Men's
		IBTF12-14	IBTF15-17	IBTF18-21	IBTF22+	IBTF12-17	IBTF18+
	IBTF						
ARTISTIC TWIRL	World's Championship	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd	1st,2nd &3rd
	Alternate	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th

RESULTS FROM AYOP's 2022 WORLD OPEN DUET TWIRLOFFS

		DUET	ARTISTIC PAIR	DUET	ARTISTIC PAIR
		Combined IBTF age 24-35	Average IBTF age between 12-17	Combined IBTF age 36+	Average IBTF age between 18+
	IBTF				
DUET & ARTISTIC PAIRS	World's Championship	1st,2nd,3rd, 4th,5th &6th		1st,2nd,3rd, 4th,5th &6th	
	Alternate	None		None	

1st place duet will be able to select either the Duet or Artistic Pair Slot. After selecting, the 2nd place duet will decide.

This will continue until all 3 duet and all 3 artistic pair slots are filled.

Individual Event Qualifying - Nations Cup

Nations Cup slots for individual events will be filled from the AYOP results after all of the IBTF World Championship slots are filled. IBTF Nations Cup is designed as a training ground for the future. Be aware there are important restrictions. Please consult the IBTF rulebook for restriction rules and clarifications.

Prior to competing at AYOP, each athlete(s) will indicate their interest in representing NBTA USA's team. In order to be considered for a Nations Cup slot in a discipline, the athlete(s) will need to adhere to the requirements below as they compete in the advance level of that discipline they desire to qualify in. The athlete(s) has/have

- 1) Never participated in an International Championship (WFBNTA/WBTF) for that discipline (starting from age 7)
- 2) Never placed top 20 in National Majorette Contest for the solo discipline (starting from age 7)
- 3) Never placed top 5 in a discipline's final in twirlofts. Those disciplines are X-Strut, Two-Baton, Duet (starting from age 7)
- 4) Never placed top 5 in Rhythmic twirlofts (starting from age 7)

In addition to the above requirements, the athlete must not be in a USTA Nations Cup slot in **ANY** discipline to be eligible for any NBTA-USA Nations Cup slot. This is to ensure more participation as encouraged by IBTF and is to ensure the travel group size with NBTA's world team.

Team Qualifying Rules 2022

One team for World Championships and one team for Nations Cup (Level A)

RESULTS FROM AYOP'S IBTF TEAM COMPETITION

TWIRLING TEAM (team size of 6-8)

Winner of the **Advanced Senior Small Twirling Team** division at AYOP will be awarded the World Championship slot if they meet the qualifications below. The Nations Cup representative will go to the next highest finishing team that also meets the qualifications listed below.

ARTISTIC TEAM (team size of 6-8)

Winner of the **Advanced Senior Small Dance Twirl Team** division at AYOP will be awarded the World Championship slot if they meet the qualifications below. The Nations Cup representative will go to the next highest finishing team that also meets the qualifications listed below.

Group Qualifying Rules 2022

One group for World Championships only. No Nations Cup.

ARTISTIC GROUP (team size of 10+)

Winner of the **Advanced Senior Large Dance Twirl Team** division at AYOP will be awarded the World Championship slot if they meet the qualifications below. There is no Nations Cup division.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM/GROUP QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify for World Championship slot in one of the three team/group divisions (twirling team, artistic team, and artistic group), the organization must meet the following qualifications

- 1) Must not be a team/group who is the USTA selection for the World Championship slot in that same division
- 2) Must not be a team/group who is an USTA selection in the Nations Cup in any of the team divisions

NATIONS CUP TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify for Nations Cup in one of the team divisions (twirling team and artistic team), the organization must meet the following qualifications

- 1) Must not be a team/group who qualified in the World Championship slot in any of the three team/group divisions
- 2) Must not be a team/group who qualified in a Nations Cup slot in the other team divisions. (limit one NC slot per organization)
- 3) Must not be a team who qualified in Senior Dance Twirl or Senior Twirl Team for a WFNBT competition since 2014.

List of WFNBT Senior Teams in the last 3 championships

Wheaton Majorettes

SPECIAL ATHLETE NOTES - TEAMS

1. An athlete may be on multiple World Championship team/groups as long as they are not on any Nations Cup teams.
2. An athlete may be on only one Nations Cup team as long as they are also not on any World Championship team.

Twirling Corps Qualifying Rules 2022

One Corps for World Championships only

RESULTS FROM AYOP'S CORPS COMPETITION

TWIRLING CORPS

Either the highest scoring **Senior Large or Small Twirling Corps** at AYOP will be the World Championship qualifier. (see the note below). Will slide down the Senior Large Twirling Corps results and then the Senior Small Twirling Corps results if necessary to fill the slot.

Majorette Corps Qualifying Rules 2022

World Championships -> JUNIOR (avg age 12-17, no one below 12) / SENIOR (avg age 18+)

RESULTS FROM AYOP'S CORPS COMPETITION

IBTF PARADE CORPS *(similar to NBTA's Parade Corps - 3-4 min)*

Highest scoring **Senior Parade Corps from Corp Finals** will be the Senior World Championship qualifier.

Highest scoring **Junior Parade Corps** will be the Junior World Championship qualifier

Will slide down the results through the Senior & Junior Parade Corps results to fill the appropriate slots if necessary

IBTF EXHIBITION CORPS *(similar to NBTA's Twirling Corp with restrictions - 2-3 min)*

Either the highest scoring **Senior Large or Small Twirling Corps** at AYOP will be the World Championship qualifier. (see the note below). Will slide down the Senior Small Twirling Corps results and then the Senior Large Twirling Corps results if necessary to fill the slot.

Highest scoring **Junior Twirling Corps** will be the Junior World Championship qualifier

Will slide down the results through the Senior Small & Junior Twirling Corps results to fill the two slots if necessary

SHOW TWIRL ACCESSORIES CORPS *(similar to NBTA's Show Corps with Props - 3-4 min)*

Highest scoring **Senior Show Corps with Props from Corps Finals** will be the Senior World Championship qualifier

Highest scoring **Junior Show Corps with Props** will be the Junior World Championship qualifier

Will slide down the results through the Senior & Junior Show Corps results to fill the two slots if necessary

IBTF TRADITIONAL CORPS *(similar to NBTA's Drill Team - 2-3 min)*

Will be selected by the committee based on interest and experience

TWIRLING CORPS QUALIFICATION

Both the Senior Large and Senior Small Twirling Corps will compete in Corps Finals. The highest scoring between the two will be able to decide if they desire the Twirling Corps slot or the Exhibition Corps slot. The other senior corps will be offered the other slot.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CORPS QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify for World Championship slot in one of the five Corps divisions (Twirling Corps or one of the 4 Majorette disciplines), the organization must meet the following qualifications.

- 1) The organization must not be an USTA selection in any of the five Corps divisions.
- 2) An organization will only be allowed to fulfill only three of the possible 11 Corps slots. If they qualified for more than three slots, that organization may decide which three to fulfill.

SPECIAL ATHLETE NOTES - CORPS

- 1) An athlete may be on multiple NBTA qualified Corps