

NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING ASSOCIATION (NBTA) SOUTHWEST REGIONAL GUIDELINES FOR BATON TEACHERS, CONTEST DIRECTORS, AND JUDGES

1. The current NBTA Southwest Regional Contest Director(s) serve as the Host(s) or Hostess(es) for the luncheon or dinner, and will also serve as the Director(s) of the Judges' and Coaches' Meeting.
2. All twirling Judges and Coaches from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico are welcome to attend the meal and/or meeting held each year during the competition dates. Attendees are not required to have a student competing in the competition, and all Judges and Coaches, regardless of organizational affiliation, are welcome.
3. The NBTA Southwest Regional Contest is rotated between three (3) area locations: Ft. Worth, Amarillo, and Houston. Each year at the Judges' and Coaches' Meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to discuss a new area. This area may be added to the rotation or may replace a current location. The Judges and Coaches in attendance must vote to determine location or any associated changes.
  - **Considerations:**
    - i. *Equal distribution of travel cost for competitors and families during the three (3) year rotation;*
    - ii. *The number of twirling competitors from different cities in the Southwest Region;*
    - iii. *The availability of air transportation to each area.*
4. Any person considering the possibility of directing an NBTA Southwest Regional contest must have experience in hosting and directing local NBTA contests. In past years, the Director has hosted at least one local contest each year.
5. All NBTA Southwest Regional Contest Directors should attend every Southwest Regional Judges' and Coaches' Meeting. This helps to keep attendees updated on the upcoming event. Also, as a Director, you will learn firsthand any new ideas that have been requested and discussed for your regional contest.
6. Any person requesting to be the Director of NBTA Southwest Regionals must send a written request to the current Southwest Regional Director(s) stating the city, date of competition, and the intended facility to be used. The request will be read to all in attendance at the Judges' and Coaches' Meeting. If more than one person has requested to be the Director, each requesting Director will explain the advantages of their city, state, and intended facility. These explanations will be followed by a vote by all of those in attendance. The results of the vote will be announced immediately.
  - **When voting, each Judge and Coach should consider:**
    - i. *The ability of the requestor to direct a contest;*
    - ii. *The desire of the requestor to always have unique and memorable awards;*
    - iii. *The ability of the requestor to promote the number of attendees to the contest;*
    - iv. *The ability of the requestor to promote NBTA.*
7. NBTA Southwest Regional Contest Director or directors are responsible for:
  - Securing contest Judges from outside the Southwest Region;
  - Securing the contest Sanction Number;
  - Awarding each Advanced Southwest Regional One Baton Champion entry fee costs to represent the Southwest Region at the National One Baton Championships (The Big One) at America's Youth on Parade;
  - Awarding each Advanced Miss Majorette of the Southwest entry fee costs to represent the Southwest Region at the Miss Majorette of America Pageant at America's Youth on Parade;
  - At the Southwest Regional Judges' and Coaches' Meeting a letter from the alphabet will be drawn to determine the starting letter for pageant and modeling events for the following Southwest Regional contest. The letters from the three (3) previous years will be eliminated from the drawing.

**Major Margaret Mann sent the original version of this document to Trenton M. Haltom on March 21, 2015. The construction of this document was requested by those in attendance of the 2015 NBTA Southwest Regional Judges' and Coaches' Meeting in The Woodlands, Texas (March 14, 2015) to be used by future contest Directors. The content of this document is original, but has been edited for clarity.**