



2021-2022

UNITED STATES TWIRLING ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA BATON COUNCIL, INC.

We, the undersigned, together constituting and being all of the directors, incorporators and members of the California Baton Council, Incorporated, a non-profit and charitable corporation, without capital stock and not conducted for profit, do hereby adopt the following code of bylaws for said corporation.

MISSION

- The California Baton Council (CBC) provides inclusive opportunities for members and supporters to participate in the sport of baton twirling at all recreational and competitive events.

VISION

- CBC, as a member of the United States Twirling Association, USTA, is committed to promoting the sport of baton twirling through recreational and educational opportunities and a fair competitive structure.

VALUES

- **Member Support** - CBC values its members and will strive to provide the best possible member services at all levels.
- **Membership Recruitment** - CBC believes that the benefits of health, recreation and competition should be available to everyone through baton twirling. CBC will strive to expand its membership in order to share these benefits with its members and supporters.
- **Promotion of the Sport** - CBC will promote the numerous benefits of baton twirling to continue developing strong participation.
- **Competitive Success** - CBC will strive to maintain the California position as one of the leading baton twirling states in the nation. Success at the elite levels has a positive influence on every other facet of our sport.
- **Sponsors and Supporters** - CBC values its relationship with sponsors and supporters and will continue to maximize exposure to their products and services by members and supporters of our sport.

I – AUTHORITY

Establishment of the California Baton Council, hereinafter referred to as the corporation, is with the authority of the National Board of Directors of the United States Twirling Association, a State of Delaware corporation which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, hereinafter referred to as the USTA. Written acceptance of these bylaws by the Executive Director of the USTA shall constitute this corporation as an official chapter thereof. **Executive Director needs to be changed to President as USTA no longer has an Executive Director**

II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this council shall be:

1. To encourage, develop and generate an interest in the sport of baton twirling and relation activities in the State of California.
2. To support the goals, objectives and purposes of the USTA and to subscribe to and follow its bylaws and policies
3. To develop within our youth a spirit of competitiveness combined with a good sense of sportsmanship
4. To build and foster an organization of coaches, judges and professionals which will aid in the promoting the general twirling activities in the State of California.
5. To promote and administer the USTA State Contest, coaches and judges workshops and related State USTA activities.
6. **To provide Delegates to the National General Assembly**
 - Each State as of this printing, receives (1) delegate vote plus (1) delegate for each (100C) USTA associate, full, family and professional member. The CBC elects its delegates to represent California at the National General Assembly of USTA. Method of elections will be determined by CBC. General members may be delegates but the ratio will not be greater than (1) general member to (3) professional members, with no limitations on alternates selected. The order of delegates shall be:
 - National Board Members, Council President, Professional Members, Contest Directors who are not a USTA professional member, other general members
7. To coordinate twirling activities and encourage harmonious relationships among all twirling coaches, judges, **professionals**, interested parents, **athletes**

and other persons participating in twirling contests and events throughout the State of California

8. To accept from time to time such responsibilities as shall be given by the National Board of Directors of the USTA

9. All programs and activities entered into shall carry out the above or other purposes and shall be subject to the approval of the National Board of Directors of the USTA

III – DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors of the council shall consist of four (4) officers plus a minimum of four (4) to a maximum of (8) additional members. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum at any Board meeting. All decisions of the Board shall be by simple majority vote of the Directors present.

2. The Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for (1) with privilege of re-election. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Board Members remaining in office and such members shall remain in office until the term of the position to which appointment is made, expires. Members that are serving on the USTA National Board will automatically become a full voting member of the CBC Directors. The retiring Council President will serve as an honorary voting member of the board for one (1) year following retirement

4. All activities of the Council shall be under the management and supervision of its BOD and shall conform to and be in harmony with the bylaws and policies of this Council and the USTA

5. Neither the Directors nor the Officers of this Council shall receive any compensation for their serving or work as such Directors or Officers

IV – OFFICERS

1. The officers of this Council shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

2. The President shall preside over all meetings of the membership and the BOD. The President shall, in general, supervise, manage and control all the business and affairs of the Council consistent with and in harmony with the bylaws and procedures of the Council and USTA

3. The Vice-President shall act as the President in the absence of the President, or the President's inability to act. Shall file with the State and Federal Governments such forms and/or reports as necessary to maintain active non-profit status. Shall also serve as chairperson of at least one standing committee

4. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given all notice of meeting of the Directors or general membership, keep a full and complete record of all proceedings of all Board and general membership meetings and provide the USTA with a copy of the record promptly thereafter. Shall file with the State and Federal Governments and the USTA such forms and/or reports as deemed necessary under these bylaws or the USTA.

5. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities of the Council and shall keep such funds in a bank account approved by the CBC BOD; shall keep and present upon demand to the Council or USTA, an account of all funds, expenditures, receipts and to pay out funds only at the direction of the BOD. Funds shall be paid out only on the check of the Council signed by two (2) of the following persons: Treasurer, President.

V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Membership in the Council shall be open to all individuals residing in California who are over the age of 18 years and a USTA member

2. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all general membership meetings and shall have privilege of holding office or directorship in the Council

3. Membership in the Council is non-transferable or assignable

4. Dues shall be in an amount set by the Directors or the Council and are not to exceed the dues of the USTA

VI – MEETINGS

1. BOD shall meet at least three (3) times a year including the annual meeting. Special and additional meetings may be called by the President or at written request of three (3) Board Members. **Meetings could be held via Zoom or in-person.**

2. The annual meeting will be held in August or a date which all Officers, Directors and members will be notified of, at a place designated by the BOD. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to elect new officers and directors to take office September 1st.

a. Any member that desires to be a Board Member needs to be present at the Annual General Meeting on the ZOOM or in-person

3. At the annual meeting the Officers and Directors will present to the membership the annual report on the previous year's business and said report shall include a complete financial report.

a. This includes all CBC assets/inventory

4. Notice and the date and place of any meeting or annual meeting or any change of date thereof, will be given thirty (30) days in advance thereof to all Officers, Directors and President of the USTA bylaws and policy.

5. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedures not otherwise dealt with herein, to the extent they do not conflict with USTA bylaws and policy

VII – COMMITTEES

The following shall be deemed standing committees, the chairpersons for said committees being nominated by the general membership and elected by the BOD for a term of one (1) year. Additional committees may be created by the Directors as deemed necessary, but their existence will not renew automatically from term to term.

Examples of Standing Committees are:

- Membership
- Council Contest (s)
- Coaches and Judges Workshops
- State Contest
- Judges Caption Meetings
- Tabulation
- Clinics Outreach
- Public Relations
- Budget and Finance

IX – AMENDMENTS

Bylaw amendments must be submitted to the general membership at the annual meeting for adoption by majority vote

X – BOOKS, RECORDS AND PROPERTY

No member shall acquire any right, title, or interest in the property or monies of the council. All property and monies, whether acquired by purchase, donation, contribution or otherwise, can never be divided among the members whether during the existence of the Council or upon dissolution and termination thereof.

XI – FINANCES

The fiscal year begins September 1 and ends August 31 of each year. All budgets and expenditures shall be approved by the Directors of the Council and shall be consistent with and in harmony with USTA bylaws and policies. Annually, usually at the beginning of the new fiscal year, an audit must be completed by a Board Member who does not have signature authority.

XII – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, termination or revocation of the chapter status by the USTA of the Council, all property, monies, books and records of the Council, declared to be assets thereof, shall be transferred to and shall become the property of the USTA, a State of Delaware nonprofit corporation which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to apply to and use in the furtherance of the purposes for which this Council is and was incorporated, specifically, baton twirling activities. If this Council holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento which the Council’s principal office is or by any person concerned is located upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

I, the undersigned, duly elected and acting Secretary of the California Baton Council, a California Corporation, do hereby certify:

The within and foregoing bylaws were adopted as the bylaws of said corporation on the _____ day of _____, 2021, and that the same do now constitute the bylaws of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Shanna Wooton
Secretary, California Baton Council

WITNESSES:

Cyndy Higgerson
President
California Baton Council

Paige Campbell
Vice President
California Baton Council



**Reimbursement Form
California Baton Council**

For:

CBC pays:

Details:

Total Amount due:

Additional Note:

CBC President Approval:

Date:

Treasurer Information:

CBC Check # or PayPal#: