

Class Rules & Guidelines:

1. Always be on time. Arriving late for class distracts from the instructional period and prevents others from getting valuable class time.
2. Because of the difficult time obtaining some class locations, we may be using a facility that has tables and chairs already set up in the practice area. We ask that parents jump in and assist in removing these tables and chairs, as well as assist in setting them back up when the class is finished.
3. Dress properly for class. Gym shoes/sneakers are always to be worn. Flip-flops, sandals, or hard sole dress shoes are not allowed. They can damage flooring and pose a safety hazard while marching and twirling. Wear comfortable exercise clothing such as shorts, warm-ups, or leotards. Dresses/skirts are inappropriate for twirling class.
4. Gum, candy, food and drink is never allowed during class and should be kept out of buildings at all times. We are guests in the various recreation centers and gyms and do not want to cause extra cleanup for their staff.
5. Come to class ready to work. Your teacher has a lesson plan ready and full of material so you can advance your twirling skills. Once you have checked in begin your stretching and get ready for a fun class.
6. Classes are held each week at the same time and location (pending unforeseen problems). Our class schedule will run on the same schedule as your local schools. If the school system is closed/cancelled due to inclement weather, your classes will also be canceled for that week. (Up to the minute changes or cancellations are posted on our Facebook page, our Team Ap, and will be emailed and/or text messaged to parents so it is important you keep TTS staff current on your contact email or cell phone number. If you ever have a question regarding class status, please check Face Book first.
7. Parents are asked to please be on time picking up children. We are only allotted a specific time frame at each location and if you are late picking up your child it causes problems for the recreation center staff.
8. Parents are welcome to sit in and observe classes as long as their child doesn't become distracted and pay more attention to the parent than the teacher. Parent "teaching" from the sidelines only interrupts class and takes away from all students' time. Some class locations may be smaller than others and may not accommodate seating around the class area. Parents should wait or observe from the halls or outside the class areas in these instances.
9. ALL cell phones are to be turned off during classes. Text, and talk all you like outside the classroom area but remember that class time is for the kids.

General Rules and Guidelines

(In addition to class rules)

1. Our New Beginner Program is a free program. Students in other programs do have a fee and those fees are due monthly (or as posted). All fees are due the first class day of each month. Students who have outstanding fees from a previous month will not be allowed to continue classes the following month until those fees are caught up. Though we are a non-profit organization, we do have expenses such as class location rentals, liability insurance, teacher fees, etc. that we are required to pay on time in order to continue offering our classes.
2. Fees are not refundable. If a student misses a class we cannot refund payment for a class. The twirler is welcome to attend an additional class at their regular location or any other location if they wish to make up the class. Payments for contests, pageants, etc. are also not refundable. Please make sure your schedule permits you to attend a scheduled event before submitting entry forms or payments.
3. TTS accepts cash, check or credit/debit cards for payment. Some extra event payments may also be paid via PayPal. However, any payment returned for any reason will incur a \$35.00 return fee to cover our bank and administrative costs.
4. At some point a student may wish to have private classes in addition to their weekly group class. These are not required and not so recommended for beginning students as they would be for twirlers on a more advanced level preparing for competitions, auditions, pageants, etc. Fees for private classes are set by the individual coach/teacher and are to be paid to that teacher. They are not regulated or paid through TTS.
5. At some point students may wish to take private classes or special group classes such as a clinic or workshop outside their regular weekly class. Because students are given specific routines, whether group or tailored for their solo needs, by their regular teacher/coach, students may not take classes from outside teachers, coaches, or other organizations that are not set up or approved by Tennessee Twirl Sport for group or private instruction. TTS provides all the guidance and training necessary for each student whether in group class or private sessions the twirler needs to work on and succeed. TTS also offers guest instructors, clinics, camps, and/or workshops solely to our students, or through approved avenues such as nationally ranked camps, specialty clinics, etc. This eliminates all problems and confusion with students' tricks and routines being changed from one instructor to another, which in the end is detrimental to the students performances and competition status.
6. TTS Twirl Days are contests solely for our students. They are not open events. There are innumerable "open" twirling contests and events that students are encouraged to attend and compete in that do allow twirlers from any organization to enter. If you plan to enter other events let your coach know so he/she can work to prepare you for that event. Different "open" events have different rules and certain parts of a routine may have to be tailored for such an event to comply with specific event rules.

7. Students wishing to participate in parades, Twirl Days, etc. must not miss more than one regular weekly class during the month preceding that event. We want you to be properly prepared to perform/compete and missing too much instruction will impede your performance.

