

Competitor Name _____

Team/Country _____

**U.S. NATIONAL JUMP ROPE CHAMPIONSHIP
INTERNATIONAL OPEN COMPETITION
JUNE 26-29, 2019
USA JUMP ROPE ARTICLES OF UNDERSTANDING**

All persons associated with the U.S. National Jump Rope Championship and its qualifying Tournaments must adhere to the rules and guidelines outlined in the USA Jump Rope 2019 Competition Rule Book and Tournament Guidelines for Sub-Regional, Regional, and National Competitions, as well as, the USA Jump Rope Membership Code of Conduct. Each competitor, coach, and coach of record must sign the Articles of Understanding for each Tournament.

At the U.S. National Jump Rope Championship, the first round will be held in freestyle, speed, and triple under events to determine the top ten competitors and three medal winners in each age division. For freestyle events, advancement to Grand Nationals is as follows: 1) The gold medalists for male and female individual freestyle events from each age division (excluding the 30-49 and 50-Over age divisions) and the next 10 top scores regardless of age division; 2) The gold medalists for female freestyle events (Pairs and Double Dutch) in the 15-17 and 18-over age divisions and the next 8 top scores, regardless of age division; and 3) The gold medalists for all team freestyle events in all age divisions and the next 8 top scores, regardless of age division. The only exception to this rule will be if there are three or fewer teams for double dutch single freestyle and double dutch pairs freestyle for the 10 and under age division the gold medalist will not automatically qualify for Grand Nationals. For speed events, the top 12 scores in each event, independent of age division, will advance to Grand Nationals. For three-minute speed and triple under events, the top 8 scores, independent of age division, will advance to Grand Nationals.

All competitors must arrive at the competition site 30 minutes before the scheduled event. During individual events, the competitor will have one minute to be ready to jump once the tournament director is notified by the head judge for the reason of the delay. During team events, the team will have two minutes to be ready to jump once the tournament director is notified by the head judge for the reason of the delay.

The U.S. National Jump Rope Championship may or may not be televised nationally. Due to the format of the show, not all competitors will be shown on the telecasts.

Any questions concerning the rules or procedure of the Tournament will be handled exclusively by the Coach or Coach of Record of the team and will be directed to the Tournament Director. Such questions should be made prior to the Competitions.

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout the Tournament. The Coach is responsible for seeing that their team members, coaches, parents, and any other persons affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Failure to adhere to the USA Jump Rope Code of Conduct and the spirit of good sportsmanship in any manner during any USA Jump Rope sanctioned tournament may result in an athlete, coach, coach of record, judge, parent, or spectator being disqualified from further participation in remainder of the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. This could include loss of opportunity to compete, floor coaching privileges, attendance for remainder of tournament. Severe cases of un-sportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification and possible removal from the tournament/premises.

The Tournament Committee will render any interpretation of any aspect of these Articles of Understanding or any decision involving any of the aspects of the Tournament. The Tournament Committee will render a judgment in an effort to ensure that the Tournament proceeds in a manner consistent with the general spirit and goals of the Tournament.

By participating in the Championship, each competitor and team Coach or Coach of Record agrees that the decisions by the judges and Tournament Committee will be final and will not be subject for review. Each competitor and team Coach or Coach of Record acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in the Competition and each competitor, team Coach or Coach of Record waives any legal, equitable, administrative, or procedural review of such decisions.

Any competitor that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of the "Article of Understanding" may be disqualified from the Tournament and automatically forfeit the right to any awards presented by the tournament. In addition, the competitor may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in any qualifying tournaments and the National Tournament the following year.

Use of Music in Freestyle Events: Music will not be used for any freestyle events during the Age Division Championships. Music is mandatory for any freestyle routine that qualifies to compete during Grand Nationals. Please be aware of your music and lyrics if you anticipate qualification for Grand Nationals. We do expect your music to be appropriate for a competition and for presentation live and for our possible broadcast or live stream.

Competitor's Signature

Date

If competitor is under 18 years old, please have parent print competitors name and sign parent's signature next to the name

Coach's Signature

Date