

Age Groups 26–27

Individual category for Overall	Individual Age Groups	Born between date	Age in Years	Average age
Tiny	R	01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022	4–5	4.5
Tiny	Yr1	01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021	5–6	5.5
Mini	Yr2	01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020	6–7	6.5
Mini	Yr3	01/09/2018 to 31/08/2019	7–8	7.5
Pre-Teen	Yr4	01/09/2017 to 31/08/2018	8–9	8.5
Pre-Teen	Yr5	01/09/2016 to 31/08/2017	9–10	9.5
Youth	Yr6	01/09/2015 to 31/08/2016	10–11	10.5
Youth	Yr7	01/09/2014 to 31/08/2015	11–12	11.5
Youth	Yr8	01/09/2013 to 31/08/2014	12–13	12.5
Junior	Yr9	01/09/2012 to 31/08/2013	13–14	13.5
Junior	Yr10	01/09/2011 to 31/08/2012	14–15	14.5
Junior	Yr11	01/09/2010 to 31/08/2011	15–16	15.5
Senior	Yr12	01/09/2009 to 31/08/2010	16–17	16.5
Senior	Yr13	01/09/2008 to 31/08/2009	17–18	17.5
Senior	X	01/09/2004 to 31/08/2008	18–22	20
Adult	Y	01/09/2001 to 31/08/2004	22–25	23.5
Adult	Z	Any to 31/08/2001	25+	25 (capped to not skew averages)

LD Para Twirling – Learning Disabilities & Learning Difficulties:

- Tiny, Mini, Pre-Teen
- Youth, Junior, Senior, Adult

PD Para Twirling – Physical Disabilities & Lived Conditions:

- Tiny, Mini, Pre-Teen
- Youth, Junior, Senior, Adult

Based on academic years – competitors should be entered into the appropriate category based on an academic school year starting in the coming September X / Y / Z – age from the 1st September.

Average for teams / pair / trios:

Average Age = (Sum of all competitors' ages) ÷ (Number of competitors)

How to Apply This in Practice - Step-by-step process:

1. Assign each competitor a midpoint age for the season (as per the age categories sheet)
 - I. Year 5 will be 9-10 years, so the average age is 9.5
 - II. Year 11 will be 15 – 16 years, so the average is 15.5
 - III. Cap would be 25years (regardless of actual age) to avoid skewing the average
2. Calculate the routine/team average (Calculator provided)
 - I. $9.5 + 10.5 + 12.5 + 14.5 = 47$, divided by the number in the team (4) = **11.75 years**. Therefore, **they compete in Section 3**
3. Place into section:
 - $\leq 6.5 \rightarrow$ **Section 1**
 - 6.6–9.5 $\rightarrow$ **Section 2**
 - 9.6–13.5 $\rightarrow$ **Section 3**
 - 13.6–17.5 $\rightarrow$ **Section 4**
 - 17.6–22.5 $\rightarrow$ **Section 5**
 - 22.6+ $\rightarrow$ **Section 6**

Section Flexibility Rule:

Where a troupe has too many twirlers within one average age section, they may move a selection of those twirlers up into the next section (e.g. excess in Section 4 may be moved to Section 5) to support team balance. Twirlers cannot be moved down into a lower section than their calculated average age group.