



Bouncing Bulldogs Make History in Tokyo, Japan

TOKYO, JAPAN -- The Bouncing Bulldogs jump rope team from Chapel Hill-Durham, North Carolina traveled to Tokyo, Japan to compete in the 2018 Double Dutch Contest World. The program brought 32 middle school and high school jumpers to compete against the world's best double dutch jumpers. Competitors were comprised of 217 teams and 1085 individuals from Japan, France, Hong Kong, Belgium, China, Korea and the United States.

After experiencing a 12-hour flight from North Carolina and a 14-hour time change, four groups arrived in Tokyo to compete. Two Bulldog groups placed top three and qualified to jump in the world championship held at the Maihama Amphitheater in Tokyo on March 11.

At the final championship, the Bulldogs team in the 12-and-under age group won first place, becoming the best fusion jumpers in the world for their age. The Bulldogs program also made history at this competition by bringing the first all-female all-American group, who was one of the groups to advance to the final day of the contest.

The stage was set in Tokyo, where in only two years the Olympic Games of 2020 will be held. The dream of jump rope becoming an Olympic sport is on the horizon as many countries came together to showcase their athleticism, sportsmanship and creativity.

Bouncing Bulldogs team members were able to interact and exchange ideas with competitors from around the world who share the same passion for the sport. They also experienced Japanese culture through sightseeing and a three day camp that followed the competition.

The team will return to Chapel Hill-Durham on March 14 bearing new experiences, friendships and awards.

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