



Bulldog Success at the 2017 Double Dutch Holiday Classic

The Double Dutch Holiday Classic is a historical rope skipping event held in Harlem, New York at the renowned Apollo Theatre every December. The Bouncing Bulldogs, from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, are one of the few teams from the South invited to the competition every year. This year, the Bulldogs brought 40 jumpers to compete in every age division and event, taking home 21 gold medals, 17 silver and 15 bronze. Most notably, the team won a clean sweep in the 8th grade and above category for both speed events, winning the top three places and affirming that their countless hours of training paid off.

Presented by the National Double Dutch League, this tournament is held in honor of David A. Walker, the founder of competitive Double Dutch. Only select teams are invited to perform at the Apollo for this prestigious event, ranging from local Brooklyn teams, to groups from Tokyo, Japan.

The competition is comprised of two Double Dutch speed events and one Double Dutch freestyle event, known as fusion. Within these three events, jumpers are evaluated on their technique, audience interaction, communication, speed and number of misses. The singles and pairs speed and compulsory events challenge jumpers to score as many jumps as possible in two minutes. The many famous singers and performers have set a high standard for the performances by jumpers from around the world who visit the Apollo each year for the Double Dutch Holiday Classic.

Senior and co-captain of the Bouncing Bulldogs, Rebecca Koweek said, “Competing at the Apollo Theater is an incredible experience as jumpers from the team are able to compete against the best teams in Double Dutch and see the effects of their hard work from training.” The Bulldogs trained more than ever for this year’s competition, and the results definitely showed as it was one of their most successful competitions at the Apollo.