



Bulldogs shine in international competition

Orlando, FL - On July 3-6, the Bouncing Bulldogs competed in the Pan-American Jump Rope Championship held at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Based in Chapel Hill and Durham, NC, the team dominated the Junior division, earning numerous awards in both Single Rope and Double Dutch events.

The competition involved 289 participants representing 31 teams, 5 countries, and 15 different states within the United States. Based on the results, the Bulldogs' performance on a global platform exceeded their high standards of excellence on and off the competition floor.

Jumper Hannah McReynolds attributed the Bulldogs' success to their cohesive and unwavering team concept. "We did everything as a team. When one person did something, the entire team was accountable which motivated us to work harder to help our teammates succeed."

The Bouncing Bulldogs achieved a clean sweep in the Junior 14 and Younger Female division, taking home the top three All-Around Single Rope and Double Dutch team titles. Ragan Copeland, Bailey Pons, Megan Shohfi, and Jordyn Watkins finished as the top All-Around Single Rope team, while Lena Berry, Robin Gao, T'Kiyah Reeves, and Shalini Stockmans tied with Copeland, Pons, Shohfi, and Watkins for the title of Junior Female All-Around Double Dutch team. The Bulldogs also earned first place in the Junior Team Show event, in addition to hundreds of other individual and group awards.

Copeland, Pons, Shohfi, and Watkins agreed that the Bulldogs' "consistent focus, discipline, and respectful attitude throughout each day carried over to the team's success on the floor."

July 6th marked the Grand Pan-American Championship, where the top six individuals or groups in each event from the previous days re-competed to determine an overall grand champion, regardless of age. Although all participating jumpers from the Bouncing Bulldogs competed in the Junior division, they earned top scores over Senior competitors to bring 21 grand titles back to North Carolina: 7 gold, 9 silver, and 5 bronze.

Team officials noted the hours of hard work dedicated to a common goal; the Bulldogs' accomplishments were a compound effect of daily disciplined practice.

Clementine Judd, first-year competitor for the Bouncing Bulldogs, commented, "We're more than a program: we think of ourselves as a family and community, which is a connection that stands out from other teams, and is why we can be so successful."

The Bouncing Bulldogs hope to further represent the community well as they prepare to travel to Paris, France for the 5th Annual World Jump Rope Championship in two weeks.