



## ***Press Release - Bouncing Bulldogs - 2015 World Jump Rope Championship***

Recently, the Bouncing Bulldogs Jump Rope Team bounced their way around the world to compete in the 5th Annual World Jump Rope Championship held at the Halle Georges Carpentier Arena in Paris, France. Based in Chapel Hill and Durham, the group of 32 jumpers dominated both Junior and Senior divisions, earning a total of 133 awards: 55 gold, 41 silver, and 37 bronze.

1,000 of the top jumpers from 26 different countries participated in the international championship from July 21st through the 26th, creating a global platform for exciting competition and new relationships connecting people from all walks of life.

Throughout each of 18 Single Rope and Double Dutch events, the Bulldogs demonstrated incredible endurance, consistency, and coherence on and off the competition floor. "On the floor, our team stood out for having clean routines with minimal mistakes, while our sportsmanship and teamwork off the floor played a major role in the team's success," commented Ilana Fried, senior captain for the Bouncing Bulldogs.

The program's central value of unity carried over to All-Around Team achievements in Single Rope and Double Dutch disciplines. In the Senior Open division, Ilana Fried, Andrew Mauch, Isabel Osborne, and Adam Weston tied for top All-Around Double Dutch Team. Earning the titles of All-Around Single Rope and Double Dutch Team were Ragan Copeland, Bailey Pons, Megan Shohfi, and Jordyn Watkins from the Junior Female division, and Lily Merrigan, Kenzie Ruston, Whitney Watkins, and Anna Reeb in the Senior Female division. The Bouncing Bulldogs were also awarded first place in the Senior Team Show event, earning overall title of world champions for the fifth straight year.

Coach Ray Fredrick Jr. noted that such a successful performance reflected strong leadership and a high level of community support. "This is probably the best tournament we've ever walked away from."