



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

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La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

### **Annual Report CBTF Technical Chair for 2015**

My term as the CBTF Technical Chair officially ended in 2014. However, we were unsuccessful in finding a new technical chair, and I agreed to assume the role for the 2014/15 season so that the progress of the CBTF could continue.

Your National Technical Committee (Coaches Rep, Judges Rep, Group Rep, Past Technical Chair, President and Past President) meet via teleconference every 2-3 weeks as part of the newly formed "Education Committee". The Education Committee serves to coordinate the numerous projects that are underway in the CBTF and to plan for the future of the CBTF. A summary of this Committee's activities has been reported in a separate document.

In addition to the numerous Educational Committee meetings and activities, it was an extremely busy year for the CBTF Technical Chair. As Competition Director for the 2015 International Cup Qualifier, the 2015 Canadian Winner Championships, and the 2015 International Cup and Grand Prix, an enormous amount of time was dedicated to the planning and hosting of these events.

With such a busy competition schedule in 2014-15, the progress on some of very important action items was slower than desired, and in some cases, has come to a halt. Completing of the *SDP Adjudicators' Training Program* and revisions to the Coaching and Judging Programs need to be a priority for the CBTF this year. Many of the pieces are ready to go – we just need a bit of breathing space to pull them together and then design a systematic plan for their implementation.

A smaller part of my role is to serve as the CBTF's official technical representative to the WBTF. In this capacity, I have:

- Served a 2<sup>nd</sup> year as the WBTF Technical Secretary
- Represented Canada at the WBTF Winter and Summer Technical Advisor Meetings in Abbotsford, BC
- Served a 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a member of the *WBTF New Judging System Working Group*
- Continued to work closely and assist Maureen Johnson with the development of the *Contact Material Grid* that Canada prepared for, and adopted by, the WBTF

It has been a pleasure to serve the membership of the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation, and I look forward to mentoring the new Technical Chair.

Sincerely,  
Elan Paluck  
CBTF Technical Chair