



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

OVERVIEW OF THE 2017 NATIONAL JUDGES' SELECTION PROCESS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

CBTF Judges are invited to submit an application to judge at the following 2017 National and International competitions:

- Canadian International Cup Qualifier, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (May 19 - 22, 2017)
- Canadian Winner/Championships, Saint John, New Brunswick (July 2 - July 6, 2017)
- IBTF Grand Prix (August 4 - 6, 2017) and WBTF International Cup (August 8 - 13, 2017), Poreč, Croatia

Qualified applicants will be assessed by the 2017 National Judges Selection Committee on two attributes:

1. Continuing Professional Development
2. A series of practical assignments

The Judges' Selection Committee shall have the final and complete authority to determine the members of each judging panel for each of the above competitions in a given year.

The Judges' Selection Committee shall be responsible to the CBTF Board of Directors, Executive and Technical Committees.

The CBTF Executive reserves the right to change or revise panel members at any time due to unforeseen circumstances.

The CBTF Executive shall have final and complete authority to determine the members of the Judges Selection Committee.

The CBTF Executive shall have the authority and responsibility to determine:

- The number of Judges required for each competition in the given year
- Whether USTA/WBTF Judges shall be hired for any or each of the competitions in the given year and how many

Questions may to be addressed to the 2017 Judge Selection Coordinator (2017application@cbtf.ca) with a copy to the CBTF President (president@cbtf.ca). Questions sent elsewhere will not be forwarded.

2. BASIC APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

CBTF Applicants must be a member in good standing in the CBTF Technical Association and hold a current CBTF Type C Membership. USTA/WBTF Applicants must be a member in good standing of their WBTF-affiliated national federation.

Judges' Certification required for each competition:

<u>International Cup / Grand Prix</u>	Masters
<u>International Cup Qualifier</u>	Masters
<u>Canadian Winner/Championships</u>	
Individual/Duet Events:	Module 2 Judge
Freestyle/Pair	Masters
Group Events:	Module 3 & 4 (old course), or; Module 3 (new course-effective Jan1/10)

It is to an applicant's advantage to have all certifications required for a competition. CBTF does not discourage applicants from applying if they do not have all certifications – the Selection Committee considers each competition's judging requirements separately.

USTA/WBTF judges selected for the Canadian Winner/Championships will be required to successfully certify in the CBTF Medley event before their judging contract will be finalized.

Judges selected to represent Canada at the Grand Prix or International Cup must be available to attend any WBTF meetings as Canada's representative, if directed to do so. This includes any Focus, Review or other meetings. A full report on each meeting attended must be submitted to the CBTF Technical Chair and CBTF President no later than September 5, 2017.

3. SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee will be comprised of the following fixed members:

- CBTF Technical Chairperson (Committee Chair, no voting privileges except in the case of a tie)
- CBTF Judges Representative
- CBTF Coaches Representative
- CBTF President (an ex-officio position; no voting privileges)

The remainder of the Selection Committee is appointed by the CBTF Executive and will be comprised of the following:

- One Coach who is familiar with CBTF & WBTF technical rules, holds a minimum of L2 certification and is actively involved in the CBTF Coaching System
- One Judge who is familiar with CBTF & WBTF technical rules, holds a minimum of M2 certification and is actively involved in the CBTF Judging System
- 2 Members at large who have few or no personal conflicts of interest and are familiar with CBTF and WBTF rules

5. APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. *Judges' Application*

The application form provides the Selection Committee with a listing of the judge's professional development activities over the past two years.

2. *Technical Assignments*

The ability to apply one's technical knowledge of the sport and the mechanics of judging will be assessed. Depending on which competitions a judge is applying for, three to six assignments will be posted on YouTube® for completion. The specific assignments required will depend on the applicant's certifications and the competitions that are included in the application.

Each assignment will focus on one event at a time and will require approximately 20-30 minutes to complete and are meant to simulate the competition environment as much as possible. Once the YouTube link is accessed, applicants will be required to finish that assignment within an allotted period of time – this time-limited approach will more closely model the actual competition experience.

Responses will be submitted electronically and compared to a standardized scoring key that has been prepared by an independent judging panel. Results of the Technical Assignment will be shared with the Selection Panel.

The Selection Committee will also consider any potential conflicts of interest based on the information provided. All applications received are assigned a unique code number (identifier) by the CBTF administrator who will anonymize each judge's application prior to it being forwarded to the Selection Panel for rating.

6. WEIGHTING OF APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Technical Assignments	80%
Continuing Professional Development activities	20%

7. ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE HIRED IN 2017

Canadian International Cup Qualifier

A minimum of six judges to be hired – the WBTF Judges Rep plus at least 5 additional positions. USTA/WBTF applicants will be considered for this event.

Judges selected for the International Cup Qualifier may also be invited to judge at the Open Competition (if one is also being held on the same weekend).

Canadian Winner/Championship Competition and Maple Leaf Open Competition

Up to twelve judges to be hired – the CBTF Judges Rep, the WBTF Judges Rep, plus up to 10 additional judges. USTA/WBTF applicants will be considered. Based on the actual competition schedule, some judges selected may not be required for the entire Canadians competition period.

Grand Prix and International Cup

Two judges to be selected for the International Cup – the WBTF Judges Rep plus one additional position. Only CBTF judges will be considered for this event. One or both of the International Cup judges will also be selected for the Grand Prix – depending on that competition's requirements.

The above numbers are based upon an estimated number of competing athletes. While every effort will be made to adhere to the above numbers, the CBTF Executive reserves the right to change or revise panel members at any time due to actual circumstances.

8. HIRING RATIOS

For the International Cup Qualifier and Canadian Winner/Championships, at least 2/3 of the judging panels will be CBTF judges. For the International Cup and Grand Prix, all judges will be CBTF judges.

While every effort will be made to adhere to these numbers, the CBTF Executive reserves the right to change or revise panel members at any time due to actual circumstances.

9. JUDGES' SELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

October 31	Deadline for submitting your online application
November 28	Deadline for completion of Technical Assignments. Note: Information regarding the completion of assignments will be emailed directly to those who have submitted an application by the deadline.
December 1-15	Selection panel review process
January 5-10	Results of the Selection Panel assessment to be shared with each applicant. Contracts will be offered and confirmed with each successful applicant.
January 15	2017 National Judging Panels to be posted on the CBTF website