



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL CUP  
QUALIFIER**

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**TO:** CBTF Board of Directors  
CBTF Technical Committee Members

**FROM:** Joanne Moser, CBTF President

**FOR DISTRIBUTION TO:** All coaches in your province

Please be advised of the qualifying process that will be used to select the Canadian contingent that will participate in the International Cup and Grand Prix being hosted in Limoges, France, August 4 - 11, 2019, and note that *there are changes from the previous International Cup/Grand Prix cycle*. Note also that athletes who qualify for the IBTF Grand Prix will compete on August 9, 10, and 11, 2019.

The events offered at this year's International Cup are as follows:

- Women's Solo: Junior 1/Junior 2/Senior/Adult: Level B/A
- Men's Solo: Junior/Senior: Level B/A
- Women's 2-Baton: Junior 1/Junior 2/Senior/Adult: Level B/A
- Men's 2-Baton: Junior/Senior: Level B/A
- Women's 3-Baton: Junior 1/ Junior 2/Senior/Adult: Level B/A/Elite
- Men's 3-Baton: Junior/Senior: Level B/A/Elite
- Women's Artistic Twirl: Junior/Senior/Adult: Level B/A/Elite
- Men's Artistic Twirl: Junior/Senior: Level B/A/Elite
- Artistic Pair: Junior/Senior/Adult: Level B/A/Elite
- Teams: Open age division: Level B/A
- Groups: Open age division: Open Level

WBTF limits the number of entries that each country may send to the 2019 International Cup as follows:

- 6 in each level and division for Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, and Artistic Pair, except for Women's Junior 1 where the limit is 3
- 3 in each level for Teams and Groups

Canada intends to send a full complement.

**Note the following important changes for age divisions:**

Where age divisions apply, "age" shall be determined as the age an athlete is during the period

of January 1st to December 31st in the competition year. Women's and men's divisions have changed.

- Women's Junior 1 Age Division** is age 12 to 14 years
- Women's Junior 2 Age Division** is age 15 to 17 years
- Women's Senior Age Division** is age 18 to 21 years
- Women's Adult Age Division** is age 22 years and over
- Men's Junior Age Division** is age 12 to 17 years
- Men's Senior Age Division** is age 18 years and over

**Note also the following rule as it pertains to all events:**

***Any athlete who has placed in the semi-finals/finals at a World Championship in any event may not compete in any B Level event at a WBTF Cup competition.***

***Declaration Statements and Equitable Competition Rules***

All individuals, pairs, teams and groups that are interested in earning a spot on the Canadian Contingent must first declare their Intent to Compete by completing an International Cup/Grand Prix Declaration Form. Separate forms are required for Individual, Pair/Duet and Team/Group events.

Competitors are required to declare which Events, Divisions and Levels he/she wishes to enter. Please refer to the **WBTF's Philosophy Statement For Equitable Competition Among International Cup Athletes:**

It is the responsibility of the coach and athlete to enter the appropriate International Cup level based on the athlete's true proficiency of skills and experience. The WBTF expects that all member countries will respect and honor these levels in order to uphold the integrity of International competition and promote an honest competitive environment.

By reviewing the content restrictions that are in place, athletes should enter the appropriate level based on their proficiency and competitive achievement. Athletes who compete at higher levels throughout the year in their respective countries, SHOULD NOT have routines "watered-down" in order to meet the content restriction requirement to compete at a lower level.

The CBTF aims to support this philosophy by issuing the following guideline:

	<b>IC Level B</b>	<b>IC Level A</b>	<b>IC Level Elite</b>
<b>Solo</b>	CBTF Level B Solo athletes	CBTF Level A Solo athletes	Current/former World Championship freestyle athletes AND athletes with an average score in Solo exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championship
<b>2-Baton</b>	CBTF Level B 2-Baton athletes	CBTF Level A 2-Baton athletes	Current/former World Championship freestyle athletes AND athletes with

			an average score in 2-Baton exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championship
<b>3-Baton</b>	CBTF Level B 3-Baton athletes	CBTF Level A 3-Baton athletes	Current/former World Championship freestyle athletes AND athletes with an average score in 3-Baton exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championship
<b>Artistic Twirl</b>	CBTF Level B SoloDance or Level B Freestyle athlete	CBTF Level A SoloDance or Level A Freestyle athletes	Current/former World Championship freestyle athletes AND anyone with an average score in SoloDance exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championship
<b>Artistic Pairs</b>	CBTF Level B Duets or Level B Pairs	CBTF Level A Duets or Level A Pairs	Any Pair that has represented Canada at World Championship competition or any Pair that is comprised of current/former World Championship freestyle athletes.
<b>Team / Group</b>	Coaches should establish their Team/Group status in a manner consistent with the above guidelines.		

*Note: Exceptions may be granted for non-World Championship athletes who are scoring close to the 6.0 (2018 Level A) or 7.5 range. Coaches should contact the CBTF Technical Chairperson to discuss these situations prior to the declaration deadline. Note that there is an IC Declaration Review Committee that will check the declarations for compliance.*

**Note also two important requirements implemented by the CBTF Board in 2017 that impact 2019:**

- 1. Athletes who qualify in their events at the qualifying competition must compete in the event offered at the Canadian Championship in Regina in 2019, in order to be eligible to compete in Limoges, France, in August 2019, or they will forfeit their spot on the Canadian contingent and will forfeit their deposit and/or any payment made to CBTF (this will not apply to Artistic Twirl or Artistic Pair as they are not offered at the Canadian Championship); and**
- 2. Athletes who have already competed at an International Cup two times in a B division are ineligible to compete in International Cup B events and will not be permitted to attempt to qualify in any B individual or pair (this does not apply to teams or groups).**

International Cup/Grand Prix Declarations must be submitted on or before November 25, 2018, using the standard forms located on the CBTF website (<http://www.cbtf.ca/trials2019/forms>). These Declarations must also include the \$200.00 fee **per athlete**. This fee is held as a deposit against future Contingent expenses and will be refunded only if the athlete competes at the Qualifier but is not selected for the Contingent – if the athlete withdraws from participation in the Qualifier or International Cup/Grand Prix, or does not compete in the event offered at the Canadian Championship, it will not be refunded.

An interim report describing the number of declarations received in each event/division/level as

of **November 25, 2018** will be published by **December 7, 2018**. Changes to the “Intent to Compete” declaration will be accepted up until **December 12, 2018** (additions or deletions).

Declarations received after **December 12, 2018** must also be accompanied by a Late Declaration Fee, which will be set by the CBTF Board of Directors.

Completed “Intent to Compete” forms, along with the \$200 per person deposit payable to “CBTF Inc.” should be emailed to:

**Sue Mepham, CBTF Executive Assistant**  
**office@cbtf.ca**

### ***International Cup/Grand Prix Qualifier***

All athletes are required to compete at the 2019 IC/GP Qualifier, regardless of the number of declarations received in any particular event/level/division. The International Cup/Grand Prix Qualifier will be held May 17 to 20, 2019, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Further details regarding the IC/GP Qualifier, including entry fees, practice schedule and host hotel will be posted on the CBTF website as they become available.

### ***Grand Prix***

Note that this is IBTF and Canada takes into account CBTF and CNBTA. Canada will be able to send 3 athletes in Junior 1 solo and 2 baton, 6 athletes in Junior 2, Senior, and Adult solo and 2 baton, 3 duets in Junior and Senior, and 3 teams, to compete at the Grand Prix. All divisions are Elite. Placings from the International Cup Qualifier will be used to determine who is representing Canada from CBTF at this event, with the exception of duet as it will be offered as a qualifier for the Grand Prix only. If you do not compete at the International Cup Qualifier, you cannot be selected for the Grand Prix. More details will follow. The updated International Cup and Grand Prix Rules have been posted to the WBTF website.

### ***Budgeting and Planning***

Specific details regarding the expenses at the IC/GP destination are not currently available. CBTF will make necessary arrangements in France for the Contingent (athletes, coaches, judges, team managers, officials, and any parent who is chaperoning multiple athletes in the capacity of a true chaperone, or an athlete who has medical needs that necessitate a companion) during the competition period. CBTF will not make arrangements for spectators/tourists/guests, unless mandated by the host country. To assist individuals and clubs with planning for the event, everyone should be aware of the following costs:

- Based on past experience with events in Europe, people should plan for approximately \$160 CAD **per person** per night for hotel. We expect the stay to play policy will be in place, therefore contingent members will be required to stay in one of the supporting hotels. The hotels in Limoges are smaller European hotels that charge on a per person basis, not a per night basis. Expect that only 2 people will be able to occupy a room.
- Spectator tickets will be required and venue transportation may be required for everyone other than athletes and coaches. People should budget for this. Note that there may or may not be block seating for the country.

- There are other costs that will be shared equally by all participating athletes, such as the cost of sending a Canadian judge(s) and Team Manager(s), Practice gyms, transportation, competition meals, Team Canada jacket and crest, etc. For a European event, people should plan for \$800 (this is only an estimate). The athletes will pay their own badge, program, and entry fees. There will not be reconciliations of accounts. The cost will be fixed per athlete and per coach.
- Air travel to Limoges is also required. CBTF will not be making a group booking. You are responsible for your own arrangements; however, arrival and departure dates will be established for all athletes and coaches.
- We are asking that you send us a proposed rooming list with your intent to compete (assume all of your athletes qualify) as the French Federation has asked us to have hotel needs ready so we can make reservations in January 2019. For this purpose it should include only athletes, coaches, and chaperones.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joanne Moser via email:  
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