

## International Cup Declaration Policy

WBTF rules are in place to ensure a fair and equitable competition at the International Cup, particularly in the B divisions. Any athlete who has placed in the Semi-Finals or Finals at a World Championship in any event may not compete in any B Level event at a WBTF Cup competition.

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 supports this philosophy by issuing the following CBTF Declaration Policy. An athlete's minimum competitive Level at International Cup shall be determined by their status level in the corresponding CBTF event. They may enter a higher International Cup level than their CBTF event status may dictate. The minimum ICup levels are determined as follows:

	IC Level B	IC Level A	IC Level Elite
Solo	CBTF Level BN/BI 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 Championships
2Baton	CBTF Level BN/BI 2Baton athletes	CBTF Level A 2-Baton athletes	Current/former World Championship Freestyle athletes AND athletes with an average score in 2Baton ?exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championships?
3Baton	CBTF Level BN/BI 3Baton athletes	CBTF Level A 3-Baton athletes	?Current/former World Championship Freestyle athletes AND a?thletes with

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	IC Level B	IC Level A	IC Level Elite
			an average score in 3Baton ?exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championships?
Artistic Twirl	CBTF Level BN/BI SoloDance or Level B Freestyle athletes	CBTF Level A SoloDance or Level A Freestyle athletes	?Current/former World Championship Freestyle athletes AND a?thletes with an average score in SoloDance ?exceeding 7.5 at the 2018 Canadian Championships?
Artistic Pair	CBTF Level BN/BI 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.
Team / Group	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).

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