

## **DIRECTIVE: CBTF Policy on Equitable Competition and the WBTF International Cup and IC Qualifier**

When entering the WBTF International Cup and International Cup Qualifier, it is the responsibility of coach and athlete to enter the appropriate International Cup level based on the athlete's true proficiency of skill and experience.

The [CBTF International Cup Declaration Policy](#) [1] was established to support the WBTF Statement for Equitable Competition ([Section 11, Page 2 of the WBTF Policy Manual](#) [2]):

*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.*

Deviations from this policy must be requested from the CBTF Technical Chair by the Declaration Deadline. Requests for exception will be referred to the ICup Declaration Review Committee, as established by the CBTF Executive. The Review Committee's decision is binding.

Please click the Background link below for more details. Should anyone have any concerns or questions, please contact the technicalchair@cbtf [dot] ca (subject: IC%20Declaration%20Policy) (CBTF Technical Chair).

### **Background**

**Note:** This Directive was originally issued as a Guideline in 2010. This Directive has now been updated to reflect that the original Guideline was established as a formal CBTF Policy at the 2015 Fal Conference.

In 2010, the CBTF established a set of guidelines to assist coaches in selecting the WBTF Division (B, A or Elite) their athlete should enter when declaring to compete at the WBTF International Cup. At that time, they were issued as a guideline only.

These guidelines remained in place for three International Cup cycles (2011, 2013 and 2015).

At the 2015 Fall Conference, these guidelines were revised and also approved as a formal policy, which included the process to request an exception to the policy as described for a Waiver . after These guidelines were revised While these guidelines remain the recommended approach to determine an athlete's skill level, they are not a formal policy. As such, it is ultimately the coach's responsibility and decision to move an athlete up or down a Level.2016-11-01

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