

COVID-19 Impact

Updated February 9, 2021 - CBTF continues to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus on public events as it affects us during our competition season.

On January 30, the WBTF Board of Directors met via Zoom for their Winter Board Meeting and made the decision to postpone the World Championship scheduled for August 2021 until a later time. The full text of the announcement is attached below. Separately, the European Commission of the WBTF also decided to postpone the 2021 European Cup.

On February 7, the CBTF Board of Directors met via Zoom and decided to cancel the 2021 Team Trials - the competition has been rescheduled for May 2022 with the expectation that the WBTF will schedule their next World Championship for August 2022.

The Board also determined that the 2021 Canadian Winner/Championship **will proceed** in the summer of 2021, but in a non-traditional manner. The 2021 competition will be held as a 'Yellow'-style competition following the charts to describe the various combinations of Competitive and Pre-Competitive opportunities for the 2020-21 season ([Competitive and Pre-Competitive Opportunities and Phases](#) [1]). The planning committee has created a [survey for all competitive athletes](#) [2]. This feedback will help inform the specific format of our virtual national event.

We are aiming to have the Canadian Winner/Championship in its usual form in 2022, provided the pandemic situation permits.

The IBTF Managing Committee is meeting in March, to determine the status of the August 2022 IBTF World Championship and Nations Cup.

The CBTF Technical and Education Committees have published charts to describe the various combinations of Competitive and Pre-Competitive opportunities for the 2020-21 season ([Competitive and Pre-Competitive Opportunities and Phases](#) [1]).

Provincial health guidelines and provincial Return to Sport phases/restrictions must always be followed. These opportunities exist within those protocols. For example, Pair/Duet or group events cannot be offered if that type of activity is not allowed based on your province's Return to Sport phase.

To facilitate online judging, most of the CBTF Scoresheets and Masters now offer PDF-Fillable versions of the forms. These are all available for download from the website, on the [2020-21 Competition Score Sheet CD](#) [3] page.

The following cancellations/postponements of national and international competitions have been previously announced:

- The Canadian Team Trials competition in Regina, May 15-17 2020, **has been postponed**. The competition will be rescheduled to May 2022.
- The 2020 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open competitions in Moncton, July 1-6, **have been cancelled**.
- The 2021 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open competitions will be held but in a non-traditional manner, as a 'Yellow'-style competition. We are aiming to hold the 2022 Canadian Winner/Championship in its usual form, provided the pandemic situation permits.
- The WBTF European Cup, originally scheduled for July 6-12 2020 in Blanes Spain and then re-scheduled for July 2021, **has been postponed further**. A new date for the Cup will be determined later.
- The WBTF World Championship, originally scheduled for August 2020 in Riccione Italy and then re-schedule

- for August 2021, **has been postponed further**. A new date for the Championship will be determined later.
- At this point, the IBTF competition calendar has been shifted by one year:
 - The first IBTF World Baton Twirling Championship will now be held in August 2022. That competition will be held in Liverpool, England, as previously announced.
 - The first IBTF World Freestyle Championship will now be held in 2023. The bidding opportunity is still open for that competition.

CBTF is offering **Refunds of CBTF Sanction Fees** for events cancelled as part of the COVID-19 response may be requested using our [online form](#) [4]. If you are unable to use the online form, please contact the CBTF Sanction Officer directly with the following information:

- The event organizer's name and contact email address
- The CBTF Sanction Number (not the provincial sanction number)
- The Sanction Fee paid
- The name and contact details for the person/organization that paid the sanction fee

We acknowledge the immense amount of work that has been done by our provincial organizations and clubs this season. We share your disappointment that many planned events may not take place as planned. Many difficult decisions are being made during this challenging time, but we must stress the health and safety of our entire membership is our top priority. The CBTF will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation and provide updates as needed.

Recommendations for all CBTF participants

All CBTF Provincial Organizations, Clubs and Competition Directors should follow the guidelines outlined by their respective provincial and municipal governments. Depending on your jurisdiction, you may be required to suspend some or all activities. We encourage Clubs and Provincial Associations to investigate refunds/rebates/insurance, or other pandemic relief funding that may become available.

If you are sick or have any symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, please stay at home and do not attend any baton twirling activities, consult with your physician or public health authorities and follow their instructions. Limit contact with others and avoid interaction with individuals who are ill.

Proper hygiene can help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others. Please follow the precautions and recommendations from your provincial public health body. Information from the Government of Canada is available online:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html> [5]

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html> [6]

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO POSTPONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.pdf [7]	34.48 KB

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[1] <https://cbtf.ca/article/competitive-and-pre-competitive-opportunities-and-phases>

[2] <https://forms.gle/qjoKj6DeRyJQAWi1A>

[3] <https://cbtf.ca/content/cbtf-competition-score-sheet-cd>

[4] <https://cbtf.ca/webform/covid-19-sanction-fee-refund-request>

[5] <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>

[6] <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

[7] https://cbtf.ca/sites/default/files/media/ANNOUNCEMENT_TO_POSTPONE_WORLD_CHAMPIONSHIP.pdf