

COVID-19 Impact

Updated April 28, 2021 - CBTF continues to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus on public events as it affects us during our competition season.

The CBTF Board of Directors met in April 2021 to approve the plan for the 2021 Canadian Winner/Championship competition. The competition **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. The competition planning committee has reviewed the input from the earlier survey of all competitive athletes and competition information is now being published. Please refer to the [2021 Canadians](#) [1] page for more information.

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

The CBTF Technical and Education Committees have previously 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](#) [2]). The Competitive and Pre-Competitive opportunities exist within any provincial health guidelines and all provincial Return To Sport phases/restrictions must always be followed. 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 IBTF Managing Committee met in March 2021 and decided to postpone the inaugural IBTF World Championship, originally planned for August 2021 in Liverpool England, by one additional year. The exact dates and location of the re-scheduled competition have not been announced.

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. Please go to our [2021 Canadians](#) [1] page for more information. 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-scheduled for August 2021, **has been postponed further**. The next WBTF World Championship will be held August 4-7 2022 in Turin, Italy.
- At this point, the IBTF competition calendar has been shifted by two years:
 - The first IBTF World Baton Twirling Championship will now be held in August 2023. The dates and location of that competition have not been 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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[1] <https://cbtf.ca/Events/2021Canadians>

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

[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>

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