



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

Technical Chair Report – 2019 Fall Conference

In my third year as CBTF Technical Chair, I feel I've been able to make a lot of progress on some of our projects, and I'd like to thank the CBTF Technical Committee and the Provincial Technical Chairs for all of their hard work! Each province is unique in their delivery of the programs based on a variety of factors, but we will continue to aim to have consistency and high quality programs available across Canada.

Education Committee

The 2018-2019 Education Committee was made up of the following members:

Dana Peteleski – Chair

Jeff Johnson

Joanne Moser

Karen Gratton

Maureen Johnson

Amy Kalin

Ron Kopas

I have submitted a separate Education Committee report outlining all of the projects and activities that took place over the past year. I'd like to thank all of the committee members for their contributions to the ongoing projects.

2019 Competitions

In the past, the role of Competition Director for the ICQ/TT and Canadian Championships, has been assigned to the CBTF Technical Chair. When I agreed to let my name stand for this position, I knew that my coaching responsibilities would not allow me to properly fulfill the on-site competition director duties at these competitions. It was very important to me to be able to continue to provide my athletes with the time and attention that I feel is required of a coach at national level competitions. I'd like to thank CBTF for agreeing to assign the competition duties to other highly-capable members once again this year. I was still able to contribute my time to the competitions during the advance preparations, and was available to assist with on-site situations as they arose, while still dedicating time to my athletes. I am very appreciative.

The 2019 International Cup Qualifier was held in Winnipeg, MB under the direction of Leisha Strachan, and host-province coordinator Edie Parisian. The team of Manitoba volunteers put together a wonderful competition for the athletes!

The 2019 Canadian Championships were held in Regina, SK, under the direction of Jeff Johnson and host province co-ordinator, Nancy Lighthouse. This was also a wonderful competition in a great facility for our athletes.

The Judges Selection Process for this season followed the same procedures that have been established in the past. Thank you to Jeff Johnson for handling the technical side of this process for us (online videos, applications etc.), and thank you to Ron Kopas and Amy Kalin for their work in preparing and marking the exams. The Selection Committee was comprised of CBTF Technical Chair Dana Peteski, CBTF Coaches Rep Maureen Johnson, CBTF Judges Rep Amy Kalin, Leisha Strachan (MB), Nancy Lighthouse (SK), Lisa Pitre (QC), and Beth Swain (AB). Thank you to these volunteers for their contributions in selecting the 2019 judging panels.

2019 International Cup and Grand Prix

The 2019 International Cup and Grand Prix was held in Limoges, France. Thank you to our Team Managers Nancy Lighthouse and Steven Kopas for doing a wonderful job with the contingent. There were challenges this year with the size of the contingent and the availability of hotels. I'm sure the team managers will report any concerns and suggestions in their report, and I feel that the CBTF board still has some additional work to do to further outline our rules, regulations and expectations of national contingent members.

Event Refreshers

A major project that emerged from the 2018 FTM was the development of "event refreshers". As an organization, we are fortunate to have great materials and resources that have been developed over the years by many of our talented and knowledgeable members of the Technical Association. With the abundance of information, it's easy to forget that it's available, and with such busy lives, it can be a challenge to find the time to locate all of the resources. The purpose of the event refresher courses was to ensure that all of our coaches and judges have the information that they need in order to properly coach and judge our CBTF events. Thank you to our contributors: Leisha Strachan (Solo Dance Twirl), Ron Kopas and Deardra Leslie (Medley), Jenna Jemieff (3-Baton), Maureen Johnson (2-Baton), Dana Peteski (Solo), Sara Thibeault (Duet). We will finish up this season by including Dance Twirl Team and Twirl Team event refreshers with the help of Joanne Moser and LeeAnn Wilson.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as CBTF Technical Chair over the past three years. I look forward to furthering the projects that I have undertaken this past season.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteski