

2019 CBTF Fall Conference

Report from CBTF Coaches' Rep

Coaching and Judging Program Re-Alignment

In 2018-19, as a member of the CBTF Education Committee, I continued to work on the re-alignment of the Coaching and Judging programs. As part of that work, Dana organized a Coaching Course Retreat in February 2019 with representation from most provinces. This Retreat was focussed on developing specific tools for use in the new Coaching Program.

2Baton Event Refresher

Event Refreshers were created for all 6 CBTF Individual/Duet events last year. I was assigned the 2Baton Refresher, and this was posted in December 2018.

Five-Year Training Plan for Illusions

I also prepared a Five-Year Training Plan for Illusions. This video is complete but, with a 20-minute runtime, we felt it was too long to be released as a Coaching Vignette. Instead, it will be included as a segment within the new Coaching Program.

Group Event Descriptions

I also volunteered to re-write the Event Descriptions, Primary Focus and Secondary Considerations sections in the Group Handbook for:

- Pre-Competitive Twirl Team
- Pre-Competitive DanceTwirl Team
- Twirl Team
- DanceTwirl Team

The goal of the re-write was to provide greater clarity for each event, and also to show the continuity from the Pre-Competitive event to the corresponding Competitive event.

These are now in the hands of the Education Committee for review and approval before being incorporated into the Group Handbook.

Short Program Contact Material Element

Immediately after the January 2019 WBTF Winter Meetings, the WBTF Executive Technical Committee (ETC) put out a call for proposals for a replacement Contact Material section (Element 6) in the Short Program - both Junior and Senior. They asked for two distinct sections, a prescribed 8-count vertical combination and a prescribed 8-count horizontal combination separated by 8 counts of Accessory Material (coaches' choreography).

Several proposals were received - the ETC adopted one I had submitted on behalf of Canada. That proposal was then sent to the WBTF Technical Committee and was approved by them. It has now also been approved by the WBTF Board of Directors for a September 1 2019 implementation.

In July, I sent the written description, the demonstration video, and two clarification/teaching videos to all Provincial Technical Chairs, Coaches Reps and Judges Reps, for distribution within their provinces.

This material is now on the WBTF website:

<https://www.wbtf.org/content/video-revised-short-program-element-6-contact-material>

It will be added to the CBTF website, after the Fall Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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