



MBTSA Chairperson Report for 2022-23

To: CBTF Board of Directors

From: MBTSA Chairperson

Date: August 31, 2023

I am pleased to present the Manitoba Baton Twirling Sport Association (MBTSA) Chairperson Report for the 2022-23 season.

Membership: Our membership base has seen growth in recreational numbers:

- Recreational (BR): 76 members
- Group (G): 5 members
- Technical (T1/T2): 26 members
- Pre-Competitive (B): 2 members
- Competitive (A): 25 members
- Volunteer (E): 19 members

Regular programs in La Salle, Legacy Baton and SPIN program did not have participants register for memberships. Attendance was an additional 80 children.

Funding and Grants: MBTSA remains grateful for the support of Sport Manitoba, which provides essential funding and organizational guidance. In August, we secured an additional \$19,600 Provincial government grant. This grant will be allocated towards enhancing and expanding our programs, particularly focusing on grassroots and recreational initiatives so our sport will continue to build back up. We will also offer additional support to our pre-competitive and competitive athletes.

Competitive Athletes:

- Allocated between 2-4 hours of free gym time per week at Sport Manitoba from September to June.
- Funded a portion of travel to the Nations Cup/World Qualifiers, and Nations Cup/World Championships.
- Provided Freestyle/Pairs choreography grants, and Freestyle scholarships.
- Hosted three competitions: Winter Classic, Unicity Competition, and Provincial Competition.

- Five athletes represented MBTSA at the Nations Cup/World Championships, achieving outstanding results. Notably, the Trans Canada Twirl Corps "Change", coached by MB coach Leisha Strachan (and Susan Franklyn, Ontario) secured Bronze at the World Championships, while the Trans Canada Team "Dynasty" Twirl Team earned Silver at the Nations Cup (Level A).
- Eleven of our competitive athletes competed at the Canadian Championships and Maple Leaf Open in Edmonton, Alberta.

Pre-Competitive Athletes:

- Events were offered at Winter Classic and Unicity competitions.
- While only two athletes registered as Type B pre-competitive athletes, others were in competitive groups and competed in the pre-comp events. Online badge testing continues.

Grassroots: In April, we hosted a baton festival with 60 children in attendance from the community. Our Outreach Team actively engaged with the community during the summer, visiting 16 summer camps and/or daycares. Our 3-day summer evening camp, Summer Sizzler, was well attended.

Additional Outreach Programs:

- Participation in Sport Manitoba Girls in Sport Multisport Day
- Newcomer Sports Academy
- SPIN (City of Winnipeg) program

Acknowledgments:

- Lucinda McMaster was nominated and received a CBTF Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to our sport as an athlete, coach, judge, and volunteer.
- Hailey Tsitrin received a \$500 Sport Manitoba Women to Watch grant.

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I would like to thank our Provincial board members for their dedication to baton twirling in Manitoba.
Special thanks to Olga Orlov for her outstanding promotion of our programs.

We look forward to the upcoming season.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy De Jong