



**Canadian Baton Twirling Federation**

**La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif**

## **Technical Chair Report – 2023 Fall Conference**

I'd like to first take the opportunity to thank the CBTF Technical Committee and the Provincial Technical Chairs for all of their hard work over the past season! As programs ramped up post-pandemic, there has been a lot of progress made in all areas from grassroots to elite. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of the many volunteers in CBTF, we continue to deliver high quality programs across Canada.

### **Education Committee**

The 2022-2023 Education Committee was made up of the following members:

Dana Peteleski – Chair

Jeff Johnson

Joanne Moser

Karen Gratton

Andrea James

Jenna Jemieff

Maureen Johnson

I have submitted a separate Education Committee report outlining all of the projects and activities that took place over the past year. These definitely take a good portion of my time, but are vital to the advancement of our organization. I'd like to thank all of the committee members as well as the sub-committees that we had this year, for their contributions to the ongoing and new projects.

### **Webinars**

I would like to highlight that we held 10 webinars this past year to educate, inform, and bring together our technical association members. A lot of preparation goes into these webinars, and I would like to thank each of our presenters for their contributions. The Education Committee hopes that the webinars provided first-hand information and direct communication to our members on relevant topics, in addition to serving as continuing education to our Technical Association members. We were happy to host:

1. What's New – An Update for Technical Association Members
2. Judges Selection Exam Training
3. Town Hall – Governance and Sport Recognition
4. Play the Game – Judging
5. Intro to the Revised Pre-Competitive Group Program
6. SDP Coaches Development Part 1
7. SDP Coaches Development Part 2
8. SDP Coaches Development Part 3
9. Town Hall #2 (follow up)
10. Nations Cup Restrictions

### **Courses**

We are making good progress on our Coaching Certification Courses, with Baton Twirling Foundations (BTF) Practical courses being held in 4 provinces. Our Competition 1 (C1) Theory is available in the Education Portal, and the Practical portion of that course is under review. The Competition 2 (C2) Theory is approaching publication and focus will be on finalizing the Practical portion.

The BTF Evaluation report card has been approved and the Master Evaluator program is in development with the Education Committee. Once the BTF program has been finalized, the concepts should be easily transferrable to the C1 and C2 programs.

A reminder that our Coach-In-Training Part I and Part II programs are free of charge. Simply register for an account on the Education Portal, proceed through the Theory and download the handbook to track your hours! This is a great program for those that are 13+ years of age showing an interest in assisting with coaching!

The Judging Courses are progressing, and our focus needs to be on getting these ready to launch. The A1 Adjudicator Theory is live in the Education Portal and the Practical Course will be offered online in the fall. A2 and A3 Theory will follow and the practical courses will require video examples of the badges and pins in order to be able to offer the exams. The Division 1 (D1) Theory is ready to publish in the Education Portal, with the practical course being 50% complete. The Division 2 (D2) Theory is undergoing final review prior to being published, and the practical portion has been in the hands of a sub-committee. D3 and D4 will require dedicated time to get started.

I look forward to getting all of the courses up and running so that we can continue to certify new coaches, adjudicators and judges in our sport!

### **Tabulation Training**

Thank you to Cindy Dietrich for her work on the tabulator training handbook and for hosting the training sessions. It's valuable to have consistency in our procedures at all levels of competition, and we will continue to work towards standardizing results submissions so that they are in formats that are more easily combined into a database.

### **2023 Competitions**

The CBTF Qualifier was held on the May long weekend in Oshawa at Durham College. Thank you to Jeff Johnson (competition director), Jennifer Olson (host province coordinator) and the team of volunteers that made the competition a success. I feel that we were able to provide the athletes and coaches with a well-structured event that prepared us well for Liverpool and the Nations Cup/World Championships. CBTF ventured into some new events that were on the IBTF slate (X-Strut, Twirl Team, and Twirling Corps) and although there was a learning curve, in the end, it was successful. We will evaluate and have further discussions surrounding the future of these events.

The 2023 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open was also a great success this past July at MacEwan University in Edmonton. Thank you to Jeff Johnson (competition director), Candy Tedford (host province coordinator) and the Alberta volunteers for hosting us.

Congratulations to the athletes that represented Canada at the 2023 IBTF Nations Cup and World Baton Twirling Championships. There were many Canadians in the finals, and Canada brought home 25 medals from Nations Cup (6 Gold, 12 Silver and 7 Bronze) and 5 medals from the World Championships (3 Silver and 2 Bronze).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as CBTF Technical Chair over the past seven years. Although it is a lot of work, I do enjoy being able to give back to the sport. Working alongside so many other amazing CBTF volunteers is a great experience, and I am definitely learning something new all of the time!

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteleski