

As the new year approaches in our baton season, I would like to wish everyone a successful year ahead. I am busy as a new mother and business owner, but my love for our sport never changes. The following things listed below are the areas that I contributed to this year.

1. Contributed to developing the role models for twirl team.

2. Developed the assignments for the Canadians.

Unfortunately, the assignments are an area where our judges are divided on the value of this process. Some feel it isn't a true measure of their potential and that not having any opportunity to defend their score, makes it an unfair process. Although I believe that its not a perfect process for selection, I strongly believe testing everyone on the same playing field is better than what we have had before. The alarming part is how low some of our scores are. This is an area where we need to improve on. I am excited to add some new elements to the assignment process this year with the support of the Education Committee.

3. As the Judges Rep I reached out twice this year to our Provincial Judges Reps to invite all of our CBTF judges to participate on a phone meeting that looked at judging concerns. For those that participated I appreciated hearing their provinces concerns and I presented them to the Education Committee. These concerns were addressed at the time or are on the Fall Agenda.

I am sorry that I wasn't able to attend the Nationals this year however would like to thank Jenna Jemieff for stepping in for me. Jenna as always does a wonderful job and I appreciated her support. Once again, my best wishes for a good year.

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