



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

Technical Chair Report – 2018 Fall Conference

I have really enjoyed my two years as CBTF Technical Chair, and it's hard to believe that two years have gone by so quickly. I'd like to thank the Provincial Technical Chairs for all of the work that they do within their province, disseminating information, and fielding questions. I know that we have some work to do to develop more consistency across the provinces, however I realize that each province is unique in their delivery of the programs based on a variety of factors, so we will continue to aim to find the right balance!

Education Committee

The 2017-2018 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. I'd also like to thank Sara Thibeault and Jenna Jemieff for taking on the positions of project lead on two of our projects.

2018 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 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 2018 Canadian Team Trials was held in Hamilton, ON, under the direction of Joanne Moser, and host-province coordinator Kim Genton. The team of Ontario volunteers put together a wonderful competition for the athletes!

The 2018 Canadian Championships were held in Winnipeg, MB, under the direction of Jeff Johnson and host province co-ordinator, Edie Parisian. This was also a wonderful competition in a great facility for our athletes. I'm pleased to report that we were able to revise the method in which we present the awards to the athletes and we were successful in eliminating the 'walk of shame'. This was done by calling out all of the finalists for each event, and having them remain on the main floor until all awards for that event had been presented. Athletes returned to the main gathering, even after receiving their awards, so that there were no athletes left behind through process of elimination. We also had all athletes sitting in the stands in a reserved area, so that they could watch the Grand Nationals for each event. We then gave the athletes time to change into their next costume prior to having to walk out onto the floor for the next set of awards. I think everyone appreciated the small revisions that we made to the awards process.

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 all of their work in preparing and marking the exams. The Selection Committee was comprised of CBTF Technical Chair Dana Peteleski, CBTF Coaches Rep Maureen Johnson, CBTF Judges Rep Amy Kalin, Kristen Paupanekis (MB), Michelle Bretherick (ON), Loren Dermody (AB) and Gwen Watt (NB). Thank you to these volunteers for their contributions in selecting the 2018 judging panels. Competition Directors faced challenges in putting together the judging panels due to changes in availability of some of the selected judges.

2018 World Championship

The 2018 World Championship was held in Kissimmee, Florida. Thank you to our Team Manager Nancy Lightheart for doing a wonderful job with the contingent.

Canada's Results are as follows:

Junior Women	Senior Women	Senior Men
12 th – Sarah Doherty	6 th – Julee Stewart	12 th – Yonatan Orlov
15 th – Danielle Skinner	13 th – Jasmine Runge	
16 th – Amina Egag	16 th – Sophie Lightheart	
Junior Pair	Senior Pair	
4 th – Clara Lightheart & Danielle Skinner	7 th – Cassidy Doherty & Sarah Doherty	
Team		
5 th – SOBG Earth Song		

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteleski