

Practice Judge Supervisor Policy

An important component of the CBTF Judge Certification process is the *Practice Judging* that a candidate is required to complete. The supervising judge in that practice judging experience plays a significant role in that process.

This CBTF Policy regarding Practice Judge Supervisors was adopted at the 2013 CBTF Fall Conference.

CERTIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Practice Judge Supervisors for M1, M2 and M3 Events shall hold full certification in all of these modules and have four (4) or more years of recent judging experience at the Canadian Winner/Championships.
2. Practice Judge Supervisors for WBTF Events (including Level C & B Compulsories) shall meet the CBTF "Veteran Judge" criteria as follows:
 - A CBTF Certified Judge who has four (4) or more years of recent judging experience at Canadian Winner/Championships. The judge must hold M1, M2, M3 and M5/Master Certification or has judged at previous World Championships.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Shall be considered a member in excellent standing in the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation and the CBTF Technical Association and strictly abide by CBTF the rules and regulations.
2. Shall adhere to the Responsibilities of a Practice Judge Supervisor as listed below.
3. Shall be considered, by CBTF and his/her peers, as a mentor & leader in the Canadian judging field
4. Shall be a dedicated contributor and supporter of the CBTF Judging Program.
5. Must participate in any Practice Judge Supervisor Update Meetings/Webinars when scheduled.
6. May also be a current, registered Judges' Course Conductor in one or more of the judging modules.
7. May also be a Practice Judge Course Examiner (**when the Practice Judge Alternative Program is fully developed).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PRACTICE JUDGE SUPERVISOR

1. Act in a professional manner; exhibiting enthusiasm, understanding and patience with the practice judge.
2. Be acutely aware that you are acting as a mentor and role model to new judges and that your actions and communication skills will be very important in their development.
3. Introduce yourself and welcome him/her to the competition.
4. Prior to the start of the competition, ensure that the practice judge has been given the correct masters and a program. Assist him/her in preparing mentally for the judging task ahead. Practice Judges are encouraged to attend the Judges' Meeting.
5. Prior to the start of judging, arrange with the practice judge to meet in order to review the masters and address any concerns or questions.
6. Indicate where the practice judge is to sit – preferably near you in case minimal conversation must be held.
7. When meeting with the Practice Judge, address their professionalism, their clothing/grooming (if something is inappropriate, make sure to point it out) and their general demeanor while at the judges' table.
8. At the meeting, carefully review their masters for methods of recall and organization of their written notes. Provide tips for effective note-taking.
9. Review the scores/rankings they assessed each competitor; advising them of your own score/rank. A frank and

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honest discussion must be held if there are any significant differences. Share your reasons for why you each gave the score/ranking you did. The outcome of the discussion should be to eliminate the difference. Discuss any penalties that were assessed and how they may have affected the scores/ranking given. Be willing to answer any questions regarding judging.

10. If you believe that the practice judge is ready to receive full certification, sign the Master and return it to the practice judge. You are not obligated to sign masters.
11. At the conclusion of your meeting, thank the practice judge for his/her commitment to the CBTF Judges' Program and wish him/her good luck in the future.

To obtain confidential information, competition directors may contact:

- CBTF Judges Rep
- CBTF Technical Chairperson
- Competition Directors from other areas/provinces

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