

COVID-19 Impact

Updated August 3, 2020 - CBTF continues to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus on public events as it affects us during our competition season.

The SDP Online Testing program began on May 1 and over 500 badge tests have been submitted for online grading! Testing video must be submitted using the website: sdp-online.cbtf.ca [1]. SDP Testing via video submission is already a program that CBTF has in place for areas that do not have easy access to an Adjudicator for in-person testing. For the period of May 1 to August 31, 2020, this is being expanded to include all of our CBTF athletes! This program will run nationally through the CBTF SDP Rep. Sara has put together a pool of Adjudicators who have most generously donated their time to adjudicate these tests via video, so that there will be no charge to the athletes for the testing (please note: if the athlete wishes to purchase the badge or pin that they have earned, they will be responsible for covering those expenses). The CBTF extends its thanks to those Adjudicators who have volunteered to do this for our athletes during this uncertain time.

Complete details for the [SDP Online Testing program](#) [2] have been posted on the website. Please refer to this page for complete details.

The following cancellations/postponements of national and international competitions have been previously announced:

- The Canadian Team Trials competition in Regina, May 15-17, **has been postponed**. The competition will be rescheduled to May 2021.
- The 2020 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open competitions in Moncton, July 1-6, **have been cancelled**. The Avenir Centre in Moncton, New Brunswick will host the 2021 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open.
- The WBTF European Cup, scheduled for July 6-12 in Blanes Spain, **has been postponed**. The competition will be rescheduled to July 2021.
- The WBTF World Championship in Italy, August 5-9, **has been postponed**. The competition has been rescheduled to August 2021 in Riccione, Italy.
- The IBTF competition calendar will be shifted by one year:
 - The first IBTF World Baton Twirling Championship will now be held in August 2022. That competition will be held in Liverpool, England, as previously announced.
 - The first IBTF World Freestyle Championship will now be held in 2023. The bidding opportunity is still open for that competition.

CBTF is offering **Refunds of CBTF Sanction Fees** for events cancelled as part of the COVID-19 response may be requested using our [online form](#) [3]. If you are unable to use the online form, please contact the CBTF Sanction Officer directly with the following information:

- The event organizer's name and contact email address
- The CBTF Sanction Number (not the provincial sanction number)
- The Sanction Fee paid
- The name and contact details for the person/organization that paid the sanction fee

We acknowledge the immense amount of work that has been done by our provincial organizations and clubs this season. We share your disappointment that many planned events may not take place as planned. Many difficult decisions are being made during this challenging time, but we must stress the health and safety of our entire membership is our top priority. The CBTF will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation and

provide updates as needed.

Recommendations for all CBTF participants

All CBTF Provincial Organizations, Clubs and Competition Directors should follow the guidelines outlined by their respective provincial and municipal governments. Depending on your jurisdiction, you may be required to suspend some or all activities. We encourage Clubs and Provincial Associations to investigate refunds/rebates/insurance, or other pandemic relief funding that may become available.

If you are sick or have any symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, please stay at home and do not attend any baton twirling activities, consult with your physician or public health authorities and follow their instructions. Limit contact with others and avoid interaction with individuals who are ill.

Proper hygiene can help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others. Please use the following precautions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand. Dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean high-touch surfaces frequently with regular household cleaners or diluted bleach (a 9/1 water-to-bleach ratio is recommended)
- Avoid physical contact and getting too close to others, including shaking hands and hugging.
- If you are a healthy individual, the use of a mask is not recommended for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

For more information please visit the following Government of Canada resources:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html> [4]

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html> [5]

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Links

[1] <https://sdp-online.cbtf.ca:8081>

[2] <https://www.cbtf.ca/article/online-sdp-testing>

[3] <https://www.cbtf.ca/webform/covid-19-sanction-fee-refund-request>

[4] <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>

[5] <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>