
March 8, 2011 Newsletter

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Baton Twirling Promotional Video

The [WBTF](#) [2] has created an exciting video that demonstrates and promotes the sport of baton twirling. You can have a look on our website: [Baton Twirling Promo Video](#) [3].

Twirling Tips Section Added to CBTF.CA

We have added a new section to the website in the Programs | Athletes area - [Twirling Tips](#) [4].

This section is managed by our Athletes' Representative, Sara Thibeault. On a regular basis, Sara will be posting articles with a focus on information that is valuable to our athletes. Two articles have already been posted:

- [Proper Pre-Competition Nutrition](#) [5], by Cassandra Frank (ABTA Athletes' Rep)
- [An Athlete's Mental Tools](#) [6], by Danielle Priel (SBTA Athletes' Rep)

If you have a subject that you would like to see discussed, or, if you have an article that you would like to see posted, please contact sara [dot] thibeault[at]gmail [dot] com (subject: Athlete%20Twirling%20Tips) (Sara) directly.

CBTF.CA Event Calendar

We are working to make the [Event Calendar](#) [7] on the CBTF.CA a complete, one-stop, reference site for events -

competitions, courses, clinics - across the country.

If you have an event that should be posted on CBTF.CA, or corrections for an event already posted, please email the details to our admin@cbtf [dot] ca (subject: CBTF.CA%20Event) (Website Administrator).

2011 CBTF Elections

2011 is an election year for several positions on the CBTF Executive and Technical Committees. Further details regarding the nomination and election process will be posted on the CBTF website in the new year.

Position	Nomination Period	Election Period
President	March 30, 2011 - May 30, 2011	At 2011 AGM
2nd Vice-President	March 30, 2011 - May 30, 2011	At 2011 AGM
Secretary	March 30, 2011 - May 30, 2011	At 2011 AGM
Judges' Representative	February 4, 2011 - April 4, 2011	May 5, 2011 - June 20, 2011
Coaches' Representative	February 4, 2011 - April 4, 2011	May 5, 2011 - June 20, 2011
Athletes' Representative	February 4, 2011 - April 4, 2011	May 5, 2011 - June 20, 2011
SDP Representative	March 30, 2011 - May 30, 2011	At 2011 AGM
Group Events Representative	March 30, 2011 - May 30, 2011	At 2011 AGM
Sanction Officer	March 30, 2011 - May 30, 2011	At 2011 AGM

The nomination form for the Judges' Rep, Coaches' Rep and Athletes' Rep positions, along with additional details about the nomination process, has already been posted on the website: [2011 CBTF Elections - Athletes', Coaches' and Judges' Rep Positions](#) [8].

Any CBTF member in good standing may make a nomination for any of the positions listed above.

2011 Canadian Winner/Championships

The competition is scheduled to occur in the first full week in July at the University of Manitoba Athletic Centre in Winnipeg.

The most up-to-date source of information for the competition - hotels, schedule, forms, etc - is the CBTF website. The 2011 Canadians have a set of pages, located at <http://www.cbtf.ca/canadians2011> [9]. Already you can find details about:

- [Competition Schedule](#) [10]
- [Rate and Booking information for the Host Hotel](#) [11], the Best Western Pembina Inn and Suites

- [Judge Selections](#) [12]

Pre-Event Update

The CBTF Pre-Events are the entry level to competition. The Pre-Event specific set routines provide simplicity, proper skills progression and promote proper baton and body technique. Athlete's evaluations are based on a standard national CBTF grading system.

A [Pre-Event Update](#) [13] has been prepared and posted on the website. It highlights the key changes to the Grading Sheets and reinforces the performance expectation and Event Focus for these events. All athletes, coaches, judges and parents are encouraged to [have a look](#) [13] at this material.

The updated [CBTF Competition Score Sheet CD](#) [14] is available on the website as a free download.

Medley Update

As we begin the 2011 competition season, it is always good for coaches and judges to review, update and refresh in all of the events. For the Medley event, it is important that everyone is knowledgeable and completely understands the concept and all changes to the scoresheet.

Deardra Leslie and Ron Kopas, themselves members of the original Medley Event Committee, have prepared a [Medley Update](#) [15] that is posted on our website. It highlights the Event Philosophy, includes Focus Reminders, describes the Baton Movement allowed in each of the three Medley sections, and includes some Special Pointers for coaches and judges to consider for this season. All athletes, coaches, judges and parents are encouraged to [have a look](#) [15] at this material.

The Medley Score Sheet has also been updated for this year. The updated [CBTF Competition Score Sheet CD](#) [14] is available on the website as a free download.

CBTF Declarations FAQ

No one area seems to cause as much confusion for coaches and club directors as group declarations. To help eliminate that confusion, here is a brief list of Questions and Answers.

- What is a Declaration?

There are currently only two types: the [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16] and the [2011 International Cup Intent to Compete Declaration](#) [17].

In the past, there were also declarations for WBTF Pair and WBTF Team, but these were eliminated by the CBTF Board of Directors in the fall of 2009.

- Why do we have the [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16]?

The [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16] is used to ensure that each group is conforming to the CBTF group rules and regulations, such as: CBTF membership requirements, group average age, prohibition against self-

competition, etc.

In the past, the group's CBTF Level of competition was determined by the Individual Group Status of the members, which required a [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16]. As of the Fall of the fall of 2009, the CBTF Level is determined by the coach at the beginning of the competition season, so the [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16] is no longer used for that purpose.

- What events require a [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16]?

The [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16] is required for all CBTF Group Events (Pom Pom Team, Dance Twirl Team, CBTF Team, Parade Corps and Theme Production).

- What events do not require a [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16]?

No declaration is required for the Pre-Group event.

- What is the deadline for [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16]?

This varies from province to province - you should confirm the deadline with your Provincial Group Events Rep or your Provincial Technical Representative. CBTF requires that the [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16] be submitted no later than the Provincial Winner/Championship entry deadline - but each province is free to establish an earlier deadline, and many have.

- Where do I send my [CBTF Group Declarations](#) [16]?

The [CBTF Group Declaration](#) [16] is completed by the club and sent to the Provincial Group Events Rep. The Provincial Group Events Rep reviews the Declaration for accuracy and then forwards it to the CBTF Data Input Co-Ordinator and the National Group Events Rep.

- How do I submit my [CBTF Group Declarations](#) [16]?

The form is available on the CBTF website in both PDF and MS Word format. There are two options for submission:

- 1) The form can be printed, signed and mailed
- 2) The form can be completed electronically (in MS Word) and sent by email. In the case of email submissions, the Club is *strongly encouraged* to follow-up with the Provincial Group Rep to ensure the email was received.

- Why do we have the [International Cup Declaration](#) [17]?

Canada is allowed to send up to 6 athletes in all Individual and Pair Events/Divisions/Levels and up to 3 Teams/Groups in each Level.

The [2011 International Cup Intent to Compete Declaration](#) [17] is used to determine which events required a Qualifier competition to determine the Contingent members. Beginning with the 2009 International Cup, and as a cost-saving measure for our athletes, CBTF implemented a policy that only those Events/Divisions/Levels that had more participants interested than Canada is allowed to send would require a Qualifier competition.

- What if I missed the International Cup Declaration deadline?

After the initial International Cup Declaration deadline, spots in some Events/Divisions/Levels were still available. Those remaining vacancies can be filled by athletes following the [Late Declaration Process](#) [18], strictly on a first-come first-filled basis. Once all spots in an Event/Division/Level have been filled, no further declarations for that Event/Division/Level will be accepted.

The [Late Declaration Process](#) [18] is described on the website.

- When does the membership of an International Cup Pairs, Teams or Groups have to be finalized?

The *final* rosters for the Pair, Team and Group events are required by May 23. This flexibility recognizes that some of these Pairs/Teams/Groups may get modified depending who qualifies in which Individual events. This is the latest possible date this still allows us to meet WBTF entry and athlete accreditation deadlines.

If you have other questions that are not answered above, please use the [Contact Us](#) [19] page to get an answer.

Worlds 2010 Results

Our Canadian Contingent put together an outstanding showing - Canada placed 4th in the overall World Cup standings. Day-by-day results from the entire competition are posted on the [Worlds 2010 Results page](#) [20]. Have a look!

You can learn more about the athletes that represented Canada on our Worlds 2010 National Team page. Congratulations to our entire contingent:

- [Sara Black](#) [21], Junior Women
- [Chloe Ceulemans](#) [22], Junior Women and Junior Pairs
- [Amy Genton](#) [23], Senior Women Alternate and Team
- [Jenna Jemieff](#) [24], Team
- [Matthew Johnson](#) [25], Junior Men
- [Maddison Kojic](#) [26], Team
- [Deanna Langlois](#) [27], Team
- [Catherine Lemyre](#) [28], Team
- [Lauren Macdonald](#) [29], Team
- [Kayla McKinnon](#) [30], Senior Women and Senior Pairs
- [Brigitte Moser](#) [31], Junior Women Alternate and Junior Pairs
- [Danielle Priel](#) [32], Senior Women
- [Marla Sharp](#) [33], Team
- [Sara Thibeault](#) [34], Senior Women and Senior Pairs
- [Kiera West](#) [35], Junior Women
- [Kyla Wilson](#) [36], Team

And our officials:

- Ron Kopas, Judge
- Brenda Cooper, Judge
- Steve Kopas, Team Manager

2011 International Cup Qualifier

The competition is scheduled to occur over the long weekend on May. Provincial/Club practice time will be available on Friday May 20 and the competition will be held on May 21 and 22 at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

The most up-to-date source of information for the competition - hotels, schedule, forms, etc - is the CBTF website. The 2011 International Cup Qualifier has a set of pages, located at <http://www.cbtf.ca/trials2011> [37]. Already you can find details about:

- [Declaration Results](#) [38]
- [Late Declaration Process](#) [18]
- [Competition Schedule](#) [39]
- [Rate and Booking information for the Host Hotel](#) [40], the Delta Calgary South
- [Judge Selections](#) [41]

If you have questions about the International Cup Declaration Process, have a look at the [CBTF Declarations FAQ](#) - your question might already be answered. If not, please use the [Contact Us](#) [19] page to get an answer.

International Cup 2011

The 2011 WBTF International Cup will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, August 4 through August 7. We are very pleased to announce that Canada will be sending 3 judges to the competition - Ron Kopas, Brenda Cooper and Deandra Leslie. You can also read the complete [judge selection announcement](#) [42] on the website.

Once the Contingent members are announced, you can have a look at their individual biographies in our Resources | National Teams section.

And, once the competition is underway, you can follow their progress on our [2011 International Cup Results](#) [43] page.

GO CANADA!

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